

## MONTH AT-A-GLANCE – SEPTEMBER 2020

### **Welcome to the ‘near normal’ new school year!**

How exciting it is to see the children return to their classrooms – at school or on-line. We missed them! As begin this journey together, let us continue to pray for a healthy, happy, and successful year for all. Thank you to our families for their many positive and supportive comments and conversations – our tremendously dedicated and skilled staff are so appreciative of your patience and cooperation during these challenging times.

This year we will be embracing the Edmonton Catholic School Division’s theme, “God Calls Us Each By Name” and we will seek to live out our school theme, ‘We are first called, then sent’. Our name, like the promise of our Baptism, unfolds in meaning throughout the journey of our lives by the experiences we have and by how we respond to these experiences. In a very real way, we “grow into” who we become. The scriptural assurance that God calls us “each by name” suggests the intimate knowledge God has of each of us, the uniqueness of our own faith journey, the uniqueness of ourselves in relation to God’s call.

#### **Prayer to Saint Pius X**

*Glorious Pope of the Eucharist, Saint Pius X, help us to seek a true love of Jesus so that we may live only for Him. Help us to develop a sincere will to strive for holiness in our lives, that we may be rewarded by the riches of the Holy Eucharist in sacrifice and sacrament. Incite our hearts with loving devotion to Mary, mother and queen of all, as by your example. Instill within us peace and hope, compassion, and commitment, so that we may reflect God’s will in our words and actions, using our hearts, our hands, and our faith to love and serve others as your disciples. Saint Pius X, pray for us.*

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

### **STAFF LIST 2020-2021**

#### **TEACHING STAFF:**

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

#### **SUPPORT STAFF:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** MRS. C. MAKAROW  
**CLERK/MEDIA RESOURCE:** MRS. E. ZANON  
**EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS:**  
MRS. M. BELLAND  
MS. F. CASTILLO  
MS. A. DAVIS  
MRS. A. DICK  
MRS. E. ENCINAS  
MRS. S. HENNIG  
MRS. A. PADMAVATHY  
MRS. H. JAMIESON  
MS. J. BAUTISTA  
MS. S. FRANKLIN

#### **SPECIALIZED STAFF:**

**LPN:**  
MRS. N. WARSAME  
MRS. R. GUELOS  
**MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM:**  
**EBS:** MS. R. GUTHRIE  
**TABT:** MS. L. INGRAHAM  
**FSLW:** MRS. M. ISAAC VAN VEEN  
**TASL:** Ms. K. HOOPER

**HEAD CUSTODIAN:**  
MR. Y. DESALEGN

## **SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE LEARNING (Grades 1-6)**

With Synchronous Online Learning, the teacher, with the use of technology, will teach both the students in the classroom and the students at home at the same time (synchronously). Synchronous learning is what typically happens in a traditional community school. The teacher delivers instruction and mini-lessons and all students receive the information simultaneously. Synchronous learning will be conducted in the face to face classroom - as well as conducted remotely over a video conferencing platform (Microsoft Teams).

When not online, class time will be used for students to individually apply and practice the lessons and skills taught; this is asynchronous learning. During asynchronous learning, students access and self pace through materials and lessons either in a face-to-face classroom or an online digital classroom within the time constraints determined by the teacher.

Teachers will establish a timetable for all students. Those students learning online will follow their course schedule as outlined by the teacher. Teachers will plan and communicate when synchronous learning will occur via Microsoft Teams during class time and will share the link to join with their students. Students will be required to attend classes on time and be engaged, present, and available the entire time. Attendance will be taken.

As online learning/student assessment is comprised of only Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Religion and Health, there will be portions of the day when online learning will not be accessible for students (for example during Physical Education, Art, French and recesses).

**Please note: parents/guardians will receive an email from the ECSD regarding 'Consent for Student Participation in Synchronous Learning'. Please read this information carefully and note that you will be required to sign/agree to the conditions of Synchronous Online Learning.**

## **COVID-19 GUIDELINES**

It is expected that students, staff, and parents/guardians are familiar with, and adhere to, the re-entry plan/protocol at the Division and school levels. Additionally, it is expected that students and parents/guardians are well versed in and follow guidelines provided by Alberta Health Services.

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: [health assessment checklist](#). *Any person who selects "yes" on any of the screening questions will not be permitted to enter the school, pending testing for COVID-19.*

## **SCHOOL FEES: 2020-2021**

**Kindergarten Fees: \$20.00 per student** (a reduction from \$30.00 last year).

**Grades 1-6: \$40.00 per student** (a reduction from \$50.00 last year).

\*Thank you to our School Council for generously supporting the additional school fees for Site Licenses and visual journals.

