



## Weekly Newsletter- Feb. 16-19, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we continue through 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 gift of the spirit we all possess. We will enter into the season of Lent this week and we will pray, fast and give during this 40-day season. May God bless everyone in our St. Vladimir community.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Kristy Desmarais*

*Mrs. Joanna Schipper*

*Principal*

*Assistant Principal*



### REMINDERS

1. **Random Acts of Kindness Week** is this week. Do something extra kind for someone each day!
2. **Remember to Read with your child every day** – it will greatly increase their literacy skills.
3. **Giving Fridays**- each Friday of school during Lent, we are asking students to bring a loonie or a toonie to add to our collection for the Sign of Hope.  
**Feb. 19, March 5, 12 and 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>

## 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**



## 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.

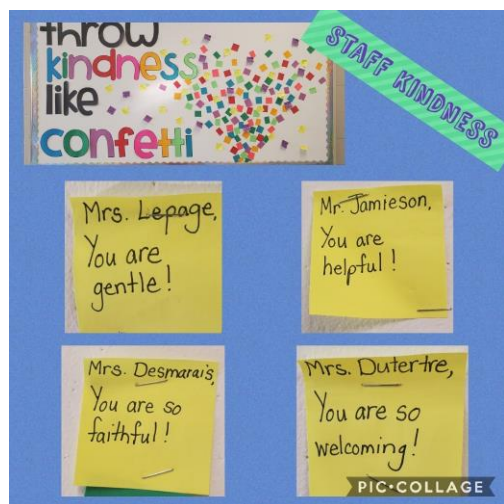
PowerSchool is used for all students/parents from Kindergarten to grade 12. It is critical that you have access to your account. Ensure that you remember your username and password. Once your account is set up you have it for as long as your child is registered with ECSD.

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
- **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.

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! Be sure to do something extra kind during this week!

Kindness Jar Challenge	Poster Winners by Grade
Monday – smile at someone who seems sad or quiet	K-Denzel 1-Moses 2-Nhu 3-Dmitri 4-Aloniel 5-Mirad 6-Victor
Wednesday – make an effort to say “Hello” to people you meet	K-Elora 1-John 2-Sofia 3-Rachel 4-Barbara 5-Rei 6-Brock
Friday – teach someone something new	K-Enos 1-Eliana 2-Kingston 3-Ferhat 4-Mikayla 5-Liely 6-Cypher



## Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday/Lent

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.



*Shrove Tuesday*

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.



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.



## 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. 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.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

