



MONTH AT-A-GLANCE – NOVEMBER 2020

WELCOME TO NOVEMBER!

The feeling of winter certainly came upon us in the month of October. It is hard to believe that November brings the end of the first quarter of 2020-2021. These first months of school proved to be very challenging – navigating a safe re-entry, establishing, maintaining and updating protocols, and venturing into the new world of synchronous learning – yet these months have gone by so quickly and positively. We are truly blessed and grateful to have such dedicated and resilient teachers.

On November 10th, we are excited to welcome many of our students who are returning to at school learning and, as always, we continue to pray for the health of our community and for the health and healing of all our brothers and sisters across the world.

Lord Jesus, you said, 'Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.' Help us to be peacemakers in our world today. May we continue to remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your Kingdom. May the peace you leave with us calm our fears, bring justice to all, and establish harmony in the place of conflict, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mrs. T. Sauer – Assistant Principal
Mrs. P. Binassi-D'Amours - Principal

SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING CONSENT (At School & Online Students: Grades 1-6)

All parents/guardians received an email from the ECSD regarding 'Consent for Student Participation in Synchronous Learning' through PowerSchool. **Consent applies to ALL students, those learning at school and those learning at home.** Please ensure that this has been completed and inform the office if you need assistance with its completion. Parents will be contacted directly if this has not been completed for their child/children. **DUE NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

LEARNING STANCE - UPDATE

As a result of parent/guardian changes in choice of learning stance, with many students returning to school, class configurations have been adjusted in Grades 1 and 2. Moving forward, all ONLINE Grade 1 and 2 students will receive pure online instruction. While all other grade one and two classrooms will accommodate instruction for in-school students. Two classes of Kindergarten remain on site for in school students, with one Kindergarten class being taught online. Synchronous learning will continue in Grades 3-6 for the remainder of the year.

STUDENT REGISTRATION VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Student Registration Verification Documents are past due. It is critical that all information is verified/updated in PowerSchool - especially parent/guardian contact information (phone number/email) in the event of an emergency, and to communicate any urgent COVID-19 related school information. Parents/Guardians, please sign into your PowerSchool account and review and submit the document.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

It is expected that all stakeholders are familiar with, and adhere to The ECSD Re-entry Handbook which is updated every Friday and was developed in consultation and resources from Alberta Education, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Occupational Health and Safety legislation and stakeholder survey responses from parents, students, and staff. [The ECSD Re-entry Handbook](#)

DAILY SELF ASSESSMENT

Parents/caregivers must assess their child for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 every day before sending them to school. Staff will assess themselves daily for the same symptoms.

Any student/staff/parent/guardian who enters the school grounds or school building must complete a daily self assessments: [healthassessmentchecklist](#).

*Any person who selects “yes” on any of the screening questions will not be permitted to enter the school, pending testing/results for COVID-19.

BUS PASSES/FEES

Reminder: bus pass fees are \$35.00 per child due by the 15th of every month. Please note that all fees are to be paid through PowerSchool.

SCHOOL FEES: 2020-2021

Please note the following School Fees – in effect as of November 1, 2020 ([based on September 2 learning stance choice and November 10 learning stance choice](#)):

Kindergarten – **At school: \$16.00**

Kindergarten – **Online: \$12.00**

Grades 1-6 – **At School: \$36.00**

Grades 1-6 – **Online: \$18.00**

*Please note that all fees are to be paid through PowerSchool as of November 1, 2020.

PICTURE DAY (Retakes and On-Line Students)

Retakes and Picture Day for **online students** is Monday, November 9 – in the morning. Parents of on-line students must contact the office to book an appointment. Only students will be permitted to enter the school through door #6 (across from the gym). Pictures should take between 3-5 minutes; appointments times must be respected.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

*Remembrance Day Liturgy – Nov. 10, 11:00 AM online

*Wednesday, November 11 – no school

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS

Wednesday, November 25 (AM)

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING/PARENT MEETINGS

Information regarding the scheduling of brief online/virtual meetings to discuss student learning/progress will take place during the week of November 16-20. Teachers will be providing further information closer to this time. Meetings will occur online, through TEAMS, and will last approximately 10 minutes on the afternoon or evening of November 26.

SCHOOL PLAN FOR CONTINUOUS GROWTH

Please visit the school website:

www.stpiusx.ecsd.net for a more comprehensive look at our 4 Intended Outcomes for 2020-2023:

1: The spiritual gifts, endowed by the Holy Spirit, will enable students and staff to be channels of God’s love and presence in the St. Pius X School community.

2: Each student achieves one year of progress/academic growth in Language Arts/Literacy for one year of schooling.

3: Each student achieves one year of progress/academic growth in Mathematics/Numeracy for one year of schooling.

4: Professional learning and collaboration will generate enhanced and improved pedagogy.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, and also ensure that outer clothing and boots are labeled. The staff at St. Pius X Catholic School is attentive to changing weather conditions and adheres to the ECSD Weather Policy which suggests that students remain indoors if the temperature is -20° C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are **-20° C or colder**. Please ensure that your child is properly dressed for inclement weather.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

New 2020/2021 School Council:

Chair: Rayanne Fuhr

Vice Chair: Nancy Stepney

Secretary: Janine Savage

Treasurer: Sheryl Bedard

Members at Large: Jennifer Fischer-Summers,
Alana Young, Ha Duong, Gabriella Aparicio

Thank You! - SC generously approved their purchase of 36 Chromebooks and a cart, and support for 5 families to receive food hampers.