



## Weekly Newsletter- Feb. 8-12, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter the month of February we will be focusing on Kindness. We will have many classroom and school-wide activities that remind our students to take extra care this month to develop a habit of kindness. We hope that all families will embrace this at home and enjoy the emphasis on this special trait we all possess. May God bless everyone in our St. Vladimir community.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kristy Desmarais*

*Mrs. Joanna Schipper*

*Principal*

*Assistant Principal*



### REMINDERS

1. **Spirit Day** will be on Friday, Feb. 12 – Wear red, pink and white
2. **Term 1 Summary Report** – you can view your child's summary progress report for the first half of the school year using your Powerschool account. Be sure to check it out.

## 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>

## 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. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday – 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sunday from - 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm.



## 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 return of music programming, an enhanced digital makerspace and CTF programs and the Advanced Math and Science Division Focus program.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 6:30 PM**



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## 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. 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 at <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public/> click on the “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>

## 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 will be highlighted during Random Acts of Kindness week on Feb. 16-19!

Kindness Jar Challenge	Poster Winners
Monday – Do a chore without being asked	K-Viana   1 – Viana   2 – Zachary   3 - Nikolai
Wednesday – Help clean up a mess that isn't yours	4 – Shamuel   5 – Emilio   6 - Kayla
Friday – Put the dishes away	K – Michael   1 – Jamie   2 – Brady   3 – Ayathi 4 – Naod   5 – Alessio   6 - Neimrod



## Spirit Days

We will be scheduling some special days to celebrate the fun and excitement in our school community. These days will be an opportunity for students to participate in some school spirit! Participation is always optional, and we hope to share some laughter and joy on these special days. Friday, February 12 will be WEAR RED, PINK AND WHITE DAY!



## Valentine's Day

Classes will celebrate Valentine's Day with activities and a card exchange in their classrooms. In order to be safe, we asked that all Valentine's cards be brought to school by Friday, Feb. 5. Cards will be placed in an envelope or bag on Feb. 12 and students will be asked to open them at home. There will be a variety of Valentine's activities for students to do within their classroom cohort.

## Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent is fast approaching. We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 16 with pancakes in each classroom. The food will be individually wrapped and provided to each student by the staff only. Thank you to our School Council for providing funds to celebrate this special day.

We will also observe Ash Wednesday on Feb. 17 with a special celebration and giving of ashes. According to the archdiocese of Edmonton and instruction from our parish priest at St. Matthew's Church, we will be distributing ashes through a sprinkling of ashes on the crown of the head to avoid any contact with the staff and students. Our celebration will be done virtually using our SmartBoards therefore each class will celebrate in their classroom cohorts.



**FAMILY DAY**  
**Monday, February 15, 2021**  
**NO SCHOOL    Enjoy the day with your family!**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<b>February</b>	
<b>3</b>	Priest Virtual Visit – 1:00-1:30 p.m. Grade 2/3
<b>4</b>	St. Vladimir Virtual Open House – 6:30 p.m. for new registrations for the 2021-2022 school year
<b>12</b>	Valentine's Day Activities, Wear RED, PINK OR WHITE, Assembly 8:45 a.m.
<b>15</b>	Family Day NO SCHOOL
<b>16-19</b>	Random Acts of Kindness Week
<b>16</b>	Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes in classrooms
<b>17</b>	Ash Wednesday Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
<b>24</b>	St. Cecilia Virtual Open House 6:30 p.m.
<b>25 - 26</b>	Teacher's Convention
<b>March</b>	
<b>1-5</b>	Grade 3 CCAT
<b>3</b>	Priest Virtual Visit 1:00-1:30 p.m. – Grade 5
<b>11</b>	Demonstration of Learning 1-4 & 5-7 - Virtual
<b>12</b>	Assembly 10:30 a.m.
<b>17</b>	St. Patrick's Day
<b>25</b>	Full Day – follow Friday's schedule
<b>26</b>	Half Day – follow Thursday's schedule
<b>29 – April 2</b>	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

