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June 2021 Newsletter

Administrators' Message

Welcome to June! We've made it to the last month of the year and are **very glad** to be back together with in-person learning happening again from kindergarten to grade 9. This has been a year of "adapt as necessary" to support our students as best as possible. We thank you all very much for your support and communication as we've navigated the changes thrown our way this year. It has been different not having parents in for celebrations, volunteer opportunities, concerts, performances, and games. We do miss that extra involvement in the school and look forward to when we can get back to a more normal routine. We are glad that students are able to be together and be a part of our daily routine.

Happy Father's Day to all you wonderful Dads! Thanks for being the role model you are and that positive influence in your child's life! You are appreciated! June 20 is Father's Day!

Take care of yourself and others around you.

Share joy! Be kind!

Mr. Patrick Lema Principal

Mr. Neil Hutchinson Assistant Principal

Virtual Talent Show!

After a successful online talent show last spring, we are excited to have students share talents once again this June. Students can work on a video about 1 minute long to share their talent and we will be playing these on June 18 in the afternoon for the students.

Students can play an instrument, sing a song, share a trick shot, do a time lapse of a drawing or painting, perform magic, work on a dance, share a joke, or something else they may be inspired to share! There are lots of dances or other acts inspired by the internet or your own creativity. Last year, we were surprised with the variety of videos that came in.

To send in videos:

We have created a Talent Show Google classroom— go to Google classroom, join a class by entering code: **bqhyful**

-then in the class find the assignment where you can upload the video.

Or if that doesn't work, you can try emailing or sharing it with Patrick.lema@ecsd.net

Thanks for joining in to share!



School Council



School Council News June 2021

WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHAT'S NEXT?

Next School Council Meeting:

We have a special session for our School council and all parents on June 15 at 6:30 PM—Validation and why it works! See page 4 of this newsletter for more details!

Important reminders

- Remember to send water bottles for students—with the water fountains closed, it is a long day when the students don't drink water
- Please check your PowerSchool account for school fee statements
- Academy refunds are being calculated and will be applied to your accounts before the end of June.

Important Dates to know:

- June 16—last day for Academy programming
- June 17—Gr. 9 farewell celebration at school and Junior High awards
- June 18—Virtual Talent show in the afternoon
- June 21—Indigenous Day
- June 24— Full Day Thursday—dismiss at 2:55 pm—Elementary Fun Day
- June 25—Half Day Friday—dismiss at 12:00 noon (final day of school)

Report cards will be available on PowerSchool on June 25

PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEYS - A SWIFT message has been sent to **parents/guardians of all students (100 Voices through to 4th and 5th Year High School students)** inviting them to participate in the ECSD Assurance Survey. Parents/guardians are requested to **fill out a survey for each child** registered in the Division by logging into PowerSchool (<https://powerschool.ecsd.net>) and then clicking on the SchoolEngage icon on the left hand side. Parents/guardians are to respond to each child's survey from the point of view of that child's educational experience. **Schools should encourage parents/guardians to respond to the survey through school communications.** The first parent/guardian to respond on behalf of a student will be the response recorded. One parent/guardian response per child.



Mount Carmel Recreation Academy June 2021

Due to online learning, we have been participating in a lot of outdoor activities close to home like creating Obstacle courses at the park, Geocaching and scavenger hunts. We were fortunate enough to have online kickboxing workouts from Benny from Panther Gym and a session on Nutrition on a budget from Lalitha. At the end of May we were fortunate to return to school and participate in some school site activities with Mr. Lema.

In June we look forward to participating in some outdoor activities like slow pitch, inline skating, golf and to our day at Birch Bay Ranch on June 11.



Mount Carmel Soccer Academy June 2021

Wow! What a year we have had! It was forever changing and fortunately, our academy was able to start in September and held on into June. Creativity of our instruction/sessions has always been there, but this year creativity online was a learning curve for all of us. The players were excellent in adjusting back and forth with their participation both in person and online. The coaches and I enjoyed our time with them in both scenarios. We are very fortunate to be involved in soccer with all the players and be able to finish out the program in person on field.

As we wind down, we have begun our plans for next year. We appreciate all those who have registered for next year's Soccer Academy. We are happy to know that we will be able to see continued development in these players in the coming year. There is still space available for new registrants in our Academy. If you know of any potential new recruits, please have them contact us or we would be happy to contact them. The Soccer Academy is an excellent opportunity for students to blend academics with their sports endeavors.

Our Soccer Academy wishes its soccer families and all school families and excellent summer!

**The Our Lady of Mount Carmel
School Council Invites you to learn**

“Validation - What it is and why it Works”

by Mike & Lynn founders of the Sashbear foundation

Tues. June 15, 2021 at 6:30 PM a link will be emailed from Mr. Lema prior to the session.



The Sashbear Foundation

Making waves for mental health and suicide prevention

In April, our school had the pleasure of attending the Alberta School Councils' Association Conference. Here, I met Mike and Lynn who started the Sashbear Foundation after their daughter died. I listened to their story and learned about their mission to strengthen families and help them build skills to deal with mental health issues. You will walk away from this hour-long session (including some Q&A time) with tools and hope. I pray you'll join us for this talk, the first parent session of many. Grab something hot or cold to sip and sit outside while your kids play and we learn together.

For more info visit <https://sashbear.org/en/family-connections> (I am on the waitlist for this program, it's no cost and seems valuable).

“We actually do forget in the moment that this is someone we love. Put that in front of your mind - Remember this is someone I love.”

**The Our Lady of Mount Carmel
School Council welcomes you at our**

Annual General Meeting

Hopefully in the library, but also on Microsoft Teams:

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM. A link will be emailed



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

School Fundraising Society

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Each year we host our AGM within the first 60 days of the school start date. At this meeting, we will meet each other and

- Review the minutes and action items from the last AGM
- Review the meeting minutes from May 2021
- Discuss our goals and school growth plan
- Elect a School Council (SC) executive (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary)
- Elect a FS (Fundraising Society) executive (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary)
- Appoint one or two families to kindly volunteer to audit our finances in 2022
- Appoint one or two people for communications liaison (google sites/newsletter)
- Lay out our fundraisers and timelines
- Choose our meeting dates and time for the year

If you have something to share or a mission our school council should accomplish, we welcome all of your ideas to olmcsac@gmail.com beforehand OR just show up with a list. We are family and we appreciate your experiences. We look forward to introducing Mr. Buchanan (principal) and Mr. Hutchinson (returning assistant principal) to all the new OLMC families.

For more info visit our new website at <https://sites.google.com/view/olmcfs>



June 2021

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6	7	8	9	10 Papa John's Pizza Night! Go to papajohns.ca Use Promo Code: OLMC25 for 25% off	11	12
13	14	15 School council presentation at 6:30 pm	16 Last day for Academies	17 Gr. 9 Farewell and Junior High Awards	18 JH Language Arts Final—AM Talent Show—PM	19
20 Father's Day!	21 Indige- nous Day JH Math Final—AM	22 JH Science Final—AM	23 JH Social Final—AM	24 Full Day – Dismiss at 2:55 pm	25 Closing Cele- bration 9:00 am Half Day – Dismiss at 12:00	26
27	28	29	30	Report Cards availa- ble on PowerSchool		
Summer Holidays—enjoy! School begins on September 1, 2021 for the new school year!						