

St. Nicholas Weekly News

February 6th-8th, 2023

Dear Families,

A friendly reminder that there is no school for students this Thursday and Friday (Teacher's Convention).

On Shrove Tuesday, the traditional feast day before the start of Lent, students will receive individually wrapped pancakes and sausages from Headquarters restaurant. Shrove Tuesday is on Tuesday, February 21. A big thank you to our school council for sponsoring the pancake breakfast. We are kindly asking students to bring in a toonie to offset some of the costs. Students can bring their \$2.00 to the office beginning tomorrow.

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

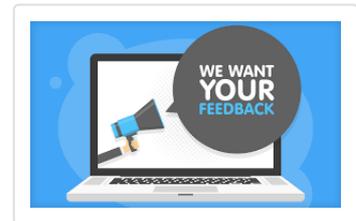
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Upcoming Important Dates

- **February 7** - Divine Liturgy (Ukr. classes only) at St. Basil's (am)
- **February 9/10** - Teacher's Convention (no school for students)
- **February 14** - Valentine's Day (classroom activities)
- **February 16** - Kindergarten Open House at 6:00pm
- **Monday, February 20** - Family Day (no school)
- **Tuesday, February 21** - Shrove Tuesday (pancake breakfast - \$2.00 donation)
- **Tuesday, February 21** - Pink shirt day
- **Wednesday, February 22** - Ash Wednesday - School mass at OLPH Parish (1:00pm)

Information

- Please note that Kindergarten registration is now open for online registrations. Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2023, can be registered for Kindergarten. For the 2023-2024 school year, Ukrainian Kindergarten will be offered on Mondays/Wednesdays (and alternating Fridays) and English Kindergarten will be offered on Tuesdays/Thursdays (and alternating Fridays). To register please go to - <https://www.eics.ab.ca/programs/kindergarten/kindergarten>. Our kindergarten open house will be on Thursday, February 16th at 6:00pm. A short information session will be held in the library at 6:00pm followed by school tours.
- We are also excited to announce that BUCPS (Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parent Society) will be offering a Pre-Kindergarten program for 4 year olds next year. There is no



requirement to be of Ukrainian descent, all are welcome! Please see attached poster for more information - [Pre-K \(4 Year Old Program\).pdf](#)

- The Ukrainian Bilingual Program of Edmonton Catholic Schools and Elk Island Catholic Schools will celebrate the school year with our annual liturgy, led by Bishop David Motiuk. The liturgy will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at St. Basil Church (7007 109 Street, Edmonton) at 9:45am. We will be collecting donations for Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine. Our students will be leaving the school at 9:00am and will return at approx. 12:00pm. The students will be traveling by bus and the cost of transportation will be covered by the UBLA (Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association). All students are asked to wear their Ukrainian shirts/blouses for the liturgy and have a change of clothing for the afternoon classes.
- If you haven't had a chance, I would like to invite you to participate in our Assurance Survey for the 2022-2023 school year. Results from this survey will be used to inform planning at the school and divisional level for the 2023/2024 school year. Here is the link- [EICS Parent Assurance Survey 2022-2023](#) Thank you in advance for taking a few moments to complete the survey. Your feedback is welcomed and appreciated.

Faith Reflection

Lord, we thank you for your steadfastness. You never fail. You are our strength in our time of need. God, we give you our worries, burdens and cares this day. Thank you that we do not have to fear, for you are always right beside us. Encourage our hearts today. Remind us of your loving kindness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



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