

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of all our staff at Louis St. Laurent, we extend sincere gratitude to all our parents and guardians for your perseverance and support throughout this year. We never expected to be living through a pandemic and we know that each family has had different challenges because of it. We continue to pray for all our families knowing this has been a very challenging year for everyone. At Louis, we are one family and we need to support each other. Please never hesitate to reach out because a family looks after each other and we will get through this together. We have all learned so much during this year which are gifts that will guide us for life in what will be part of our story in history.

Part of the learning is how we have to be so careful in our words and conscious of our actions to ensure we honour and respect diversity so we can help bring needed justice to our world. Never intended and I will completely own it, was in our communication with Omegle, I sited that Tik Tok was based in China. With sincere apologies as I do understand how this can be read and hurtful. I should have also included that Omegle was based in Vermont, USA.

We are also grateful for our teachers who have adjusted to enormous changes and have worked to accommodate all situations through remote synchronous instruction which has not been easy for them but has allowed us to continue quality education and keep our community together through this pandemic.

COVID Daily Health Screening:

It is so important that everyone continues to take the [daily health screening questionnaire](#). Please ask your child how they are feeling every day. If they have any symptoms, please do not send them to school. If your child has symptoms, has been in contact with a positive case, or has tested positive, please communicate with michelle.dupuis@ecsd.net in confidentiality. This is so important in helping to keep our community safe. Parents have been wonderful in this regard and we appreciate your communication and efforts!

Intentions for 2021-2022

Every parent/guardian must complete the Intentions for each of your children for the 2021-2022 school year. As soon as the intention is completed, then a student registration is confirmed. We cannot do course requests for high school or options for junior high until the parent intentions are completed because students are not registered at Louis St. Laurent until the intentions indicate this. This is new from the Division this year. The absolute deadline is March 22, but we ask our parents to complete this as soon as possible so we can work with our students to complete course requests for next year.

- In your Parent PowerSchool Accounts, there is button in left menu that says: "intentions for Next Year"
- If you are unable to connect with your Parent Powerschool Accounts, please email monica.palahniuk@ecsd.net with "Parent PowerSchool Account" in the subject.

Guidelines to help you with Intentions:

- Without the pandemic, Louis will be an in-person school because the educators at Louis believe that in-person learning is the best way to provide quality instruction, is better for the mental health of our youth, and provides access to support services if needed for all our students.
 - In-person students also gain so much from the opportunities they have in athletics, fine arts, clubs, and leadership opportunities.

- The community and social aspects of the school environment are key to the overall development of an individual and are also very important to all of us at Louis.
- With or without the pandemic, if your child is better suited for online learning, then please choose the ECSD Online School. The students in this case become resident of the ECSD Online School and are no longer Louis St. Laurent students.
- Without knowing what September will bring, we are assuming that the pandemic situation will be improved and more under control so we look towards in-person learning at Louis St. Laurent. However, if the pandemic situation is not under control, we also know that we will have to continue to be responsive to the situation at hand as we have this year.

High School Course Requests and 3-Year Plans:

- Once a parent has completed the intentions for Louis St. Laurent, the grade coordinator will provide the course registration forms to the students and support them with their course requests and 3-year plan. At any time, a student can reach out for support to their grade coordinators:
 - For grade 10 in 2021-2022, please contact michael.mauro@ecsd.net
 - For grade 11 in 2021-2022, please contact Bohdan.szewczuk@ecsd.net
 - For grade 12 in 2021-2022, please contact Patrice.teveniuk@ecsd.net

Junior High Options:

- Junior High Options will be dependent on the final numbers in each grade which will determine the possible option choices. Again, parents must complete their Intentions for 2021-2022.
- We anticipate that we will be able to do option registrations for junior high in May.

Congratulations to our students who are very deserving as recipients for the Superintendent's Award of Excellence!!

- Junior High: **Sophie Paul (9)**
- High School: **Josh Mielke (12)**
- High School: **Anna Andrews (12)**

Junior and Senior High Student Unions:

Our young leaders have planned for activities through the month and we are so grateful for the time and work of these students to bring safe fun during COVID. The activities are in the attached calendar!

Parent Council Meeting:

Parents are always invited to join the conversations during the parent council meetings! The attached calendar includes the meetings and links to join us!

- The next meeting is Monday, March 8, at 7 PM. Link to join the meeting is [here](#).

School Parent Council Fundraisers:

Your SAC works hard to fundraise in order to support the school. This year the SAC has purchased a Chromebook cart with 30 Chromebooks, ping pong tables, Recreation equipment and Indoor Games for each junior high homeroom class. The fundraisers that are ongoing for FlipGive, Sabroso, and Boston Pizza are found on our website under About/SAC School Advisory Council/SAC School Fundraising found in this [link](#). In addition this month, you can also order Purdy's chocolates or send a toonie with your child to receive a St. Patrick's day cookie.

- **Purdy's Chocolates for Easter:**

- Order deadline is March 15
- <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1314958-83386>
- Create an account, select 'join a group', and the group to join is: **Cartier McGee - Louis St. Laurent Easter fundraiser.**
- **St. Patrick Day Cookies**
 - All junior high homeroom classes can order a St. Patrick's day cookie for \$2. These will be individually wrapped and delivered on St. Patrick's Day
 - The deadline for students to order and pay is Wednesday, March 10.

We are undeniably proud of our students this year in their resiliency, perseverance and strength for the radical changes in their lives. As well, we appreciate all our students' efforts in following the strict protocols in place which have definitely restricted their socialization and freedoms. What we are most proud of are the efforts that most students are making to continue their learning. ensuring they are present for all classes and keeping up with your work whether remote or at school. As educators, we deeply care about the students and their futures and know how important it is that they do not fall behind and close doors ahead of them.

God bless all our Louis families,

Michelle Dupuis
Michael Mauro
Patrice Teveniuk
Bobby Szewczuk