



## Weekly Newsletter-Oct. 13-16, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are happy to be bringing you an information newsletter weekly through the Monday Message. I hope that you find the information and reminders helpful to knowing what is happening in your child's school. We want you to feel connected to the school community even while we are in these times of Covid-19.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kristy Desmarais*  
*Principal*

*Mrs. Joanna Schipper*  
*Assistant Principal*



### REMINDERS

1. Indicating your choice for your child's learning stance (online or in-person) for the remainder of the school year. This choice must be indicated in Powerschool by October 15 at the latest. It cannot be changed after this date.
2. Every parent must go on their Powerschool account and complete the Returning School Student Registration 2020-2021. It gives you the opportunity to provide the school with any changes in address, phone number etc. or confirm that all the information is correct. This document must be completed ASAP, as the deadline was Sept. 30, 2020.
3. Read with your child daily! Research shows, if you read and discuss what you have read with your child as much as possible it will impact their literacy skills greatly. Read a story, news article, comic book, recipe or other form of text.

## Illness/Isolation/AHS

What do I do if my child is unwell? This is a question that many parents ask. Attached along with this newsletter, are a few documents from AHS regarding this topic. Please be sure to open them up and even print them off for your reference. If your child becomes unwell as school, you will be called and informed that you should call 811 to get further direction regarding isolation and testing for COVID-19.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA



TO SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING  
IN THE SCHOOL AND STAY  
CONNECTED VISIT US ON  
FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM  
**St\_vladimir\_ecsd**



This 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:

<https://stvladimir.ecsd.net>

## Gratitude

We will be showing our gratitude for all that we have in two ways at St. Vladimir.

1. Gratitude Tree – we will each be completing a leaf for a tree that is on our bulletin board outside the office. This leaf will have a word, phrase, or picture of something we are grateful for. Watch our social media sites for a photo of our completed tree. We hope to have it completed by this Friday!
2. Food Bank Collection – we will be taking food donations for the Edmonton Food Bank all this week. Students are invited to bring in a non-perishable food items to give to someone less fortunate. Some suggestions are: pasta, pasta sauce, cereal, fruit cups, soup etc.



## Lifetouch Pictures

Picture Day was Friday, October 9 and pictures were done successfully for the students in attendance! Parents can order pictures on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form. If you are currently an online student but would like to have your child's picture taken please contact the school principal, Mrs. Desmarais at [Kristy.desmarais@ecsd.net](mailto:Kristy.desmarais@ecsd.net) to schedule an appointment. If you are away from school your child's picture will be taken on our retake day, November 10, 2020.



## PATHS at St. Vladimir

Parents...have you ever heard of the PATHS program? PATHS stands for **Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies**, and is an award winning program aimed at helping schools teach social-emotional skills throughout the day- skills that will help children at any age; such as friendship skills, how to deal with strong emotions, and make good decisions. Research studies clearly show the benefits that this type of learning has on children's academic performance, ability to succeed with goals and get along with others. Our school is excited to be teaching PATHS in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Throughout the year, we will be sharing with you aspects of the program that your children are learning through PATHS in the classroom. This week we would like to share how we are talking about rules. Have a discussion with your child about rules. Ask them – Why do we have rules? Why do we have them at school? Ask them – What does it mean to be SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE at St. Vladimir School? Finally, ask them – How can we show that we are ready to learn?

## POWERSCHOOL PARENT/STUDENT PORTAL

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.

### **IN IT'S SECOND YEAR, IS STUDENT ONGOING REPORTING!**

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. You can then log into your account to look at your child's progress at any time throughout the school year and see the summary reports at the end of January and June.



If you currently have a student in ECSD and have forgotten your username and/or password, please go to the login page at <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/> , click on the “forgot username or password” and follow the instructions.

**AS PER THE LETTER FROM CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT MARTIN PLEASE INDICATE IN POWERSCHOOL, YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING STANCE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR AS: ONLINE OR IN PERSON BY OCTOBER 15, 2020.**

## Halloween Fun

We will be celebrating Halloween this year by inviting all students to dress up if they choose. Because we will be wearing our protective face masks, we ask that students not wear a mask over their face as a part of their costume. We also ask that if your costume includes any type of weapon that it stay at home. Students are invited to dress up for the entire day so please keep this in mind if your child’s costume is heavy or hot. Perhaps be sure that they can easily remove the costume if they become uncomfortable. Unfortunately, due to COVID measures, we will not be able to share any food or have a costume parade. We must keep the integrity of each cohort intact. There will be some COVID friendly classroom fun and games planned by the teachers.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<b>October</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Father Sathia Visit 10:30-11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Assembly 10:30 a.m. – Virtually within the school</b>
<b>October 5-9</b>	<b>Read-In Week – Read Around the World</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Celebration – 10:30 a.m. – Virtually within the school</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Picture Day – Individual photos only (NO CLASS PHOTOS)</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Day – No School</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Parish Team Visit 10:30-11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>19-30</b>	<b>Grade 6 CCAT</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Faith Formation PD Day NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Halloween Costume Fun!</b>
<b>November</b>	



<b>1</b>	<b>Catholic Education Sunday</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Parish Team Visit 10:30-11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Assembly 8:45 a.m.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Picture Retake Day</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Remembrance Day Liturgy 12:45</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Remembrance Day – No School</b>
<b>16-19</b>	<b>Book Fair - Tentative</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Parish Team Visit 10:30-11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Demonstration of Learning - Online</b>

