

# St. Nicholas Weekly News

March 13th-17th, 2023

Dear Families,

For this year's Lenten project, our school community will be gathering items for our sister school in Lviv, Ukraine. This initiative fosters students helping students as we travel on our Lenten journey. We have partnered with The Ed Stelmach Community Foundation, and they have graciously offered to pay for the shipping for these items. We have connected with some teachers at the school in Ukraine and compiled a list of items that could be donated:

- Soft cover books (new)
- Posters (Canadian themed posters preferred)
- School supplies (pens, pencil crayons, markers)
- Board games

There will be an opportunity to purchase books and posters at our upcoming Book Fair (see below for more information). Students who purchase a book or poster to be donated will be entered into a draw for prizes. We will be collecting items until April 6th. Thank you for your consideration.

Our Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, March 22. Some teachers will be conducting 10 minute individual conferences in person or via phone and other teachers will be conducting student-led conferences (15 minute time slots). Information and booking instructions for your conference time was sent in a separate email last week.

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

## Upcoming Important Dates

- **March 20 - March 23** - Book Fair (information below)
- **March 21 - March 22** - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Thursday, March 23** - Hot lunch (Purple Perogy)
- **Friday, March 24** - Spring break begins (no school)
- **Monday, April 3** - Classes resume
- **April 3-6** - English classes writing Ukrainian Easter Eggs (letter to be sent home this week)



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### **Book Fair Information**

- March 20-23 in School - During school hours and evenings of Parent/Teacher Conferences (virtual March 15- March 31)
- Come on in during the evening of Parent/Teacher conferences and you can have a chance to enter our Family Event Draw to win \$25 worth of books for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom. Parents also have the opportunity to shop from the comfort of home at our Virtual Book Fair. <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5183902>
- Did you know that for every \$10 spent at the Book Fair, up to \$6 in product goes directly back to our school library? Our book fair is a fun and exciting way to help our school library fill our shelves with new books, titles our kids can't wait to read!

### **Information**

- We are excited that we have a few clubs occurring on different days throughout the week. Mondays - Prayer Club (all grades), Tuesdays - Board Game Club (grades 3 and 4) and Wednesdays - Kids Care 2 Club (spreading kindness and positivity in our community- all grades)
- 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>

### **Hot lunch Information**

- March's Hot Lunch will be on Thursday, March 23rd (Mrs. Somyk's Ukrainian kinder class) and will feature Purple Perogy! Please have payment sent in full via e-transfer to [stnicholashotlunchpac@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholashotlunchpac@gmail.com) by the order deadline of the end of day, Friday March 17th.

### **Faith Reflection**

Lord and Saviour, as we undertake this Lenten journey, we seek to know your merciful love in all that you have done for us. May we face our sins squarely, assured that you know and love us as we are. May we always be confident that your mercy is far more powerful than our sins and that you draw all people to yourself. Help us to turn to you in sorrow and to praise you in joy, knowing that you hold all things in your hand. Amen



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