

St. Nicholas Weekly News

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021

DEAR FAMILIES,

On Wednesday, September 15th from 5:00pm-6:00pm we will be gathering outside for an informal meet and greet with our staff, as well as officially "open" our new park and outdoor classroom. Father Jim from OLPH Parish will be joining us to bless our new park and outdoor classroom. Please note that this will be an outdoor event (masks are recommended but not mandatory for outdoor events) and the school will be closed for the event. We are praying for favourable weather. We hope to see you outside at our new park at 5:00pm on Wednesday!

Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustees held a special Public Board meeting last week and passed a motion recognizing September 30th - National Truth and Reconciliation Day as a holiday. Please find attached our amended EICS calendar - [Amended-2021 - 2022 calendar.pdf](#)

God Bless,

Mr. Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, September 15** - Meet the staff/Park/Outdoor classroom opening at 5:00pm
- **Monday, September 20** - Federal election (St. Nicholas is a polling station)
- **Friday, September 24** - Terry Fox run
- **Wednesday, September 29** - School Council AGM at 6:00pm
- **Wednesday, September 29** - School photos (whole school except Eng. Kindergarten)
- **Thursday, September 30** - Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)
- **Friday, October 1** - Ukr. Bilingual opening liturgy (virtual)

Information

- Terry Fox represented the best that Canadians have to offer. He was an example of courage, humility, determination, and perseverance. On Friday, September 24th our school will proudly participate in the Terry Fox Run. Our school will be fundraising to continue Terry's fight and lead this worthy cause towards his dream of a world without cancer. If you would like to make a donation, our St. Nicholas online fundraising link is: <http://www.terryfox.ca/StNicholasCatholicSchoolSherwoodPark> Our students will be provided a healthy drink and snack after their scheduled run time.



School Council Information

Welcome back St. Nicholas families! We hope you had a great well deserved summer. This school year is filled with promise. Hot Lunches, field trips, and fundraising can now be enjoyed again.

- Hot lunch - If you are interested in running the Hot Lunch program please contact parent council. This can not run without amazing volunteers. We currently have no one to fill this position.
- Apple Fundraiser - Parent Council will be running this loved fundraiser again! You can expect to see more details soon.
- AGM / School Council Meeting - Please join us virtually on September 29 at 6:00pm. All parents are welcome!

We look forward to working with you this school year.

Parent Council

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Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parent Society (BUCPS) Information

- BUCPS is kicking off the year with its Annual General Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held virtually via Google Meet and invitations will be sent out shortly so please save the date.
- Unfortunately, The Little Orchard Sadochok Preschool program will not run this year. With our past instructor accepting a full time teaching position and limited registrations we just couldn't make it work. Thank you to the interested families who held on as long as they could while we worked through all of our options. A shout out to the administration of St. Nicholas and EICS for their continued support of the Preschool program.
- I know it's been a while since BUCPS hosted a Zabava and we had planned on hosting the event on Saturday, October 2nd at Ardrossan Hall. With the recent announcements related to COVID and the fact that the situation is pretty fluid, the executive has decided to postpone the event until further notice.
- The start of the school year is also marked by a Divine Liturgy that historically was held at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic parish. This year's celebration will be pre-recorded and the schools are planning on viewing/celebrating on Friday, October 1st.
- Remember to visit our website www.spukrprogram.ca and follow us on Facebook (Sherwood Park Bilingual Program) to keep in touch with our current news and activities)

That's it for now and we hope to see you at the AGM!

Clayton Starko,

BUCPS President

Faith Reflection

Dear God,

You have blessed us with goodness and love. May our work this year be a worthy echo of Your grace, may our reflections be guided by your wisdom, and may our celebrations be touched by Your joy. During this school year, let us continue to grow in love for You and in respect for one another. Let us learn to see with Your eyes and choose joy!

Amen



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