

# ST. NICHOLAS WEEKLY NEWS

April 8th-12th , 2024

## Dear Families,

Elk Island Catholic Schools is preparing for a partial solar eclipse that will occur during the lunch hour on Monday, April 8. It will occur between approximately 11:40am and 1:40pm, depending on individual schools.



While it is never safe to look directly at the sun without proper eye protection, there is an increased likelihood of people looking at the sun in an attempt to view the partial solar eclipse. As a result, we are adjusting schedules to prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff.

## Lunch, Recess, and Outdoor Activities

Students will be kept indoors for the duration of the partial solar eclipse, including recess.

To learn more about solar eclipses, visit the following websites:

- [Canadian Space Agency: How to safely watch a solar eclipse](#)
- [Next eclipses visible from Canada](#)
- [TELUS World of Science: partial solar eclipse](#)

The health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority.

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

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Principal

## Upcoming Important Dates:

- **April 16** - School Council meeting at 6:00pm

## Information

- News from EICS - We are thrilled to announce the launch of our First Rider Program for the 2024-2025 school year, designed to introduce young bus riders to safe and confident school bus riding experiences. We believe that instilling confidence and knowledge in our young riders is crucial for their transportation safety. Please see attached poster (with QR code) with information on how to sign up.

## School Council Information

- Parent Council is excited to announce a new partnership with Code Ninjas, which aims to provide students and parents with a fun and engaging opportunity to learn about coding. We'll be offering a one-hour session where parents and their children can work together to explore the fascinating world of coding and even create a mini-game. To ensure that everyone has the chance to participate, we'd love to hear your feedback before finalizing the details of the event. Code Ninjas will be coming to St. Nicholas and offering 25 spots for students to participate during the evening.
- Code Ninjas recommends that this activity is most suitable for students aged 8 and above. However, we understand that younger siblings may also be interested and we encourage you to partner them with an older student to enhance their learning experience. Parents will need to attend and participate so that their children can get the most out of this experience.
- Please take a minute to fill out this form and let us know if this interests you! In case we receive more than 25 expressions of interest, we'll look at hosting two sessions that evening to accommodate everyone. Thank you for your feedback! This form will be available until the end of day today (Sunday, April 7th). <https://forms.gle/hwDZJFTqqWmREmbeA> For inquiries regarding this event please contact [st.nicholaspac@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholaspac@gmail.com)

### Faith Reflection

Almighty and ever living God,

As we greet the signs in nature around us, of spring once again in bloom, in the songs of returning birds and fields soon to be planted, we give you praise for an ever greater sign of new life: the resurrection of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we especially celebrate at this time.

The sadness and despair of his death has given way to the bright promise of immortality. For the Resurrection is our guarantee that justice will triumph over treason, light will overcome darkness, and love will conquer death. We praise you in this Easter season. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen

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