

School Council Newsletter

January
2021

We hope everyone enjoyed their break and had a wonderful Christmas. There is no meeting scheduled for this month, so here are just a few reminders and announcements.

Hamper Program. Thanks to all the generous donations received from our school community, the Hamper Organizing Committee, led by Kathryn Lennon, were able to put together **10** Christmas hampers for families at our school. Thank you to all for making this happen.

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

If you live in the area, you can also pick-up a Food Bank hamper from St John the Evangelist Catholic Church (9830 148 Street). Visit the Food Bank www.edmontonsfoodbank.com to register and request that they deliver to St John's. Hampers will be available for pick-up Wednesday afternoons between 1-3pm. There are also a few emergency hampers available if you show up on a Wednesday but have not registered yet.

Joy Bags. We hope everyone was able to complete and enjoy some of the activities provided by our Catholic Education Representative, Dawn Megic, during the Advent season. Like all things, the format was different this year, but we hope it still brought you and your family joy.

General Reminders

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

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) memberships will be free for a one-year period for anyone who signs up before March 31, 2021. Click [HERE](#) to become a member.

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) task force survey results from school councils across Alberta can be found on their website at <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/the-parent-voice/what-we-heard>.

St. John the Evangelist Parish bulletins can be accessed weekly at <https://stjohnsevangelist.edm.caedm.ca/Bulletins>.

School Council Meetings are every first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Meetings are currently being held virtually. Meetings are always open to all those involved in the school community, including parents, guardians, and staff. We encourage you to come out whenever you can. If you are interested in joining us, please email holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

ECSD Virtual Parent Evening "Increased Screen Time & Social Isolation: Strategies to Support Your Child's Mental Health". This session will share strategies from mental health experts from AHS and Division Chaplain, Father Glenn MacDonald. Tuesday, January 19 from 7-8pm. Register [HERE](#).

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



Important Dates

Jan 11 – In-person classes resume and registration for 2020-2021 begins online on [ECSD website](#)

Jan 29 – Progress reports available on PowerSchool

February is Black History Month

Feb 1 – Virtual Open House at 6:30 pm

Feb 15 – National Flag and Family Day

Feb 16 – Mardi Gras (Shrove Tuesday)

Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday (start of Lent and Random Acts of Kindness Week)

Feb 24 – Pink Shirt Day

School Closures

Jan 14 – No school gr 7-9

Feb 15 – Family Day

Feb 24 – No school gr 7-9

Feb 25 & 26 – Teacher's Convention