

School Council Newsletter

March
2021

Spring is on its way! We hope you are able to enjoy the warmer weather during the Lenten season. Easter is close upon us and we wish you all a joyous celebration. Please see below for news and updates from our recent meeting.

Intentions for 2021-2022: Learning Options. All parents and guardians are asked to make their intentions known by **Mar 22, 2021** as to which option (online or in-person) they will be choosing for the 2021-2022 school year. This must be done on Powerschool for each child. If you need help, please call the school for assistance 780-489-1981. Reminder that there is only one entry point for online learning (upon registration) with only one opportunity to return to in-person learning (Feb 1, 2022). Online learning is available for K-12, but online French Immersion will only be offered for gr 4-9.

Scrub-a-Dub Donations. Toiletries for those in need are still being collected for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Students can bring donations of toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, soap (both liquid and bar), toothbrushes, and toothpaste to their classrooms. Families can also make monetary donations through Powerschool in increments of \$20, \$50, and \$100. Donations are being collected until **Mar 24, 2021**.

Mois de la Francophonie. March is Francophone month in Alberta. We know there is much that students will miss this year, as we cannot bring in performers or have the usual Tire-a-Sucre. If you would like to try the Tire-a-Sucre at home there are various YouTube videos providing recipes and instructions. Check out the following suggestions and give it a try and let us know if it worked! Tire-a-Sucre from Ricardo Cuisine (in French) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWBf1QkF9bw> or Maple Taffy with Rob from the Sugar Shack (in English) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-n4V0s61Ko>.

Celebration of Learning. Parent-teacher meetings for the second Celebration of Learning will be held virtually Thursday **Apr 8, 2021** from 1-5pm and 6-8pm. Parents are asked to book online at www.schoolinterviews.ca starting Mar 24 at 4pm. Enter code: **xbx8y**. Booking ends Apr 7 at 4pm.

Easter (virtual) Joy Bags. Our Catholic Education Liaison, Dawn Megic, is busy collecting materials to put together a virtual Easter Joy Bag full of activities for you and your family to enjoy. Look for this in your email closer to Easter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dawn at dawnmegic@gmail.com.

Spring Plants Sale. We are gearing up for our Annual Spring Plants Sale. Paper forms (and cash/cheque payment) will not be an option this year. All purchases must be made online and paid by credit-card or e-transfer. Stay tuned for more information and please feel free to share the information on your social media and tell your friends and family!

School Council Meetings. Please note that our meetings have moved to the **second Tuesday of the month** for the remainder of the school year. Meetings are still being held virtually. Meetings are always open to all those involved in the school community, including parents, guardians, and staff. We encourage you to join us whenever you can. If you are interested in attending, please email holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

If you have any ideas for new events, suggestions for speakers, questions, or a topic you want to know more about let us know at holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com.



Important Dates

March is Mois de la Francophonie!

Mar 15 – Deadline for EAP applications

Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Mar 25– Full-day

Mar 26 – Early dismissal

Apr 4 – Easter

School Closures

Mar 18– Faith Development day

Mar 29 - Apr 1 – Spring Break

Apr 2 – Good Friday

Apr 5 – Easter Monday

May 21– gr 7-9 only

May 24– Victoria Day

Liaison Corner

St. John the Evangelist Parish

Mass. Morning masses Tues-Fri at 8:30am have resumed. All 3 Sunday masses continue. All parishioners must pre-register to attend mass through Flocknote or by calling St. John's at 780-452-3988 by Thurs at noon for upcoming masses. Only 45 attendees allowed per mass. Join **Flocknote** by texting SJECC to 514-900-0130.

As a result of COVID, St. John's has had a large decrease in parishioner contributions. **Any donation will be greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.**

The **Catholic Women's League (CWL)** is having a special mass on March 16th beginning at 7 pm to award pins to ladies who are members! You can join as soon as you turn 16. Come have fun and build friendships.

Sacramental Preparation. Reconciliation classes have been completed. First Communion classes are underway. Confirmation classes continue and masses are upcoming in April. Reconciliation for the Confirmation candidates will occur on Mar 23 at 7pm. Only 12 children confirmed per mass. For upcoming sessions, email Sophie Ogle at sophie.ogle@caedm.ca.

See link for this week's [Bulletin](#).

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

ASCA Donations. ASCA urgently needs our help. ASCA received a \$500,000 reduction in grant funding and needs \$300,000 by June 15 to sustain operations for next year. Donations which will be matched with an additional 15% from ATB can be made by clicking [HERE](#). ASCA is a registered charity (#125812651 RR 0001).

Click [HERE](#) for some great K-12 Education and **Covid-19 resources** from ASCA.

Upcoming Events:

"College of Alberta School Superintendents (CASS) First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education Gathering". Mar 15, 16, 17. Click [HERE](#) to register.

"PARENTS! At-Home Learning: Finding Success for the Whole Family". Mar 16 & 23. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

Membership is still FREE. New CPF memberships will be free for the one-year period for anyone who signs up before March 31, 2021. Click [HERE](#) to become a member.

The Winter Issue of **CPF Magazine** now available! To download and read the magazine, please click [HERE](#).

CPF's longstanding public speaking competition for youth who are learning French, **Concours d'Art Oratoire** will be virtual this year. To find out more about Concours Virtuel click [HERE](#)!

CPF is looking for **French tutors** who can volunteer for 1-3 hrs per week of online tutoring. There is a brief application form, 30 min interview, and tutors will need to sign a confidentiality policy. Click [HERE](#) to apply or pass it along.

Other Tidbits

St. Joseph. Pope Francis has declared this year Dec 8, 2020-2021 be dedicated to St. Joseph. **Mar 19, 2021** is the Feast of St. Joseph in ordinary times. Here is a wonderful website to inspire families!

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Live Stream Masses.

<https://www.grandinmedia.ca/livestream/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/archedmonton/videos/>

Lent. Check out this video series called "Stop, Look and Listen in Your Journey through Lent". It has Gospel reflections for each Sunday's readings and is delivered every Monday to your email if you sign up. Here is the site:

<https://caedm.ca/PastoralScene/entry/d/839/video-series-stop-look-and-listen-in-your-journey-through-lent>

Year in Review by Archbishop Smith, a 22 minute discussion of 2020 can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.be/WxZhgSlitHM>

Bible in a Year Podcast

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>

Can also be accessed on podcast platforms (Spotify, Apple, etc.) under the same title: Bible in a Year.

Food Hampers. If you are someone or know someone in need of assistance from our Hamper Program, contact holycrosshampers@gmail.com. Only the organizer has access to this email and all information is kept strictly confidential.



RAISE SOME DOUGH

Reminder that when you shop at COBS Crestwood and mention that you are helping "Raise dough for Holy Cross", 5% of your purchase will be donated back to the Parents' Society. All monies raised will be used to support School Council events and initiatives.

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