



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 22-26, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we wrap up the month of February, we end the month by representing kindness on Pink Shirt Day. Students and staff have shown many Random Acts of Kindness and we look forward to continuing in the spirit throughout our Lenten journey. The children have learned that Lent is about prayer, fasting and almsgiving. May God bless everyone in our St. Vladimir Community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristy Desmarais
Principal

Mrs. Joanna Schipper
Assistant Principal



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

TEACHER CONVENTION - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, February 25, 2021
Friday, February 26, 2021

SCHOOL FEES - NOW DUE

Student fees are posted to your PowerSchool Parent Portal account and payment is now due.

2021-2022 LEARNING INTENTION

Please indicate your child's intended school for next year in your PowerSchool Parent Portal Account

PINK SHIRT DAY

Wednesday,
February 24, 2021



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KINDNESS MONTH

We are excited to celebrate KINDNESS this month.

In February, KINDNESS WILL SPRINKLE LIKE CONFETTI with the following activities:



- **Kindness Challenge** – every Mon., Wed., Fri. on announcements
- **Poster Draw** – every student is automatically entered into the draw
- **Kindness Tree** – write or draw how we show kindness and add it to the board
- **Kindness Confetti Board** – Staff will add notes containing compliments for staff and students
- **School-wide Treats** – thanks to School Council, students will receive two special surprise treats this month
- **Staff Kindness Cart** – will visit each classroom and staff will select an item to brighten their day

These activities will be occurring for the full month of February and were highlighted during Random Acts of Kindness week on Feb. 16-19!

Kindness Jar Challenge	Poster Winners
Tuesday – Say a prayer for someone in need	K-Maximus 1 – Keana 2 – Marissa 3 – Leila 4 – Albert 5 – Daniel 6 – Rebecca
Friday – Give thanks to God	K – Shani 1 – Paige 2 – Chelsea 3 – Lulya 4 – Sam 5 – Akaie 6 – Dasan



ST. CECILIA VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Open to all grade 6 families interested in attending for their junior high experience.

Some of the highlights include the Jean Forest All Girls Leadership Academy, return of music programming, an enhanced digital makerspace and CTF programs and the Advanced Math and Science Division Focus program. [Click here](#) for more information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 – 6:30 PM

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

The following will be our Lenten Activities that will take us until April 6, 2021.

Lenten – Fast, Pray, Give

Pray – we will set up a special prayer box on the table outside the office and I invite each class to write a prayer for someone or something and we will say these prayers on announcements.

Fast – each class will have a discussion about what fasting means during one of their religion lessons.

Give – We will have **GIVING FRIDAYS** for the Sign of Hope Campaign. During Lent we have 4 Fridays that we are at school.



February 19
March 5
March 12
March 19



We will invite students to bring a toonie or loonie to school on these Fridays.

2021-2022 LEARNING INTENTION

This year we are asking all families to let us know their intentions for the 2021-2022 school year online instead of using a paper response.

On **Wednesday, February 22** there will be access on your [PowerSchool](#) account to a tab on the left-hand side when you log in called “*Intention for Next Year*”

This is where you can indicate if you are returning to St. Vladimir or if you are moving to another school. This is also where our grade 6 students can indicate the Jr. High they would like to apply to.

Access to this tab will close on March 22.

For more information visit:

<https://www.ecsd.net/ci/p/15294>

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next School Council Meeting will be held VIRTUALLY on:

Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30pm

All parents are encouraged to attend!

Meeting link will be available next week.

DEMONSTRATION OF LEARNING & PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Thursday, March 11 – 1-3:30pm & 4-6:30pm

Part 1: Each teacher and student has set up, in their Google Classroom, a Demonstration of Learning slide show for you to view. This way you can see what your child has accomplished since their last Demonstration of Learning in November

Part 2: You can set up a 10-minute virtual Teams meeting or a 10-minute phone meeting with your child's teacher by following the link below and entering the code. It is important to view the Google Slides before your meeting so that you can discuss it with the teacher. We hope you enjoy seeing and hearing all the success that your child has had since the start of school.

Please use the following link and code to book your appointment starting March 1st.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code>

Booking Code: 4zx6f

NEWS



PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day is **Wednesday, February 24, 2021**. The movement began in 2007 when a student in Nova Scotia was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. It has since been recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand against bullying. This year's national theme is "**Lifting Each Other Up**" with a mission to spread empathy and kindness.

