

# ST. NICHOLAS WEEKLY NEWS

March 4th-8th , 2024

## Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone for supporting our leneten initiative last week. As a school community we collected 267 boxes of cereal that will be donated to the St. Francis of Assisi breakfast program. Check out our social media pages to watch the cereal boxes knocked down like dominos!



Through the Fort Saskatchewan Multicultural Society grant, we have been given the opportunity to invite an Indigenous Presenter, Curt Young, to our school on March 7th and March 8th. Curt Young is a Salteaux-Cree musician, dancer, and storyteller. We look forward to Mr. Young sharing his culture with our students.

A friendly reminder that Wednesday is an early dismissal day (2:14pm) and also our next spirit day. This month's theme for our spirit day is based around the book - "What Riley Wore". As a school community, we gathered on Thursday last week and Mrs. Rafuse read the book out loud to the students. The theme for our Spirit Day will be "wear what makes you happy". We are looking forward to a fun and creative spirit day!

God Bless,  
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Principal

## Upcoming Important Dates:

- **March 5** - School Council meeting at 6:00pm
- **March 6** - Early dismissal (2:14pm)/Spirit Day
- **March 7/8** - Curt Young Presentations
- **March 11/15** - Ukrainian Easter egg writing (Ukr. classes)
- **March 15** - Irish dancers performing at 1:00pm/Easter service 2:00pm at St. Nicholas
- **March 18/21** - Ukrainian Easter egg writing (Eng. classes)
- **March 19/20** - Parent/Teacher conferences (more information to follow)
- **March 22** - Spring break begins
- **April 1** - Easter Monday (no school)

- **April 2** - Classes resume

### Information

- The weather is definitely colder than we were anticipating in March. Looks like it will be indoor recess for the next few days, however, please ensure your child is dressed for colder weather as it may warm up throughout the day and the students may get outside for a little bit.
- Kindergarten registration is open for online registrations. Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2024, can be registered for Kindergarten. For the 2024-2025 school year, English Kindergarten will be offered on Mondays/Wednesdays (and alternating Fridays) and Ukrainian Kindergarten will be offered on Tuesdays/Thursdays (and alternating Fridays). Our free nature based programming will occur on Fridays. To register please go to - [School Registration at Elk Island Catholic Schools \(EICS\)](#).
- St. Theresa will be hosting an Information Night on **Thursday, March 7th from 5:30pm - 6:30pm**. This event is open to all families, not just those entering grade 5 next year.
- The Alberta Education Assurance survey gathers feedback on the quality of education provided by school authorities and their schools. Schools and school authorities use this information to understand how they are doing and plan for the future. The survey is sent to parents or guardians of students in Grades 4, 7 and 10. Parents or guardians receive a survey invitation package by mail and have the option to complete the survey on paper or online using the provided Random Access Code (RAC). Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child. Only parents or guardians of students in participating grades will receive a survey invitation package to complete the survey.

### BUCPS Purdy's Fundraiser

- Help us to raise funds to support the Ukrainian Bilingual Program in Sherwood Park (4/8/12 celebration, field trips, pysanky writing supplies).
- Order deadline is March 5 and all orders will be ready for pick up just before Spring Break on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at St. Nicholas School (3:00pm-5:00pm)
- The Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parent Society (BUCPS) will also be providing a pizza lunch for the class that generates the most sales!
- Follow the link to load your Easter basket with goodies - <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1922788-115547>

### Faith Reflection

Holy and Gracious God, during this season of Lent help each of us be willing to give of ourselves so we can make the lives of others easier. May our actions and words reflect the gospel message. May we always remain open to serving you through acts of love and compassion. May those around us come to know and believe in you through our own generous acts of giving and kindness. We ask this through Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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### St.Nicholas Catholic School

"Our Catholic School Family, embracing both English and Ukrainian Bilingual programs is dedicated to providing the best opportunities for learning while nurturing in our students' continuous personal growth."



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