

# St. Nicholas Weekly News

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2021

DEAR FAMILIES,

Indigenous Ways of Knowing are steeped in a deep respect and connection to the land. This year, students at St. Nicholas will be reading the book *When the Trees Crackle with Cold: A Cree Calendar*, which explores the changes in the environment throughout the year. We would like to encourage families to take the time on Truth and Reconciliation Day (Thursday, September 30th) to find a spot in nature that they can revisit multiple times this year. As you visit this spot, take a moment to think about the impacts of residential schools and say a prayer for residential school survivors and those who were lost. On Tuesday, September 28th students and staff are encouraged to wear orange to honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada.



A reminder that school photos will take place on Wednesday, September 29th (Eng. kindergarten will have their photos on Tuesday, September 28th).

God Bless,

Mr. Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

## Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 28** - Eng. Kindergarten photos (pm)
- **Tuesday, September 28** - Orange shirt day
- **Wednesday, September 29** - School Council virtual AGM at 6:00pm
- **Wednesday, September 29** - BUCPS virtual AGM/meeting at 7:00pm
- **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

- The Alberta Daily Screener tool has recently changed. A new question about household contacts has been added. Here is the link - [The Alberta Daily Screening](#)

## School Council Information:

- **Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser:** St. Nicholas' Parent Council is happy to announce the return of our Davison Orchards Apple Fundraiser! These apples are fresh from the

Okanagan, they keep well in a cool dry place, and are great for lunches, snacks and baking!

- Again this year due to the current COVID restrictions, the fundraiser will be held completely paperless and cashless. In order to ensure everyone's safety we are asking that if you would like to order apples, please fill out the google form found in the link below. Once you have completed the order form please send an etransfer to [st.nicholaspac@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholaspac@gmail.com) as soon as possible to complete your order. Please note that Parent Council's bank account has been set up to automatically deposit your etransfer so there is no password, etc. necessary. **Orders will be accepted until 12pm on Thursday, October 14th.** If payment has not been received by October 14th your order will not be processed.
- \*\*\*We will only be accepting funds via etransfer again this year in order to keep the fundraiser paperless and cashless. Cash and cheques will not be accepted, please do not send payments to school with your children.\*\*\*
- The apple pick-up date will be held on **Tuesday, October 26th** - more details to come on this.
- Please feel free to share the link below with family, friends or on social media to help make this fundraiser a great success for our school!
- **Order form** - <https://formfaca.de/sm/BeK1qA9aO>

### **Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parent Society (BUCPS) Information**

- Please join us for our Annual General Meeting and first BUCPS Meeting of the year online on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:00PM. This will be a Google Meet virtual meeting that can be accessed using the below link. Join with Google Meet:  
<https://meet.google.com/wce-ewjt-ise?hs=224>

### **Faith Reflection**

Dear God,

We grieve for Indigenous children who experienced residential schools, and those who died while in their care. We grieve for those who have been found, those who have yet to be discovered, and those who have been forever impacted by their experiences. Heavenly Father, help us to take this grief and turn it into action that works for healing and hope. We are called to more. Let this be a moment that changes and transforms us, that we might do more for the good of your children and the good of your world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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