



## MONTH AT-A-GLANCE – SEPTEMBER 2021

### WELCOME TO THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

What a great start to the year we have had – even with the rainy weather! Although smiling faces may be hidden behind masks – the bright eyes and cheerful voices of the children and staff reflect the excitement of being back together and starting a new school year.

This year we will be embracing the Edmonton Catholic School Division's theme, "God Calls Us Each By Name", guided by Jeremiah 29:12 - *I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord...plans to give you a future with hope.*

Our school's theme book for the year, 'Maybe', is a beautiful story that reflects the message that there is no one like you...and you are here to make a difference with your uniqueness. Our scripture connection for the year is taken from Philippians (4:13) - *I can do all things through him who strengthens me.* What a beautiful message to resonate within our young learners as we begin a new year ~ 'I am unique, valued, capable and strong.'

As we begin our journey together, let us continue to pray for a healthy, happy, and successful year for all.

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



### STAFF LIST 2021-2022

#### TEACHING STAFF:

**KINDERGARTEN A:** MRS. C. CHMILAR  
**KINDERGARTEN B:** MRS. H. ELLIS  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR:** MS. A. ALI  
**GRADE 1A:** MRS. T. CHETEK  
**GRADE 1B:** MRS. M. BROOKE  
**GRADE 2A:** MS. C. FIELDEN  
**GRADE 2B:** MS. L. KUNY-FEHR  
**GRADE 3A:** MRS. A. GRONDIN  
**GRADE 3B:** MRS. N. LEMIRE  
**GRADE 4A:** MRS. C. SANKEY  
**GRADE 4B:** MS. L. MACKINNON  
**GRADE 5A:** MRS. A. PASSMORE  
**GRADE 5/6:** MS. B. BUDZAK  
**GRADE 6A:** MS. J. DUENAS  
**LEARNING COACH:** MRS. R. MCCORMACK  
**MUSIC:** MR. G. MACDOUGALL

#### SUPPORT STAFF:

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** MRS. C. MAKAROW  
**CLERK/MEDIA RESOURCE:** MRS. E. ZANON  
**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS:**  
MS. A. DAVIS  
MRS. A. DICK  
MRS. E. ENCINAS  
MS. S. FRANKLIN  
MRS. S. HENNIG  
MS. H. JAMIESON  
MR. M. KANDEL  
MS. S. NEWTON

#### SPECIALIZED STAFF:

**LPN:**  
MRS. N. WARSAME  
MRS. L. DIEDERICHS  
**MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM:**  
**EBS:** MRS. M. PARRY  
**TABT:** MS. A. WOTHERSPOON  
**TABT:** MRS. C. EDWARDS  
**TABT:** MRS. M. MCISAAC  
**FSLW:** MRS. M. ISAAC VAN VEEN  
**TASL:** Ms. L. MURPHY

#### HEAD CUSTODIAN:

MR. Y. DESALEGN

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

As you may be aware, AHS has recently made the decision to suspend contact tracing along with the mandatory requirement that close contacts of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 isolate for the appropriate time. As a result of this change in direction, the Division has determined that schools and sites should not send notifications to their school communities or affected cohorts of any voluntarily disclosed COVID-19 cases in our schools and sites. In addition to aligning with AHS' practice, this also serves to further reinforce the importance we place on the private nature of our students' and staff's health information. Should these requirements by AHS change in the future, we will amend our practices accordingly.

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.

\*Daily Screening Questionnaire is included in this newsletter.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT (STUDENT ILLNESS/ACCIDENT)

If a student becomes ill at school, parents will be contacted. If contact cannot be made and an emergency arises, the necessary steps to guard the safety of the child will be taken. Please ensure that there is a current emergency number provided to the school office. It is important to notify the school of any changes throughout the year involving address, phone numbers or emergency contact persons. Please note that when contact with parents is not

possible, the school assumes the role of the parent designate.

## SCHOOL OPENING ASSEMBLY AND LITURGY

Staff and students will be taking part in our School Opening Assembly on September 7<sup>th</sup> and our School Opening Liturgy on September 10<sup>th</sup> which will be celebrated by Division Chaplains Father Glenn McDonald and Father Julian Bilyj.

## 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).

## BUS FEES

Student Transportation Fee Schedule  
2021 - 2022 School Year

	Family Plan				
	Yellow	ETS	Annual	Yellow	ETS
<b>Elementary</b>					
Kindergarten to Grade 6	\$36.75	\$36.75	\$367.50	\$32.00	\$32.00
<b>Junior High</b>					
Grades 7 to 9	\$61.50	\$61.50	\$615.00	\$57.75	\$57.75
<b>Senior High</b>					
Grades 10 to 12	\$61.50	\$61.50	\$615.00	\$57.75	\$57.75
<b>Special Education Curb Service</b>					
Early Learning, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 to Grade 12 who are unable to use regular yellow bus transportation service	\$0	-	-	\$0	-
Replacement Cost for lost bus pass	\$5.00	\$73.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$73.00

\*Family Plan Rate:

applies to families with 3 or more children attending any school within ECSD and purchasing monthly bus passes

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## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

The 'Student Code of Conduct' is to be reviewed and signed by parents/guardians and students and aligns with the Education Act, Section 31, Responsibilities of Students. This document, included in the student agenda/handbook, outlines expectations and procedures

concerning student conduct and is reviewed by teachers with students each term.

