



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

# ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

During the month of March we will be entering the liturgical season of Lent. We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday on March 1 with pancakes being offered to the students as we honor this feast day. We will then be having an Ash Wednesday Celebration where students will receive ashes as a mark of our sins. Lent is a time where we can reflect, as Catholics, on how we can make our lives better by giving to others, praying and fasting. We talk to the students about fasting in two ways: things we can stop doing to make our relationship with God stronger and things we can start doing to make our relationship with God stronger. We look to the teachings of Jesus to help us decide what to stop doing and what to start doing. One of the ways we will be giving to others is to help those in Ukraine. We will be taking a collection of money for the Ukrainian Eparchy that has organizations matching our donation. This will be for humanitarian efforts for Ukraine. We will do this collection by having **GIVING FRIDAYS** during Lent. Students will be invited to voluntarily donate a loonie, toonie or more to the Ukraine on the following Fridays: March 11, 18, 15 and April 8. Please consider donating what you can.

Spring Break begins at the end of this month. We would like to remind families that the Thursday and Friday schedule are flipped before the break. Thursday, March 24 will be a full day of classes and lunch will be served. Friday, March 25 will be early dismissal at 11:45 a.m. We hope that everyone has a wonderful Spring Break with their friends and family.



Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kristy Desmarais*  
Principal

*Ms. Christine Custodio*  
Assistant Principal

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**SPIRIT DAY**  
Thursday, March 17, 2022  
Wear green and Crazy Hair Day



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**  
This day will be our Spirit Day this month.  
Wear green and have crazy hair on March 17, 2022.

## NEWS

### Learning Intentions

**It is that time of the year where each family is asked to go into their PowerSchool account and indicate your intentions for the 2022-2023 year.**

If you choose to remain at the same school, then your child is automatically registered for the next school year here at St. Anne. If you are selecting another school because your child is moving to Jr. High or you will be moving, then the school will be notified of your intention, and you will be contacted to confirm your registration at that school. All parents have until March 17 to finalize your intention in Powerschool.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next School Council Meeting will be held through a Teams meeting on:  
**Monday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.**

[Microsoft Teams Meeting Click Here](#)

All parents are encouraged to attend! A link will be sent out just before the meeting.



#### **Why should I attend a meeting?**

By attending a School Council meeting you will have the chance to:

- Meet other parents
- Listen to the plans for school improvement
- Share your ideas
- Meet with the school Principal and Assistant Principal
- Volunteer for a role on the Council
- Volunteer for special events like fundraisers or other community building events



# NEWS

## THE PLAYGROUND IS GROWING!

Last year we received funding to build the beautiful playground that you see out back of the school. We continued to apply to any possible grants that would help us get all the elements of play that the students wanted.

We have received the **ALBERTA BLUE CROSS BUILT TOGETHER GRANT of \$50,000** to add to our playground. As a result, we are getting the one thing the students wanted but we just couldn't afford in the original plan.

## **SWINGS!!!!**



## “WE READ THE NEWSLETTER!” CONTEST

This week's  
**Word of the Month** is:

**Lent**

February Winners:

Jayden 2A, Amaylia 2/3A, Kenzi 2/3A

Parents, record the Word of the Month in your child's agenda and the teacher will enter them into the draw for Lunch with the Principal at the end of the month! There will be 3 winning students that will eat their regular lunch and also enjoy a special dessert with Mrs. Desmarais!

# News

## Bus Zone Safety

The bus zone at the front of the school has become quite congested and we would like to remind parents that there is **NO DROP OFF OR PICK UP** of students in the bus zone. We have three busses that we unload at the beginning of the day and load at the end of the day. We need this area to be cleared of all other vehicles. Please use the drop of zone around the side/back of the school.

## Read with your Child

This is a friendly reminder to read with your child/children daily. Research shows that this helps improve their reading ability. Enjoy a good book!

# POWERSCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL



<https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>

The Edmonton Catholic Schools PowerSchool parent and student portal is a secure website that allows parents and students to access attendance, grades, fees and student information in real time.

**Please remember to check out how your child is doing in school on a regular basis.** Our recommendation is to check on their progress as least once a month.

PowerSchool is used for all students/parents from Kindergarten to grade 12. It is critical that you have access to your account. Ensure that you remember your username and password. Once your account is set up you have it for as long as your child is registered with ECSD.

If you have forgotten your username and/or password, please go to the login page above and click on "forgot username or password" and follow the instructions.

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## Cold Weather

Remember to dress for our cold weather by labeling your child's snow pants, hat, mittens, coat and boots. We are outdoors until the temperature drops below -20 Degrees Celsius.

## Walk Like a Penguin

With the snow and ice that occurs throughout the winter, remember to be safe when walking on slippery surfaces. We teach the students to walk like a penguin by taking short steps and balancing with their arms.



# NEWS

## Spring Break

**March 28 – April 1, 2022**  
**NO SCHOOL**



Enjoy some well deserved and very special time with your friends and family!

## Demonstration of Learning

Demonstration of Learning will once again be virtual.

- Parents are invited to visit their PowerSchool account to see their child's academic progress.
- Each student is to log into their Google Classroom and view the slide presentation about their learning.
- Parents can also contact their child's teacher to book a one-on-one time to meet via a Teams video meeting or a telephone meeting.

# ECSD NEWS

## Daily Screening Questionnaire

Please be sure to click on the link <https://www.ecsd.net/ci/p/34430> to your daily health screening questionnaire for your child. Remember to keep your child home if they are sick and call 811.

## Incredible You!

We have been working through the variety of ways to let our light shine at St. Anne by reading pages from Dr. Wayne W. Dyer's book.

This month is: CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS TO GOOD

This page in the book suggests that some problems are big and some problems are small but thinking good thoughts can help us solve them. Discuss with your child the following question:

HOW DID YOU SOLVE A PROBLEM IN THE PAST?

# News

| March 2022         |  |
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| March 1            | Shrove Tuesday   |
| March 2            | Ash Wednesday Liturgy 12:35 pm   |
| March 3 – 4        | Teachers' Convention   |
| March 10           | Demonstration of Learning  |
| March 17           | St. Patrick's Day – Spirit Day – Wear green and do up crazy hair today |
| March 24           | Early dismissal cancelled – full day of classes.                       |
| March 25           | Last day of classes before Spring Break – early dismissal              |
| March 28 – April 1 | Spring Break   |
| April 2022         |  |
| April 14           | Immunizations Grade 6  |
| April 15           | Good Friday  |
| April 18           | Easter Monday  |
| April 22           | Easter Liturgy 12:35 pm  |