

St. Nicholas Weekly News

SEPT.6TH-9TH, 2022

DEAR FAMILIES,

We are off to a great start to the 2022-2023 school year! Students are getting settled into their classrooms and are adjusting to new routines. Your children are at the heart of our service and we will strive to work closely with you to ensure they achieve their personal best this year.



A friendly reminder that there is no school tomorrow (**Monday, September 6th**) and

Wednesday, September 7th is an early dismissal (2:14pm dismissal).

On Wednesday, September 7, Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day is officially celebrated in Alberta. Ukrainians first settled in Alberta in 1891. For over 130 years, Ukrainians have called Alberta home - and have made great contributions to the cultural, political, social and economic life of our province - enriching the mosaic of our society. Alberta has the third largest Ukrainian population in Canada, after Manitoba and Saskatchewan. More than 4000 Ukrainians came to Alberta since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We are asking our students to wear Ukrainian colours (yellow and blue) or Ukrainian shirts/blouses to school to celebrate Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day on **Wednesday, September 7th**.

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God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

Staffing 2022-2023 school year:

Principal - Peter Rachmistruk

Assistant Principal/Grade 4 English - Barb Rafuse

Secretary - Simone Dubuc

Inclusive Learning Facilitator/Grade 4 - Katie Nestorowich

Family Wellness Worker - Allison Norrie

Librarian - Aubin Pawl-Nixon

Kindergarten (English)/Grade 1 (Ukrainian) - Erin Dziwenko

Grade 1 English/Chaplain - Joclyn Beliveau

Grade 2 English - Ronda Stychyshyn

Grade 3 English - Kalin Spooner

Grade 3/4 English - Lindsey LeBel

Grade 4 English - Barb Rafuse/Katie Nestorowich

Kindergarten (Ukrainian) - Irene Somyk

Grade 1/2 Ukrainian - Lindsay Baugh/ Erin Dziwenko

* Some subjects will be taught separately

Grade 3 Ukrainian - Tara Malko

Grade 4 Ukrainian/Music - Oksana Cokan

Grade 1/2/4 Ukrainian and Grade 4 French - Tanya Hyshka

Educational Assistant - Murielle Clarke

Educational Assistant - Cathy Kennard

Educational Assistant - Fran Gibson

Custodian - Christine Eaglesham

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, September 5** - No school (Labour Day holiday)
- **Wednesday, September 7** - Early dismissal (2:14pm dismissal)/ Wear blue/yellow (Ukrainian Heritage Day)
- **Tuesday, September 13** - School Council meeting at St. Nicholas (6:00pm)
- **Wednesday, September 14** - Informal Meet the Staff BBQ at 5:00pm (more info to follow in next week's update)
- **Wednesday, September 21** - School photos (whole school except Ukr. Kindergarten)
- **Thursday, September 22** - Ukr. Kindergarten school photos
- **Friday, September 23** - PD Day (no school for students)
- **Thursday, September 29** - Orange Shirt Day
- **Friday, September 30** - Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

Information

- We have received a new security system. Cameras have been installed in and around the school (including outside). Our front doors will be locked after 9:00am. There is a doorbell located on the front doors to gain access into the school.
- Recess - For the month of September, we will continue to have students play in recess zones by grade Monday-Thursday. Fridays will be "free play Fridays", where students are able to play in any zone and with any grade. Our staff will revisit this in October.
- In order to limit distractions for our students and provide an optimal learning environment we are kindly asking the following: Parents/visitors are permitted to enter the school provided there is a valid reason (ie. volunteering). Parents/volunteers are asked to sign in at the office when entering the school. Thank you in advance for not gathering outside of classrooms or hallways.
- If you need to pass along a message to your child regarding before/after school instructions we kindly ask that you call the school (780-467-3633) before noon. We understand that emergencies arise, however, we would like to notify our teachers as soon as possible to help them with end of the day routines.

OLPH Parish Information

- The deadline to join Fall preparation classes here at the church is September 7th. This is for all grades: First Reconciliation/First Communion AND Confirmation. OLPH parish has a Family Faith Formation approach to sacramental preparation, so we offer several dates and options throughout the school year to help busy parents choose a time that will work best for them to participate fully and actively with their child.

Faith Reflection

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. We are truly "Better Together". Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen



ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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"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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