



## **Principal Message**

Thanksgiving is a time of year in which the blessings bestowed upon us flow into the lives of those around us. We are thankful for your patience as we navigate together the many changes we have implemented in order to continue to enhance student safety and wellbeing during this unprecedented time. Thank you for your support and partnership. May you all enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving.

## **Prayer for Students**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have committed to your Holy Church the care and nurture of your children. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Bus**

Bus pass fees are to be paid through Parent PowerSchool. Bus passes are \$36.75/month or \$32.00/month/child for families with 3 or more children. Families who are unable to purchase a bus pass are to contact the principal at the beginning of each month. Bus passes will be checked by the bus drivers! If you have a change in address, please inform the office immediately. It takes three to four weeks to set up bussing to a new location

## **School Fees**

Our school fees for the 2021-2022 school year will be \$20.00 per student from Kindergarten to Grade 6. We would like to thank our school council for supporting our parents and students by taking on the cost of computer programs, repairs, purchasing of books and subsidizing field trips. Their support allowed us to reduce our school fees. Our comprehensive school fee schedule can be found on our website.

## **School Engage/Verification**

The 2021-2022 Registration Verification will be done inside the Parent Portal, using our School Engage forms product. Here is the procedure for parents to complete their Forms Log onto the Parent Portal using their existing Access Account.

<https://powerschool.ecsd.net>

## **Read in Week**

October 4 – 8 is Read in Week. This year students will be listening to special guests read to them from an online platform.



### **Thanksgiving**

Our grade three students will be in the gym for our Thanksgiving Day celebration on Friday, October 8 at 1:00 pm. Father Dean will celebrate mass and it will be televised to every class in the school. As part of the celebration, we are asking students to bring in a 'toonie for a turkey' from October 4 - 7. For every 'toonie' a student will be able to put a feather on our turkey at the front of the school. Using the money raised, there will be a draw and gift cards will be sent home will be on Thursday.

### **Grade 4 Bible Celebration**

We will welcome Father Dean and Sophie from St. John the Evangelist to our school in October for our annual grade 4 Bible celebration. The date and time will soon be set. Father Dean will be presenting our grade four students with their own Bible.

### **Picture Day**

'Smile', picture day is Tuesday, October 12. Life Touch is our photographer. All students will be able to have their picture taken.

### **School Council**

Our next school council meeting is in October 12. If you would like to see what a school council is all about, stayed tuned for an email. We are looking for new members. No experience is necessary.

### **Faith Day**

On Monday, October 18, our staff will be engaged in a school Faith Permeation Professional Development Session. There will be no school for students on this day. During this day, staff will have the opportunity to listen to a guest speaker and spend time learning how to build faith infused lessons for your children.

### **Halloween**

On Friday, October 29, our students will be celebrating Halloween in their classes. Students are asked to come to school in costume. Personal protective masks are still to be worn during Halloween. Please follow these guidelines when preparing to send your child to school that day.

- ✓ Costumes must be appropriate for a Catholic School setting.
- ✓ No violent costumes
- ✓ No full face masks
- ✓ No weapons or objects, which may be harmful to others
- ✓ Students may bring costumes OR wear Halloween colours (orange and black)
- ✓ We will be following AHS regulations. Do not bring any treats or snacks to share in the classroom.