



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

ADMINISTRATOR MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we enter the month of October there are many things to celebrate. We have now completed our first month of learning and the students are settling into their classrooms very nicely. We will celebrate Thanksgiving on October 8 with a virtual Liturgy of the Word. We hope that everyone will enjoy the day with friends and family on Monday, October 11. There will be no school on this day.

We also celebrate Fire Safety month in October and will be practicing fire drills to keep everyone safe here at school. We encourage all parents to practice a “get out safe” plan at home as well. Another celebration that occurs on the last day of October is Halloween. It is a tradition in Canada to dress up on October 31 and have fun with our classmates in a positive and enjoyable way. We invite all students to dress up for Halloween on October 29 and due to Covid restrictions, each class will be enjoying their dress up day within their classroom. In keeping with our Catholic values, we ask that students not wear any costumes or bring any accessories that include weapons or masks that are violent in nature. October 31 is also known as All Hallows Eve in the Catholic tradition, and it is the day before All Saints Day on November 1. These are special days to recognize all those that have passed away and pray to them and our special saints that can intercede for us. We encourage all students to pray to St. Anne at this time of year.

Another wonderful activity to celebrate, that is typically sponsored by our School Council, is Alien Inline Skating. This is a great opportunity for students to learn how to inline skate. Instruction will take place in the gym the week of October 4-8 and all students are asked to bring in a helmet to school for the week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristy Desmarais
Principal

Ms. Christine Custodio
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SPIRIT DAY

Friday, October 22, 2021 TBA by the Grade 6 Leadership Team



SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now available to be paid using your PowerSchool account. Please be sure to pay these fees by **October 15, 2021**

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2021-2022 STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

In the front of your child's agenda is the following:

Student/Parent Handbook
Code of Conduct
Digital Citizenship Agreement

Please review these documents with your child and sign page 7 and 8 ASAP if you haven't done so already. Your child's teacher will also sign pages 7 and 8.



**NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021
THANKSGIVING DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 FAITH
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next School Council Meeting will be held through a Teams meeting on:

Monday, November 1 at 6:15 p.m.

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



St. Anne School Council is looking to fill a few positions so please consider joining council.



STUDENT SAFETY

**Please remember that student safety is our number one priority!
We have a shared responsibility in keeping all our students safe.**

- ✓ Please drop students off in a safe location when coming to school (walking them to their door is suggested for K-2 and for 3-6 please drop them in the drop off zone on the north side of the school)
- ✓ Please pick-up students in a safe way (in pick up zone on the north side of the school, at curb)
- ✓ Inform your child's teacher how they are coming to and from school
- ✓ Inform your child's teacher who has permission to pick up your child from school
- ✓ Please do not use the bus zone or front parking lot when picking up or dropping off students
- ✓ Please use crosswalk when crossing the street and remind your child to use the crosswalk as well

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU BRING YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON TIME. SUPERVISION BEGINS 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE 8:20 AM BELL.

PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT YOU PICK YOUR CHILD UP AT THE DISMISSAL BELL AT 2:53 PM AND THURSDAY AT 11:45 AM. THERE IS ONLY SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS FOR 15 MINUTES AFTER THE BELL IN ORDER TO ENSURE THEY ARE ALL SAFELY PICKED UP.

"WE READ THE NEWSLETTER!" CONTEST

This week's
Word of the Month is:

THANKS

Good Luck!



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!

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FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting for the Edmonton Food Bank. Please bring donations to school by Wed., Oct. 6
Kindergarten - Soup (canned, dried, or bagged)

Grade 1 - Pasta and Pasta Sauce Grade 2 - Canned Fruit and Vegetables

Grade 2/3 - Healthy School Snacks Grade 3 - Beans (canned or dried)

Grade 4/5 - Household Items (toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.)

Grade 6 - Canned Fish or Meat

PHOTO DAY

We will have a School Photo Day on Friday, October 15, 2021

Lifetouch will be the photographer and we be doing photographs for all students.
You

POWERSCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL



PowerSchool

<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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GR. 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

All grade 6 parents have been notified of the grade 6 immunization program. Please ensure you return your child's form. Immunizations will occur at the school on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021.

PLAYGROUND NEWS

As you can see, construction has begun on our new playground. We are hoping to have the playground ready for use by the middle of October!



Religious NEWS

Rose Prince, Residential School Survivor and Future Saint By Fr. Glenn McDonald, CSB

The sad truth of the Catholic Church's participation in the Residential School System has shaken the faith of many families and teachers. As a chaplain with Edmonton Catholic Schools, people pull me aside, tell me of their distress and ask, "How do we respond to this? Where do we go from here?"

In times of turmoil such as these, God has often responded by calling forth a new saint to heal and guide the Church towards greater

holiness. I would like to introduce you to someone whom I believe will be Canada's next saint.

