

Principal's Update

23/11/2020

DEAR FAMILIES,

Normally at this time of the year students and staff would be busy preparing for an upcoming Christmas concert. Unfortunately, AHS Covid safety protocols will prevent us from having a traditional concert this year. We will however have a number of activities occurring during Advent and the students will still be participating in a number of Christmas-related activities this year. I would like to highlight a few of the activities that will be taking place:

- Weekly Advent prayer assemblies (led by students) starting on Monday, November 30 broadcasted virtually for all classes to view. We are hoping to record these assemblies and share them via email to our parent community
- Mrs. Nixon (librarian) will be recording videos of the book "The Donkey in The Living Room" and students will view the videos each day for the last 10 days of school before Christmas break
- Students will be caroling and singing Christmas themed songs in music class
- Some classes will be participating in the "Grins for Grads Christmas Card Project". The cards will be delivered to seniors centers around the Edmonton area, including Shepards Care Center in Millwoods, which have all been hit with Covid outbreaks. With all of the lockdowns and deaths, the seniors are feeling very sad, lonely, and scared. The goal is to have a card for each of the seniors in the homes and provide a glimmer of sunshine.
- Class related Christmas activities occurring throughout the month of December

Please take a few minutes to view the November COVID update to EICS communities from Paul Corrigan (Assistant Superintendent) - <https://youtu.be/U0qxjpH40G8>

God Bless, Peter Rachmistruk

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, November 25-** School Council (PAC) virtual meeting @ 6:00pm
meet.google.com/dcd-svht-nms

Information

- A new benefit was launched in October called the Canada Recovery Benefit or CRB (CERB - The Canada Emergency Response Benefit ended October 3rd). The CRB gives income support to employed and self-employed individuals who are directly affected by COVID-19 and who are not entitled to EI benefits. The conditions are different from CERB but if you are eligible you can receive \$1000 for a 2-week period. You can apply through your Canada Revenue Agency My Pass account every 2 weeks. You may apply up to a total of 13 eligibility periods (26 weeks) from now until September 25, 2021. For more information on

how to apply, visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-benefit.html>

- There is also an option through the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) to apply if you are home with a sick child who can not go to school or if you have to isolate. The CRSB also gives income support to individuals unable to work because they are sick or who have an underlying health condition that puts them at greater risk of getting COVID-19. If eligible, you can receive \$500 for a 1-week period. If your situation continues past 1 week, you will need to apply again. You may apply up to a total of 2 weeks from now until September 25th, 2021. For more information on CRSB visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/benefits/recovery-sickness-benefit.html>

- November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month - [Catholic Social Services.png](#)

Faith Corner

Heavenly Father,

Please shine your light upon our St. Nicholas family. Give us strength to overcome any difficulties we are dealing with and protect us against any problems we may encounter in the future. O Lord, please bring us together as we are meant to be. May the love that binds us only grow stronger as we fulfill the destiny you have laid out for us. Bless us Lord, in your name we pray,
Amen



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