

# St. Nicholas Weekly News

March 6th-10th, 2023

Dear Families,

March is upon us and we just can't seem to shake winter! It looks as though more cooler temperatures are on the horizon for the next little while. Our lost and found is getting quite full, Mrs. Eaglesham (custodian) has put out the items on a table for students to claim their winter gear.

For this year's Lenten project, our school community will be gathering items for our sister school in Lviv, Ukraine. We wanted to undertake a project that would get our students involved as we travel on our Lenten journey ("students helping students"). Next week, I will share detailed information on how our school community can donate.

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

## Upcoming Important Dates

- **Tuesday, March 7** - School Council meeting at 6:00pm
- **Tuesday, March 7** - BUCPS virtual meeting at 7:30pm Zoom Link - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84600188466?pwd=dHU4U1AyS2p5NmZDY05rd2dELzJMUT09>
- **March 9** - Wear blue/yellow (see information below)
- **March 21 - March 22** - Parent/Teacher Conferences (more information to follow)
- **Thursday, March 23** - Hot lunch (Purple Perogy)
- **Friday, March 24** - Spring break begins (no school)
- **Monday, April 3** - Classes resume

## Information

- On Thursday, March 9th we are encouraging students and staff to wear blue/yellow as we are commemorating Ukraine's most famous poet, writer and artist - Taras Shevchenko.
- 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>

## Inclusive Learning Services - Monthly Home Connections



- Inclusive Learning Teacher Consultant: Learn and teach your child about colours. Help your child learn the names of different colours. Match the same or different colours, while out and about ask children to find something that is green or the same color as something else, when requesting items specify colors (please give me a blue cup) or have your kiddos request a specific color item, and label colors as often as possible throughout conversation (I love the blue circle you made; I like your pink shirt).
- Occupational Therapist (OT) - Play on the Floor! Sitting or laying on tummies on the floor (cobra style) is good for core muscle development, postural control and can help develop hand dominance! Read a book, do a puzzle, play a game, colour a picture.
- Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) - Play turn taking games with your child (e.g., building a tower together, playing simple board games, taking turns blowing bubbles) and help your child use social phrases like “my turn”, “your turn” and “good job”.

### **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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