

St. Nicholas Weekly News

MARCH 15TH-19TH, 2021

DEAR FAMILIES,

Students will be writing "modified" Ukrainian Easter eggs (Pysanky) the last week before spring break. Classroom teachers will be communicating information to their respective families. Students will be asked to bring 2 hard boiled eggs to school and they will decorate the egg with wax crayons or coloured sharpies. Thank you to the generous support of our St. Nicholas School Council and BUCPS for purchasing sharpies for the students to use. Just a reminder, here is a link for kindergarten registration: <https://www.eics.ab.ca/parents-and-students/school-registration>



Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2021, can be registered for Kindergarten. For the 2021-2022 school year, Ukrainian Kindergarten will be offered on Mondays/Wednesdays (and some Fridays) and English Kindergarten will be offered on Tuesdays/Thursdays (and some Fridays). Please help spread the word!

God bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Upcoming Important Dates

- **Wednesday, March 17** - St. Patrick's Day (wear green!)
- **March 23/24** - Parent/Teacher conferences (booking information sent on Friday, March 12)
- **Friday, March 26** - No school (first day of Spring Break)
- **March 26-April 5** - Spring Break (no school)

Information

- Each student at St. Nicholas decorated a popsicle stick for our Lenten cross project. Mrs. Beliveau glued all the popsicle sticks together and created this beautiful piece of art - [Cross.JPG](#)
- On April 7th, live at 3:00 pm, EICS will be hosting an online event kicking off the new direction of our ongoing partnership with Catholic Social Services supporting vulnerable women and children. Check out [this video](#)

for an explanation of the event and a reminder of our Lenten call.

Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parent Society (BUCPS) information:

Pysanky are traditionally made during Holy Week, the last week of Lent. History tells us that each region, village, and almost every family in Ukraine had its own special ritual, its own symbols, meanings and secret formulas for dyeing eggs. These customs were preserved faithfully and passed down through the generations. The practice of decorating pysanky was observed with greatest care, and a pysanka, after receiving the Easter blessing, was held to have great powers.

The students really look forward to and enjoy this annual activity. We appreciate that due to the pandemic, this experience may be a bit different this year at each of our three schools. To support the continuation of this tradition at home, the BUCPS Executive has packaged 50 Pysanka Starter Kits that we will be selling for \$20/each (see attached picture). Each kit includes: 1 medium tip wooden kistka, 1 single sheet of natural beeswax and 6 dyes (Yellow, Orange, Scarlet, Lt. Blue, Lt. Green, Black). **We only have 50 available and they are first come first serve!**

If you are interested in purchasing a kit, please email your e-transfer to bucpstreas@gmail.com and make the password "Easter".

*** Please include in the Memo/Message of the e-transfer **the students name, grade and teacher** so the kits can be delivered to their classroom.

As there are only 50 kits this year, there will be a limit of 3 kits per family. ***

Delivery to schools will be the beginning of the week of March 22-26th, ensuring students can bring home by the end of that week.

Faith Corner

Father, it is so hard to believe that you love me immensely. You love me not just when I am on the right track, but even more when I stumble. I have a hard time accepting that, for that seems so foreign to me. May this Lent convince me of your love, and may I love you in return. Amen.



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