This year, we are once again expecting a sea of pink in our school as we work together to raise awareness about bullying prevention and highlight where to turn if in need of help. Getting involved is easy. Wear a pink shirt, take a photo and share it on social media with the **#PinkShirtDay** and **#ECSDfaithinspires** hashtags.

SPIRIT DAYS

Upcoming St. Vladimir Spirit Days:

February 24th – Pink Shirt Day

March 5th – 80's Day



March 17th – Green Day



April 9th – Dress to Impress/Fancy Dress Day

April 23rd – Jersey Day



LIBRARY NEWS



Our newly renovated library will be **re-opening on Monday, March 1st!**

If you have any overdue books, please send them back to school to be returned.

At this time, borrowed library books will not be sent home with students, instead they will be left at school for student to use.

ST. MATTHEW PARISH NEWS

For more information about any of the programs offered by St. Matthew Parish you can call the office at 780-475-2888.

Please take note that our office hours had changed. We are now closed on Monday.

Tues, Wed & Thurs - 8:30am – 4:00 pm

Friday and Saturday – 8:30am – 12:00pm

Sunday from - 8:30am - 1:00pm



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

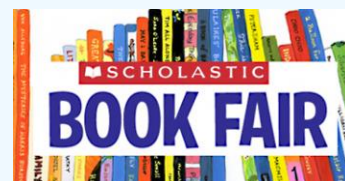
Virtual Book Fair link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5155957>

FAIR START DATE: March 8th, 2021

FAIR END DATE: March 19th, 2021

Virtual Family Nights on Wednesday March 10th & 17th: where shopping between 6pm-8pm will be *free shipping*, no minimum purchase required!



POWERSCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL



PowerSchool

<https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/>

The Edmonton Catholic Schools PowerSchool parent and student portal is a secure website that allows parents and students to access attendance, grades, fees and student information in real time.

Please remember to check out how your child is doing in school on a regular basis. Our recommendation is to check on their progress as least once a month.

PowerSchool is used for all students/parents from Kindergarten to grade 12. It is critical that you have access to your account. Ensure that you remember your username and password. Once your account is set up you have it for as long as your child is registered with ECSD.

If you have forgotten your username and/or password, please go to the login page above and click on "forgot username or password" and follow the instructions.

If you are unsure how to access the January 29 Summary Report, you can use this link to watch a video showing you how:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7jw-DJubEU&feature=youtu.be>

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

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WEBSITE

Our website is a valuable tool for information about your child's school and ECSD information as well as many educational links. Be sure to visit the website throughout the school year for up-to-date information and all the latest news at:

www.stvladimir.ecsd.net

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram to see what is happening in the school and stay connected!

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ST. VLADIMIR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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FEBRUARY 2021

3	Priest Virtual Visit – 1-1:30pm – Grade 2/3
4	St. Vladimir Virtual Open House – 6:30pm
12	Valentine's Day Activities Wear Red, Pink or White Assembly 8:45am
15	Family Day – NO SCHOOL
16	Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes in Classrooms
17	Ash Wednesday Liturgy – 10:30am
19	Giving Friday – Bring a Toonie or Loonie for Sign of Hope
24	Pink Shirt Day St. Cecilia Virtual Open House – 6:30pm Jean Forest Leadership Academy (All Girls) Virtual Open House – 6:30pm
25-26	Teacher Convention – NO SCHOOL

MARCH 2021

1-5	Grade 3 CCAT's
3	Priest Virtual Visit – 1-1:30pm – Grade 5 School Council Virtual Meeting – 6:30pm
5	Spirit Day - 80's Day Giving Friday – Bring a Toonie or Loonie for Sign of Hope
8-19	Scholastic Virtual Book Fair
11	Virtual Demonstration of Learning 1-3:30pm & 4-6:30pm
12	Monthly Assembly – 10:30am Giving Friday – Bring a Toonie or Loonie for Sign of Hope
17	St. Patrick's Day – Wear Green!
18	Staff Professional Development – NO SCHOOL
19	Giving Friday – Bring a Toonie or Loonie for Sign of Hope
22	2021-2022 Learning Intentions Deadline – PowerSchool Parent Portal
25	Full Day of School
26	Half Day of School – EARLY DISMISSAL
29-Apr 1	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