With the ever-increasing use of technology, students at St. Pius X Catholic School are taught to be responsible users of the internet and devices. A Digital Citizenship Agreement, that is included in the Student Agenda, must be signed by the student and parent at the onset of the year. Willful neglect and/or inappropriate use of technology by students will result in disciplinary action, charge for repair/replacement and restricted use.

**\*Both the Student Code of Conduct and Digital Citizenship Policy must be SIGNED by students and parents in September.**

#### STAFF PARKING LOT

For the safety of all children please remember that the school parking lot is **CLOSED** to parents/visitors, it is for staff use only. **Please do not drive into, or park, in the staff lot if you are dropping off or picking up your child - use the parent drop off area at the north end of the school or park on the street as permitted.** Students should never use the parking lot to gain access to the field – they are to use the sidewalk. Your co-operation in keeping ALL of our children safe, and in setting a positive example, is appreciated!

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

**\*Please ensure that your child is NOT dropped off for school prior to 8:15 A.M., which is when supervision begins, as all exterior doors will remain locked.** Parents who are accompanying their children to school are asked to proceed to the appropriate exterior door and refrain from entering the school or using the main entrance. Teachers and educational assistants will greet children at their doors and lead them into the school. **Parents are asked to wait outside of their child's exterior doors as an appointment is necessary to come into the school to meet with the teacher or visit the office.**

**Door 1: Grades 3A, 3B**

**Door 2: Grades 1A, 1B and 2A, 2B**

**Door 3: Kindergarten/Extensions**

**Door 4: Grades 5A, 5/6**

**Door 5: Grades 4A, 4B, 6A**



#### FIRST CONTACT PROTOCOL

Edmonton Catholic Schools recognizes the freedom of all members of the school community (students, staff, parents) to voice their concerns in an appropriate manner to school personnel. The Division protocol of “first contact” needs to be followed. This means that the individual who has the concern has the responsibility to begin addressing the concern directly with those persons with whom they have the concern before taking this concern elsewhere. If a resolution is not found, then school administration may become involved. Following Division protocol will allow all parties to deal with concerns in a manner which is consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

# STAY HOME WHEN SICK

## Daily Screening Questionnaire



This checklist applies to all students of Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Students should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school and may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

### Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1 DOES THE CHILD HAVE ANY NEW ONSET (OR WORSENING) OF THE FOLLOWING CORE SYMPTOMS:		
<b>FEVER</b> - Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher	YES	NO
<b>COUGH</b> - Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes of conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
<b>SHORTNESS OF BREATH</b> - Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes of conditions such as asthma	YES	NO
<b>LOSS OF SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b> - Not related to other known causes of conditions like allergies or neurological disorders	YES	NO

**IF THE CHILD ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY SYMPTOM IN QUESTION 1:**

- If the symptom **does not improve or worsens** after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), stay home and call Health Link 811 or your family doctor for further recommendations.

**IF THE CHILD ANSWERED "NO" TO ALL OF THE SYMPTOMS IN QUESTION 1, PROCEED TO QUESTION 2.**

2 DOES THE CHILD HAVE ANY NEW ONSET (OR WORSENING) OF THE FOLLOWING CORE SYMPTOMS:		
<b>CHILLS</b> - Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
<b>SORE THROAT/PAINFUL SWALLOWING</b> - Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
<b>RUNNY NOSE/CONGESTION</b> - Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
<b>FEELING UNWELL/FATIGUED</b> - Lack of energy, not related to other known causes of conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, or sudden injury	YES	NO
<b>NAUSEA, VOMITING, AND/OR DIARRHEA</b> - Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication, or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
<b>UNEXPLAINED LOSS OF APPETITE</b> - Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
<b>MUSCLE/JOINT ACHEs</b> - Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
<b>HEADACHE</b> - Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
<b>CONJUNCTIVITIS</b> (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO

**IF THE CHILD ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY ONE SYMPTOM IN QUESTION 2:**

- Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours.
- If their symptom is **improving** after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go.
- If the symptom **does not improve or worsens** after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), stay home and call Health Link 811 or your family doctor for further recommendations.

**IF THE CHILD ANSWERED "YES" TO TWO OR MORE SYMPTOMS IN QUESTION 2:**

- Keep your child home.
- If the symptom **does not improve or worsens** after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), stay home and call Health Link 811 or your family doctor for further recommendations.
- Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.

**IF THE CHILD ANSWERED "NO" TO ALL QUESTIONS:**

Your child may attend school.



Let's work together to keep our communities safe and healthy!