

School Council Newsletter

June
2021

As another year draws to a close, I would like to thank our Council volunteers and our Holy Cross Staff for all their hard work to ensure our kids had a great year. It has been a year unlike any other with various challenges, but we all pulled through with creativity and resilience. Please see below for an update from our last meeting.

Registration 2021-2022. Reminder to families, you have until **August 16, 2021** to commit to attending Holy Cross in-person or registering for online learning. As before, online learning will be available for K-12, but only in English (no French Immersion online). Those registering for online learning will have one window at the end of the second quadrimestre to go back to in-person. Those registering for in-person learning, must remain in-person for the entire year.



Staff Appreciation. In May we celebrated our **Annual Staff Appreciation Week**. The week kicked off with a video prayer from Hope Megic and lawn-display at the front entrance. Staff were also treated to catered goodies throughout the week; finishing it all off with a "Thank you" video from our Holy Cross kids. It was a fantastic week. Thank you to all those who submitted videos and those that helped organize the week.

Draft K-6 Curriculum. If you have not already done so, we encourage all staff, parents, and guardians to read the curriculum and complete the survey at this link: <https://extranet.gov.ab.ca/opinio6/s?s=public2021EN>. To see the full Draft Curriculum please [CLICK HERE](#). If you have specific concerns or feedback regarding the current draft, we also encourage you to write to your MLA, the Minister of Education, and Premier.

To find your MLA please [CLICK HERE](#)
Minister of Education, Adriana LaGrange education.minister@gov.ab.ca
Premier of Alberta, Jason Kenney premier@gov.ab.ca

ECSD Response to the Curriculum. ECSD has released its analysis of the Draft Curriculum. The entire report is publicly available on their website. You can access this document using this [LINK](#).

Other Curriculum Analyses. You can also find diverse, non-partisan, research-informed scholarly and expert advice / analysis on the Draft K-6 Curriculum at <https://alberta-curriculum-analysis.ca/>, an initiative supported by the Associate of Alberta Deans of Education.

I hope you enjoy your summer and wish everyone all the best. If you have any questions, please email holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com. May you stay safe and healthy. See you in the Fall.



Departing Staff

Mme Sylvestre
Mme Charmante
Mme Bélanger
Mme Perrin
M. Hyppolite
Mme Bragnalo
Mme Fuller
Mme Olga
Mme Thomlinson

Au revoir! We will miss you, but we wish you the best on your new journey.

Call for Council Nominations

We invite anyone who is interested in putting their name forward for a position on Council to email us. Positions and general descriptions are listed on the last page of this Newsletter. Everyone is welcome. If you do not wish to commit to a position on Council, you are still welcome to attend our monthly meetings and we are always in need of volunteers. COME JOIN US!

Liaison Corner

St. John the Evangelist Parish

This is the time of year to register your child to receive Baptism, Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for the following year. To register for Sacramental preparation, please call 780-452-3988. Office hours for the summer are from Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 am until 3 pm.

Morning masses continue Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:30 am. Sunday masses remain 9am, 10:30 am and Noon throughout the summer. Please preregister either on flocknote or by calling 780-452-3988 by the Thursday prior to the mass you would like to attend.

St John morning mass is livestreamed every Friday at 8:30am at

www.facebook.com/stjohnevangelist.edm

Any golfers? Please see this link: <https://www.caedm.ca/golf>

Parents interested in deepening their faith? Please check out this link:

<https://spiritualdirection.com/events>

[CLICK HERE](#) for weekly Bulletins from St John or call 780-452-3988 for more information.

Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA)

ASCA Parent Survey on Schooling and Covid-19 (Spring 2021). Participation in this "pulse" survey will inform the ASCA Board on parents' perspectives of K-12 school experiences through the Covid-19 pandemic during the winter and spring of 2021, as well as expectations for September 2021 forward. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete survey.

K-12 Education and Covid-19 Resources

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/education-in-alberta/education-and-covid-19>

ASCA Donations. ASCA urgently needs your 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).

Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

CPF also invites parents who have concerns about the Draft K-6 Curriculum to write to their MLA, the Education Minister Adriana LaGrange, or to the Premier. Victoria Wishart, President of CPF Alberta has written a letter regarding the Draft K-6 Curriculum and it can be found [HERE](#)

Fun French Hour – Summer 2021 Program July 19th – Aug 9, 2021 – Ages 6-14

There will be 4 sessions a week, each with a different theme (Baking / Cooking, Art, Coding and Zumba). Sessions can be enjoyed by both you and your kids. The cost is \$5 per session. Must be CPF member. To join & receive further information on our Fun French Hour [CLICK HERE](#).

CPF Alberta is seeking Board of Directors for 2021-2022. Must be a CPF member. For more information email mtryon@ab.cpf.ca. Check out CPF Alberta for French Tutoring Programs, French Camps, Contests, and Resources: <https://ab.cpf.ca/en/>

Every Child Matters

The Catholic Archbishop of Edmonton, Richard Smith, did an interview with Chief Wilton Littlechild June 5, 2021. You can watch it [HERE](#).

