

# Principal's Update

07/12/2020

## DEAR FAMILIES,

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we have been notified that a case of COVID-19 has been diagnosed in an individual from St. Nicholas Catholic School. I again would like to thank our St. Nicholas community for being so supportive as we strive to keep everyone safe.

Please continue to monitor your child for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. The Alberta Health daily checklist can be found [here](#). Please remember to complete the checklist each day prior to attending school. If your child has any of the symptoms of illness listed on the Alberta Health daily checklist, please fill out the online [Alberta Health Services COVID-19 self-assessment](#) or call Health Link at 811 and keep your child at home.

Our second week of advent prayer assembly will be held tomorrow and will be led by Mrs. Cokan and the grade four Ukrainian class. During this week's assembly we will also be celebrating the feast day of St. Nicholas. Unfortunately, St. Nicholas will not be able to visit the students in their classroom this year. However, he has prepared a message for the students and arranged to have a small gift delivered to them. We are assured he has followed all Covid protocols. The staff and students would like to thank BUCPS and School Council (PAC) for assisting St. Nicholas in ensuring our students receive their special gift this year.

God bless, Peter Rachmistruk

### Upcoming Important Dates

- **Monday, December 7** - 2nd week of Advent prayer assembly
- **Friday, December 11** - Spirit Day (Christmas Colour Day) wear something Red/Green/White
- **Tuesday, December 22** - Last day of in school learning
- **December 23 - January 5** - Christmas Break
- **January 6, 7 and 8** - Online learning (3 days)
- **Monday, January 11** - In school learning resumes

### Information

- Here is the updated Covid Re-Entry Parent Handbook (updated as of November 19) for your reference - [Parent Re-Entry Handbook](#)
- Our Elk Island Catholic Schools families are invited to help bring Christmas joy to vulnerable women and children by participating in Catholic Social Services' 2020 *Stuff a Stocking for Sign of Hope* initiative! Donations received through this campaign will go towards purchasing gifts, stockings, and Christmas trees for over 100 women and children currently seeking refuge at CSS shelters. Consider making a donation and bringing joy to someone in need this holiday season! Here is the link for the fundraiser

page: <https://bit.ly/EICSadvent> Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the women and children of Valeda House.

### **Faith Corner**

Father in heaven, during this second week of Advent, help us see clearly the times when we have sinned. Accept our sorrow for having pulled away from you, and give us firm resolve to stay close to you. God above, help us conduct ourselves in holiness. We long to be the people you expect us to be. Help us as we strive to make our souls spotless and our hearts and minds at peace. Help us, Lord, to remember that we were baptized for a reason. Help us realize our baptismal call to live as children of God. And dear God, don't let us miss chances this week to be welcoming to other people and to work in harmony with everyone. Help us as we try to change our ways so that we are good examples of people who love and follow the Lord.



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