## **SCHOOL OPENING LITURGY**

Staff and students will be taking part in an online school opening liturgy on September 11<sup>th</sup> which will be concelebrated by District Chaplains Father Glenn McDonald and Father Julian Bilyj in our chapel.

## BUS FEES



### Student Transportation Fee Schedule 2020 - 2021 School Year

	Family Plan				
	Yellow	ETS	Annual	Yellow	ETS
<b>Elementary</b> Kindergarten to Grade 6	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$335.00	\$30.50	\$30.50
<b>Junior High</b> Grades 7 to 9	\$59.00	\$59.00	\$590.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
<b>Senior High</b> Grades 10 to 12	\$59.00	\$59.00	\$590.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
<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	\$72.50	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$72.50

\*Family Plan Rate:

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

April 2020

## SCHOOL HOURS 2020-2021

### HOURS OF OPERATION

#### Grades K – 6: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Warning Bell	8:24 A.M.
Instruction	8:30 – 10:15 A.M.
Recess	10:15 – 10:30 A.M.
Instruction	10:30 A.M. – 12:05 P.M.
Lunch	12:05 – 12:47 P.M.
Instruction	12:47 – 3:00 P.M.
Dismissal	3:00 P.M.

#### Grades K – 6: Thursday

Warning Bell	8:24 A.M.
Instruction	8:30 – 10:15 A.M.
Recess	10:15 – 10:30 A.M.
Instruction	10:30 – 11:56 A.M.
Early dismissal	11:56 A.M.

**\*No school on Thursday afternoon**

#### Kindergarten Extension Program (Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.)

##### **Kindergarten Extensions Class A**

Warning Bell	8:24 A.M.
Classroom Instruction	8:28 - 10:15 A.M.
Recess	10:15 -10:30 A.M.
Classroom Instruction	10:30 – 11:30 A.M.
Studio Play	11:30 A.M.– 12:05 P.M.
Lunch	12:05 – 12:50 P.M.
Studio Play	12:50 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

##### **Kindergarten Extensions Class B**

Warning Bell	8:24 A.M.
Studio Play	8:28 - 10:15 A.M.
Recess	10:15 -10:30 A.M.
Studio Play	10:30 – 11:30 A.M.
Classroom Instruction	11:30 A.M.– 12:05 P.M.
Lunch	12:05 – 12:50 P.M.

Classroom Instruction 12:50 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

#### Kindergarten Extension Program (Thursdays)

##### **Kindergarten Extensions Class A**

Warning Bell	8:24 A.M.
Classroom Instruction	8:28 – 9:48 A.M.
Studio Play	9:48 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.
Recess	10:15 – 10:30 A.M.
Studio Play	10:30 – 11:54 A.M.
Early Dismissal	11:54 A.M.

**\*No school on Thursday afternoon**

##### **Kindergarten Extensions Class B**

Warning Bell	8:24 A.M.
Studio Play	8:28 – 9:48 A.M.
Classroom Instruction	9:48 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.
Recess	10:15 – 10:30 A.M.
Classroom Instruction	10:30 – 11:54 A.M.
Early Dismissal	11:54 A.M.

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## 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.**

## MEDICATION

The administration of medication to students is the responsibility of parents. In special circumstances, the school may take the responsibility of administering medication. In such a case, the parent will be required to obtain a signed request form from the doctor - Authorizations for Administration of Medical Treatment (ECSD Administrative Procedure 316). Once the signed form is on file in the office, the school will assist in administering medication.

## 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 District 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.



## PARENT DROP OFF ZONE PROJECT

A City of Edmonton + Edmonton Catholic Schools site improvement project for St. Pius X Catholic School has been approved. Construction is expected to begin in September and be completed by the end of October.





... I have called you by name, you are mine. ~ Isaiah 43:1 ~

August 2020

Welcome back to the 2020-2021 school year! Whether you have chosen to return to the classroom or to participate in an online environment, it is wonderful to have our students and staff connecting in a more 'normal' manner as we work together to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another. This is going to be a year unlike any we have ever experienced, and we are all going to draw on our ability to be flexible, nimble, and responsive to the ever changing demands placed on us as we learn to exist in a Covid world. As you navigate through the quartermesters this year and revisit your learning options, it is important that you know that there are no wrong choices for your child and family with respect to the in-person vs. online learning environment. We are so pleased to be able to offer the advantage of multiple shifting points through a quartermester model.

