

St. Nicholas Weekly News

APRIL 12TH-16TH, 2021

DEAR FAMILIES,

As part of the Ukrainian Easter tradition, the students and staff of St. Nicholas Catholic school will be participating in a virtual Easter basket blessing celebration on **Thursday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m.** We had originally planned this celebration to take place outside, but are being vigilant and making the prudent decision to hold this celebration virtually.

Father Rendy from St. Sophia Ukrainian Catholic church will lead us in prayer. The Ukrainian Bilingual students are asked to wear their Ukrainian blouses/shirts and the English students - their Sunday best attire for the service (and can bring a change of clothing for the rest of the day).

Each student is asked to bring small portions of foods from the following list (this is optional and is not mandatory for students to bring food):

1. Hard boiled egg
2. Slices of ham
3. Pieces of sausage
4. Slices of Easter bread
5. Cottage cheese and butter

Small portions are best because blessed food needs to be eaten and cannot be thrown out.

Please have the items cut up and in a Ziploc bag or a reusable container with your child's name labelled.

If you have a small basket, your child can bring their Easter food in that basket.

In participating in this service, we hope that the students will develop an appreciation and deeper understanding of the range of Christian expression, foster a sense of kinship and pride in the richness of our faith.

God bless,

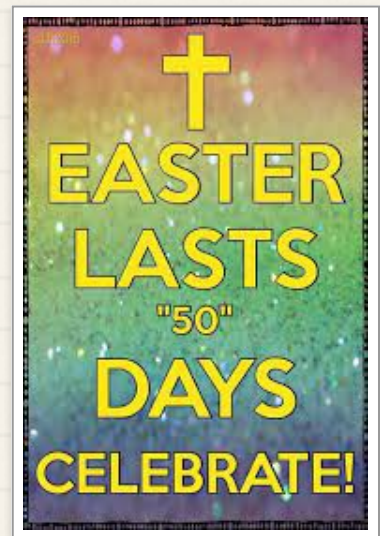
Peter Rachmistruk

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Thursday, April 15 at 1:00pm** - Virtual Easter basket celebration
- **Friday, April 16** - PD Day (no school)

Information:

- Alberta Education released the draft K-6 curricula last week and is inviting feedback from all Albertans. EICS will spend the next several weeks unpacking the new curriculum. We



will be engaging our teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders before providing our feedback on the survey. Our EICS educational consultants will be reviewing the new draft curriculum, and we will be engaging teachers in various grades in the review. We will also be seeking input from Alberta Education on what a possible pilot might entail - release time, professional learning, and resources. Prior to a recommendation being made regarding piloting, EICS is committed to a comprehensive review. We invite you to provide your feedback - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdC1jxPA58wSQH7IkD-KTVxuFC-c_5e11oR40VXGsx6gYXusQ/viewform

- EICS Transportation job posting - [EICS Posting.pdf](#)
- Catholic Social Services (CSS) Sign of Hope is excited at this moment of transition as they adopt responsibility for the women and children served by the Lurana shelter. Lurana officially joined Catholic Social Services on April 1, 2021. The support of the staff, students, and parents of Elk Island Catholic School Division have sustained CSS and specifically Valeda House for many years now. As we begin this new phase of our relationship we hope you will invest your creative energies in raising the funds which will keep the doors open at Lurana Shelter. To read more about this amazing partnership and make a donation, please click on the following link - <https://www.eics.ab.ca/about-us/media-room/post/stronger-together-partnership-between-catholic-social-services-and-eics>

Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parent Society (BUCPS) Fundraiser:

We are excited to announce our BUCPS Spring Fundraiser, right in time for Mother's Day! There are many products to choose from – hanging baskets, patio planters, strawberry hanging baskets, succulents, herbs, veggies, geraniums, petunias, marigolds and more!

Details:

- Order online at - <https://spbucps.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
 - You will have the option to pay by credit card or e-transfer only.
 - Please note that e-transfers must be received by April 16 for orders to be fulfilled.
 - Please note that e-transfers need to be sent to bucpstreas@gmail.com. Question should be "What is this for?" and the answer needs to be "Flowers".
- Orders are due by Friday, April 16, 2021.
- Pick up will be on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at St. Nicholas Catholic School (109 Georgian Way) from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

If you require assistance or have any questions, please contact Angela Ewaskiw @780-908-0785 or Jen Stav @780-915-8572, or email bucpsfundraising@gmail.com.

*** All orders and payment will be done online. Pick up will follow COVID guidelines and details will be provided at a later date. ***

Faith Corner

Almighty God, I praise You for Your power, presence, and purpose in my life. I confess my unbelief and my unwillingness to press on when hope seems dead. Oh Lord, please pour Your Spirit afresh on me. May Your resurrecting power shine forth in my life and the lives of my loved ones. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen



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"Our Catholic School Family, embracing both English and Ukrainian Bilingual programs is dedicated to providing the best opportunities for learning while nurturing in our students' continuous personal growth."

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