



OLMC Bi-Weekly Update

Aug. 27, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians of Students of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School,

Welcome back for the 2021-22 school year! My name is Duncan Buchanan and I am the new Principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I am thrilled to be back at OLMC, returning after a 7-year absence. Some of our older students and their families may remember that I was at the school as the Assistant Principal at that time and it feels like I am truly returning home. Our school motto, "We are Family", has never been more relevant this year, as we welcome students back from the summer break. To those who are new to the school, those coming back from online learning, as well as all our returning students, we look forward to a year filled with renewal of our community of learning, hope, love and faith; all those beautiful gifts that we know that the OLMC family can provide.

This update, which will replace the school's monthly newsletter, is the first in what will be regular, Friday, bi-weekly updates sent to the parents and guardians of students at OLMC. It is my belief that by communicating more frequently with you, we can better keep you informed of all the important news and fantastic events at the school that impact your child. The next Bi-weekly Update will be sent out on Friday, Sept. 3rd, once staff and students have returned to school and we have begun to settle into the new routine of the year. Subsequent updates will resume at two-week intervals, on Sept. 17th. Each update will be posted to the school's website in the days following its release.

At this time, I would also like to welcome new staff members, or those returning in a different role, who have joined the OLMC family for the upcoming year:

- Mrs. Sandra Hartum – Assistant Principal
- Ms. Katelyn Burgess – Early Childhood Educator, working mornings with our Kindergarten students
- Ms. Reilly Panchyshyn – Gr. 2 teacher
- Mr. Jeff Hutton – Gr. 5 teacher
- Mrs. Leanna Spencer – Admin Support in the Main Office
- Ms. Sharon Hervas – student support

We are grateful for the talents and gifts that our new staff members bring to the school.

This year, Edmonton Catholic School Division continues with the theme "God Calls us Each by Name" with the added emphasis of the words of Jeremiah 29:11, "I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, ... plans to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah presents to us a sense of comfort in times of transition and doubt; not about future plans for something new, but about future plans for the restoration of something lost. Thus, as we begin the school year, we will focus on restoring and renewing the bonds of our school community, the OLMC family, and

School Hours – 2021-22

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

First Bell (Supervision from 8:15 - 8:30 am)	8:30 am
Morning Registration/Classes Begin	8:35 am
Recess (K-2)	10:15 - 10:30 am
Recess (3-6)	10:30 am - 10:44 am
Lunch (K-2)	12:00 - 12:36 pm
Lunch (3-9)	12:20 pm - 12:48 pm
Afternoon Registration	12:50 pm
Dismissal	2:55 pm

Thursday (Early Dismissal - K-9)

First Bell (Supervision from 8:15 - 8:30 am)	8:30 am
Registration/Classes Begin	8:35 am
Recess (K-2)	10:05 - 10:20 am
Recess (3-6)	10:20 am - 10:34 am
Dismissal	12:00 pm

PowerSchool Access for Parents

PowerSchool helps support you, our parents to access important information on your child's education. If you are experiencing any difficulty, please contact our administrative support team, Rhonda and Leanna at 780-433-1062. Parents can check student progress, pay for school fees & bus passes, and do other tasks all on PowerSchool: <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>

PowerSchool

<p>Need to Create a New Parent Account?</p> <p>To create an account, please contact the school to receive your child's Parent Access ID and Parent Access Password. Once you have retained the information, please proceed click on the "Create Account" button to establish a Username and Password.</p> <p>Please note, Access ID and password must only be used to create the account and cannot be used as the Username and Password in the Parent/Student Sign in. If your account was created on or after February 2012, you do not need to create a new one.</p> <p>Create Account</p>	<p>Returning Parent Sign In / Student Sign In?</p> <p>Username: <small>(Hint: Parent Access ID cannot be used as the username)</small></p> <input type="text"/> <p>Password: <small>(Hint: Parent Access Password cannot be used as the password)</small></p> <input type="password"/> <p>Did you forget your username and/or password?</p> <p>Sign In</p>
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In order to logon the PowerSchool site:

- Enter your Username and Password in the Parent/Student Sign In
- Click on Sign In
- Continue to follow the links as you require

Bus pass fees will be posted to be paid online early next week (through credit card or some types of debit). Online payment is preferred; if you require in-person debit to make payment, please phone Mrs. Rhonda Lewis in the Main Office at the school to make an appointment; absolutely no cash can be accepted by the school. Pre-purchased bus passes will be distributed to students beginning on the first day of school, Sept. 1. School fees and Academy Payment Plan fees will be added by mid-September and should be paid through the opening month of the school year. Finally, in the next few weeks, there will be a Returning Student Information Verification Form to check and confirm all data associated with your child.

School Supply Lists

A reminder to all families that classroom supply lists for the upcoming year can be found on the school website at this link: [School Supplies](#)

Individual supply lists are as follows:

[Mount Carmel Elem Supply Lists 2021-22](#)

[Mount Carmel JH Supply Lists 2021-22](#)

Final Words

Just a reminder that Monday, Sept. 6th is the Labour Day Holiday. There is no school on this day. Classes resume on Tuesday, Sept. 7th.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!