

## MONTH AT-A-GLANCE – OCTOBER 2021



We were certainly blessed with beautiful weather to start our new school year and now the lovely colours of autumn remind us to appreciate the beauty of God's creation.

It is hard to believe that in October of 2021, we are still grappling with the changes, restrictions, fears, and tremendous loss that have been brought about by this pandemic. As we begin October, the month during which we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember that gratitude is a choice that honours God...let us pray for a grateful heart.

*Teach Us To Be Grateful*

*Teach us to be grateful for what we still have. Help us to see where you are blessing us, even amid this pandemic.*

*Give us new eyes, so we can more clearly see your grace:*

*Let us see the generosity of health care workers on the front lines as a sign of your love.*

*Let us see the care that we have for our families, and friends as signs of your compassion within us.*

*Let us see our sadness and fears over the virus as signs of your sorrow for those who suffer.*

*Help us to give other people something to be thankful for:*

*By being generous to them even when we are sad.*

*By being patient with them even when we are tired.*

*By encouraging them even when we are feeling low and overwhelmed.*

*Most of all, draw us closer to your Son. During his time on earth, Jesus saw people who were hungry, visited people who were sick and wept over the death of his friend Lazarus. He entered a world of illness, suffering and death, so He understands our journey - not only because He is divine and knows all things, but because He is human and experienced all things.*

*Amen*



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

### COVID-19 GUIDELINES

It is expected that students, staff, and parents/guardians are familiar with, and adhere to the Division and St. Pius X Back to School Plans. Parents/caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms before sending them to school. Any students/staff/parents/guardians who enter the school grounds or school building must complete a daily self assessment. Any person who selects "yes" on any of the screening questions will not be permitted to enter the school, pending testing for COVID-19.

Please read the ECSD as it is updated regularly:  
[Back to School Plan](#)

### TRACKING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

It is essential that parents/guardians track their child's/children's learning as the year progresses, as well as to have open communication with your child's/children's teacher(s).

Please use these helpful links to assist you in gaining information about your child as a learner.

[Parent Guide to Assessment & Reporting Assessment And Reporting](#)

[For Parents | Tracking Your Child's Learning \[UPDATED VERSION\]](#)

[How to View Report Cards in the Parent Portal](#)

### PARENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP OF STUDENTS

Please adhere to City of Edmonton signage regarding restricted and handicapped parking adjacent to the school. Please also note that the Staff Parking Lot is for staff use only and is not intended for student drop off/pick up. Please refrain from entering the Staff Parking Lot – the safety of our children is paramount.

### SCHOOL FEES: 2021-2022

Kindergarten Fees: \$20.00 per student

Grades 1-6: \$45.00 per student

**Fees are due November 1, 2021**

\* Thank you to our School Council for generously supporting the additional school

fees for Site Licenses (\$12.00/student) and visual journals (\$6.00/student).

#### **READ-IN-WEEK**

Read-In-Week will take place from **October 4-8**. This year's theme is: To Each Their Own Story. We are looking forward to hosting online guest readers within our classrooms to share their love of reading with the children!

#### **THANKSGIVING LITURGY**

We will be having an online Thanksgiving Liturgy on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM hosted by our amazing Grade 1 students and teachers. Please note that **Thanksgiving is October 11** and school will be closed.

#### **PICTURE DAY**

Picture Day is Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Retakes will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Monday October 18<sup>th</sup> is Faith Development Day for all ECSD staff. **There is no school on Monday, October 18.**

#### **FIRE DRILLS/LOCKDOWN PRACTICES**

Fire and lockdown safety procedures are practiced throughout the year to ensure that our students and staff are prepared in the event of an emergency or crisis. We have already had two successful fire drills to date and will plan for one more practice before the snow falls.

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

As the weeks go by and temperatures continue to become cooler, 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**

Parents/Guardians are invited to join us for our online Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please email [stpxschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stpxschoolcouncil@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.