A mass was also celebrated by Archbishop Smith June 6, 2021, which was Corpus Christi Sunday, at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples to ask JESUS to heal all of us. We invite you to watch the mass [HERE](#).

Have you thought about withdrawing your child from French Immersion? Do you know anyone who has withdrawn their children from French Immersion?

The University of Alberta is partnering with Canadian Parents for French to conduct a study designed to better understand why French Immersion schools/programs are not always successful at retaining students.

In an online survey, you will be asked to answer questions about your experience as a parent. Your participation in this study will help investigators understand how to improve French Immersion in Canada.

If you are interested in participating, please click on the following link: <https://uab.ca/fisurvey>.

If you have trouble accessing the survey or have any further questions, please contact: cpfab@ab.cpf.ca or cammarata@ualberta.ca.



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.

COBS CRESTWOOD

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Edmonton, AB
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780.447.9995

RUNS ALL SUMMER !!!

Council/Society Positions

French Education Representative (VACANT): Promotes a vibrant French Immersion environment within the school. Attends School Council meetings and provides updates from the Canadian Parents for French. Raises awareness of supports for parents of French Immersion students.

APPLE Schools Representative (VACANT): Plans and executes 2 APPLE Family nights throughout the year. Keeps up to date with APPLE Schools website. Serves as resource/contact for parents with questions about the APPLE Schools program. Liaises with representatives from APPLE Schools as needed.

Catholic Education Representative (Dawn Megic): Promotes catholic education within the school (Joy Bags, Rosary Circle). Attends School Council meetings and communicates news and updates from St. John's the Evangelist Church. Leads Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast.

ASCA Representative (Rosemarie Jordan): Attends School Council meetings and provides updates from the Alberta School Councils' Association. Reviews ASCA website and stays on top of workshops, news, guidelines, etc. to report back to School Council.

Fundraising Coordinator (VACANT): Attends Society meetings and liaises with various fundraising groups (Cobbs, Lunch Lady, Hot Dog Day Committee). Plans and executes 2-3 fundraisers a year, which includes promoting fundraisers, collecting orders, and coordinating volunteers for delivery, depending on the fundraiser.

Chair/President (Elected Position): Chairs all meetings and coordinates with Principal to establish meeting agendas. Communicates with the Principal on a regular basis. Decides all matters relating to rules of order at the meetings. Ensures that By-Laws are current and followed. The Chair is the official spokesperson of Council/Society and ensures there is regular communication with the whole school community; reviews any communication to the school community prior to distribution and includes the Principal in same. Stays informed about School Board policy that impacts Council/Society. Has signing authority on Society financial accounts together with the Vice-President and/or Treasurer. Complies with the School Councils Regulation by providing the school board with an annual report. Has general responsibility for all activities of the Council/Society.

Nominee: Veronica Coronado

Vice-Chair/Vice-President (Elected Position): In the event of resignation, incapacity or leave of absence of the Chair/President, the Vice-Chair will fulfill the Chair/President's responsibilities. In the absence of the Chair/President, will supervise the affairs and preside at any meetings of Council/Society. Works with and supports the Chair/President in agenda preparation. Ensures the appropriate management, in compliance with PIPA, of any personal information collected on behalf of the School Council. Promotes teamwork and assists the Chair/President in the smooth running of the meetings. Keeps informed of relevant School and School Board policies. Is prepared to assume the position of Chair/President in the future. Assists the Chair/President and undertakes tasks assigned by the Chair/President.

Nominee: Kristine Belamisco

Treasurer (Elected Position): Keeps accurate records of all financial transactions on behalf of the Society. Ensures that records are available upon request. Is responsible for the deposits of all monies paid to the Society. Has signing authority on Society financial accounts together with the President and/or Vice-President. Presents a full, detailed account of receipts and disbursements to the Society as required and prepares the financial statements for annual reports.

Nominee: Geraldine Simpson

Secretary (Elected Position): Acts as a recorder at each meeting and ensures that the minutes are prepared accurately to reflect the directions agreed to at the meeting. Keeps minutes, correspondence, records and other Council/Society documents and ensures that all relevant documents (as per legislation) are available to the public in an accessible location in the School, for a period of 7 years. Maintains a dated record of all the members of the Council/Society who have knowingly provided their contact information, in compliance with PIPA.

Nominee: Sandra Perrin

Directors at Large (3 Elected Positions): Attend and actively participate in monthly meetings of the Society Board. Actively support the initiatives and actions of the Society. Approve policies and recommendations received from the Board. Review Bylaws and recommend amendments as appropriate. Review annual budget and submit for membership approval. Assist in developing and maintaining positive working relations among the Board, committees, School and School Council to support and enhance education in the School Community.

Nominees: Dawn Megic, Rania Eshak

If you are interested in any of these positions and would like to put your name forward, or if you would like additional information, please email holycross.schoolcouncil@gmail.com.