



March 2021 Newsletter

Happy March as we move forward towards spring.

On March 17th we look forward to celebrating our (and your) students' successes with our second **Virtual Demo of Learning day**. This event will be held from **3:15-5:15 p.m. and 6:00 –8:00 p.m.** Parents will have a chance to book a time with their child's teacher and share in the learning progress that is happening in the classroom. Information on booking will be sent via email soon. **March 18** will be a professional development day with no classes for students in all our Catholic schools.

In March, we continue on our Lenten journey and preparing our hearts for Easter. In February we were pleased to welcome Fr. Varghese into the school for our **Ash Wednesday** mass—he was broadcasting virtually from the office into each classroom. He shared a great message about the time of preparing for Easter in the actions we do and our interactions with one another. It was nice to have the chance to celebrate mass as a community. We did miss the tradition of Shrove Tuesday pancakes and all the sausages that parents would prepare in other years—hopefully we can return to that next year.

We also celebrated kindness in a big way in February—so many projects from classes helped share that we must be kind in all we do. There was great leadership at all levels and students taking on the responsibility to share in our school.

In March, our Division is asking parents to **declare their intentions**—what are your plans for next year? Will your child be choosing to be here in person or online? Will your child be moving to another school or program? Please head to PowerSchool to let your intentions be known. This will help us in our planning and staffing!

My father always told my family that this is the month to March forth and make a difference in all you do! May March be a positive and healthy month for you and your family. Thank you for keeping up with all the protocols and practices during the times of Covid19 in our world.

Take care and choose joy!

Sincerely,

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Greetings from the Office

Spring is in the air and with that new beginnings! With Spring comes Registration opportunities. If you have a child or know someone who is interested in attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel, please have them call the office or register online at www.ecsd.net.

- Reminder to please log in to PowerSchool to ensure fees are paid.
- Please let the office know if your child will be absent, will be arriving late or you will be picking up your child before the end of the school day. Students are not allowed to leave the building prior to end of day without a parent signing them out. This avoids unnecessary phone calls and ensures the safety of our students.
- To help us prepare accurately for the 2021-22 school year, please complete the Intention for Next Year page on PowerSchool letting us know where your child be attending classes.

Wishing you a blessed Lenten journey.

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School Council

Greetings from our School council! We moved last month's meeting to March and are looking forward to catching up and providing updates on Budget, enrollment, and programs at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30 pm**. A link will be sent out shortly before the meeting and a reminder that all parents are welcome!

Fundraising!

A reminder that we are collecting bottles in the courtyard—please feel free to drop off bottles. Proceeds raised will support spring repairs to our playground.

If you are going to Boston Pizza, please remember to save and turn in your receipts-itemized bills from Boston Pizza for Jan.1, 2020 - June 26, 2020. Boston Pizza offers cash back to our school for each receipt which is submitted. Just a note that the receipts must be from a BP in the Edmonton and nearby areas.



The second Thursday of every month is Papa John's Pizza night— if you go to papajohns.ca

Use Promo Code: **OLMC25** for 25% off your order! A portion of the sale is donated back to our School Council to support projects around our school.

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7	8	9	10	11—Papa John's Pizza Night: Go to papajohns.ca Use Promo Code: OLMC25 for 25% off!	12	13
14 Daylight Savings -spring ahead one hour!	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Demo of Learning from 3:15—8:00	18 Division Faith Day—no school for students	19	20
21	22 Last Day to declare intention for next year (online or in school)	23 School council meeting At 6:30 pm—virtually	24	25 Full Day switch before spring break Dismiss at 2:55	26 Half Day before Spring Break – dismiss at noon	27
28	29	30	31	SPRING BREAK WEEK—no school		