



## Weekly Newsletter-Oct. 5-9, 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. Earlier today you received an e-mail regarding 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 as soon as possible and by October 15 at the latest.
2. Every parent must go on their Powerschool account and complete the Student Verification Document. 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 by September 30, 2020. You are still able to respond if you haven't had the chance.
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.

## Missing School Due to Isolation

If your child is required to isolate for any reason each teacher has set up their Google Classroom to help keep up with some of the classwork. Please ensure that if your child is well but isolated, they should be going into their Google Classroom each day.

## 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>

## Read In Week

We will be celebrating Read In Week this week by engaging in many literacy activities. The theme this year is, Reading Around the World. Due to the fact that we can't have guests in to read because of COVID-19 protocols, we have a variety of special readings that have been pre-recorded by special people (superintendent, trustees, mayor, etc.) and teachers will be showing them to students throughout the week. Mrs. Desmarais and Mrs. Schipper will be doing live online readings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Be sure to read with your child this week too!



## Lifetouch Picture Day

Picture Day is coming Friday, October 9! After Picture Day, 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. This will come home with your child very soon! 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.

## 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.**

## Monthly Religious Talk

### Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

*“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations” (Psalm 100).*

Given our unique circumstances in the past eight months, and the many challenges and difficulties that so many have faced, we might think that as Thanksgiving approaches, we have very little for which to be thankful. But scripture and particularly Psalm 100 tell us a completely different story. In fact, the passage invites us to praise the Lord with great joy; to celebrate and worship the God of love.

The major theme that emerges from this Psalm is the importance of belonging to God. During the past year there may have been times when we felt abandoned or forgotten by God. But the psalm presents the entire earth as joined together, not separated and alone. God’s steadfast love endures forever. And in the same way that we sing a song of praise to our creator, we acknowledge, praise, and bless Him for his goodness and mercy. Indeed, the Lord is good and he never abandons us; God is always ready to sustain us with his merciful love, even and especially during times of great doubt and fear. “Be not be afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest” (John Michael Talbot).

During this Thanksgiving weekend, let us remember that God is with us, in the good times and in the moments that we find ourselves struggling. “Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” (Psalm 100). Like God, we too are called to be “good shepherds” in the environments where we live: in our families, at work, and in the community, sharing the Gospel message of love with everyone we meet.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



<b>October</b>	
<b>1</b>	Father Sathia Visit 10:30-11:00 a.m.
<b>2</b>	Assembly 10:30 a.m. – Virtually within the school
<b>October 5-9</b>	Read-In Week – Read Around the World
<b>8</b>	Thanksgiving Celebration – 10:30 a.m. – Virtually within the school
<b>9</b>	Picture Day – Individual photos only (NO CLASS PHOTOS)
<b>12</b>	Thanksgiving Day – No School
<b>15</b>	Parish Team Visit 10:30-11:00 a.m.
<b>19-30</b>	Grade 6 CCAT
<b>29</b>	Faith Formation PD Day NO SCHOOL
<b>30</b>	Halloween Costume Fun!
<b>November</b>	
<b>1</b>	Catholic Education Sunday
<b>5</b>	Parish Team Visit 10:30-11:00 a.m.
<b>6</b>	Assembly 8:45 a.m.
<b>10</b>	Picture Retake Day
<b>10</b>	Remembrance Day Liturgy 12:45
<b>11</b>	Remembrance Day – No School
<b>16-19</b>	Book Fair - Tentative
<b>19</b>	Parish Team Visit 10:30-11:00 a.m.
<b>19</b>	Demonstration of Learning - Online