Rose Prince (1915-1949) was the third of nine children of Jean-Marie and Agathe Prince. She entered the Lejac Residential School near Fraser Lake, BC at

age seven with several of her siblings. Despite the terrible hardships she suffered, Rose Prince became a model of humility, gentleness and prayer. When she was sixteen, her mother and two youngest sisters died of influenza. Heartbroken, she decided to remain at the residential school to care for other children. Mysteriously, God kept Rose Prince's holiness a secret. She died on August 19, 1949, at the age of 34, from tuberculosis.

Two years after her death, her body was discovered to be incorrupt — a traditional sign of sanctity. In 1990, an annual pilgrimage to her grave, which is located on the former site of the Lejac residential school, began.

I have no doubt in my mind that Rose Prince is a saint, but we must interpret her life correctly before God will grant a miracle in her name and make her a formally recognized saint: God made Rose Prince holy *in spite of* the Residential School System. God kept His holy Rose hidden until the Church could see the tragic truth of her life and that of her people.

Scholar Emma Anderson writes, "The strong biblical overtones of Rose's [life] prompts us to recall the inversion that lies at the heart of the Christian message: the promise that...the last shall be first."¹

The journey of truth and reconciliation is difficult and painful, but God has placed a saint on our path. Rose Prince is ready to help us reconcile, if we are open to the truth of her life.

If you would like to receive a Rose Prince prayer card, feel free to contact me at:

glenn.mcdonald@ecsd.net.



¹ Anderson, Emma. "Residential School Saint: The Life, Death, and Turbulent Afterlife of Rose Prince of the Carrier Nation." *Church History* 89, no. 3 (2020): 592-632.

ECSD NEWS

FAITH ALIVE WEBSITE



Edmonton Catholic Schools is excited to launch our new Faith Alive website and welcome ECSD

students and families to explore the beauty of our faith. This digital space was created after the Division's Student Voice advocates identified this project as an area of opportunity.

Faith Alive will provide students and families with a wealth of information and resources to help you become active in prayer, worship, and study.

Visit [ecsd.net/faithalive](https://www.ecsd.net/faithalive) to start your journey

Transportation

There is currently a bus driver shortage due to a lack of substitute drivers available when the regular drivers are ill.

For more information about your child's bus route check your e-mail or your Powerschool account.

You can also follow the link below for more information about ECSD transportation.

https://www.ecsd.net/_ci/p/34746

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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.

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October 2021	
October 4- 8	Alien Inline Skating
October 8	Thanksgiving Liturgy 10:30 am
October 11	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
October 14	Immunizations Grade 6
October 15	Picture Day
October 18	Faith Development Day – NO SCHOOL
October 29	Halloween Dress Up Day
November 2021	
November 10	Picture Retakes
November 10	Remembrance Day Liturgy 10:30 am
November 11 - 15	Remembrance Day and Fall Break
November 18	Demonstration of Learning
November 29	Advent Liturgy 8:30 am on announcements

God Calls Us



EACH BY NAME

October 2021

*God is good, all the time.
All the time, God is good.*

A few years ago at our Father Michael "Catfish" Mireau Youth Faith Day, the presenter introduced our young people to the greeting and response above. The premise is simple. When someone says to you "God is good, all the time," your response is a confirmation that, "All the time, God is good." I found this to be a very powerful and uplifting statement of faith that has stayed with me. At its heart, this couplet is an expression of gratitude for the amazing presence of God in our lives at all times. Whether I share the exchange with others or I say it to myself, I know that I have so much to be grateful for because of the abundant love of our God!

Every year, we ask our parents, students, and staff, for their opinions on many aspects of our schools and Division. This is important because you help us to know what your experiences are so that we can provide an even better Catholic education for your children. You will notice that you are being sent requests to participate in more surveys and/or focus groups moving forward. Please take the time to fill surveys out and consider lending your voice to focus groups. The voices of our parents and guardians are so important in our commitment to continuous growth.

The Edmonton municipal election takes place on October 18. Although there is no class for students, our staff will be participating in our annual Faith Development Day. Growing together in faith is at the heart of our Division, and our staff will take the important opportunity to engage in liturgy and learning. If you haven't already had the opportunity, please take a few minutes and watch the video [ECSD Staff Social Justice Project](#) to take a look at how our staff began the 2021-22 school year through acts of service to the community.

As we continue to ponder our theme for the year, God Calls Us Each By Name, I share this thought from our Holy Father: "(The) Lord looks at each of us personally and asks: 'Who am I – in fact – for you?' This question, addressed to each of us, calls for more than a quick answer straight out of the catechism; it requires a vital, personal response." (Pope Francis, 09/12/21)

Have a blessed Thanksgiving, filled with gratitude for the abundance that our gracious God has shared with us!

Robert Martin
Chief Superintendent



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