Our theme for this year is ***God Calls Us Each By Name***. It is grounded in scripture from Isaiah: "I have called you by name, you are mine." This provides the beautiful vision of our work in Edmonton Catholic Schools as being work for God; this is the essence of Catholic education. It also provides a beautiful vision of what we are trying to instill in our students: the understanding that they, too, have been called by God to serve. Over their time with Edmonton Catholic Schools, as our students come to know and love Jesus ever more deeply, they will discern how God has called each of them by name to serve Him and the world.

There are some exciting things that are happening in our Division right now. Divine Mercy Catholic Elementary School will have its first students this year. Within just a few short weeks, we are going to be having a site blessing and ground breaking for our new 950 student K-9 school in Keswick. We are preparing for a new 1300 student high school in Heritage Valley, and the construction of the Ben Calf Robe replacement school has begun. As a nod to our agility and nimbleness as a Division, we will be creating a K-12 online school as a viable option for our families.

Each year, ECSD establishes a [Division Plan for Continuous Growth](#) that sets out our primary goals for the year and the global strategies that we will use to achieve them. Our schools ensure that their site-specific plans for continuous growth are aligned with these goals. You can explore our Division plan by visiting [www.ecsd.net](http://www.ecsd.net) or clicking on the link above.

I would like to share just a few additional words about our re-entry plan. I can't begin to emphasize the countless hours that our re-entry team has put in getting ready for our start up. They have put so much effort into being sure that we are well prepared and consistent across the Division as in person learning begins again.

This team is simply amazing! You can see the diversity of membership on this tremendous team by visiting the [ECSD Re-Entry Plan page](#) on [www.ecsd.net](http://www.ecsd.net).

I will leave you with a thought from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world, *Gaudete et Exsultate*, that reflects the essence of how God has called us each by name: "The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence... We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves." (*Pope Francis*, 2018, sections 1, 14)

Have a wonderful year of learning and growing in relationship with Christ!

Sincerely,

Robert Martin  
Chief Superintendent

**Parent Community Newsletter**  
**Edmonton Catholic Schools**  
August 2020

### **Seeking God's inner beauty.**

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Welcome back!

I pray you and your family had a restful and fun-filled summer. I appreciate it may have been different with the pandemic still upon us, and that you had to be creative in finding ways to enjoy God's creation while physical distancing and staying safe.

Well, a new School Year begins. The principals, teachers, and staff look forward to journeying with you in the education of your children. We know things will be different, and will require some adjustments along the way, but together we walk hand in hand as we explore God's love and beauty in our lives and in the world around us.

Beauty. Inner beauty. I spent a lot of time this summer reflecting on beauty, and I'd like to ask you to do the same during this school year.

Thinking about beauty came to me early on at the outset of the pandemic. One day, I was in my office at the Pastoral Centre, chatting with someone on the phone. As I often find myself doing, I spun my chair around and looked out the window at the passersby on the street. I was startled by someone who had stopped and was staring back at me through the window! Well, she wasn't really staring at me. Let me explain.

You see, the windows to our Pastoral Centre have a reflective film on them, so you can see out from the inside but you can't see in from the outside. From the outside, the reflective film is like a mirror, and you can see yourself in the mirror. Ann, we'll call her, wasn't really looking at me; she was looking at herself. She was combing her hair, putting on her lipstick, fixing her blouse. In my eyes, and in my heart, she was beautiful. She was a princess!

The reality is that Ann lives on the streets. She's homeless, as are many who live around our Pastoral Centre and Saint Josaphat Cathedral. That doesn't mean that Ann's not beautiful. That day, looking at herself in the "mirror" of our window, she saw beauty – beauty on the outside, and beauty on the inside. That day, God gifted me with a glimpse of how beautiful Ann is, in God's eyes, and in mine.

God "has made everything beautiful" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). We are beautiful. Everything around us is beautiful. That's the way God created us, created in God's image and likeness.

This school year, take time to see God's beauty in every sunrise, every sunset, in the world around us, in your child, and in each other. Let us remind ourselves, we are baptized into Christ, that God's love, beauty and glory are best revealed in the life of God's son, Jesus Christ. The best way to see God's beauty is to be in relationship with Christ, each and every day.

And if you don't see God's beauty, clean your glasses, then look again!

May God bless us and our new school year!

Bishop David Motiuk  
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton