

# St. Nicholas Weekly News

JUNE 14TH-18TH, 2021

## DEAR FAMILIES,

If you have not already done so please take a few minutes to complete your child's *Demographic Confirmation* and *Yearly Consent Forms* on PowerSchool. Having the most up-to-date information about our students ensures we have current information to reach you during the day if necessary. Please contact Ms. Dubuc at the office at 780-467-3633 if you have any questions. You can access your [PowerSchool ParentPortal](#) here. The annual consent forms allow your child full participation in all activities next year (ie. field trips). Thank you for completing these forms so your child experiences the full learning benefits at St. Nicholas.



All grade 4 students at St. Nicholas will walk to OLPH Parish on Thursday, June 17th to celebrate mass together. Mass will begin at 10:00am. Parents of the grade 4 students will have an opportunity to participate in a "drive-through" goodbye in the afternoon. Details regarding the "drive-through" and farewell were communicated to grade 4 parents via the homeroom teachers last week. Please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions.

Mrs. Sombyk will be communicating details to kindergarten parents regarding the kindergarten farewells on June 17 (Ukr.) and June 18 (Eng.).

God bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

### Upcoming Important Dates

- **Monday, June 7** - Grade 4/8/12 Ukrainian Farewell
- **Tuesday, June 15th** - BUCPS Online Year End Meeting at 7:00pm (Google meet link: [meet.google.com/inu-bjct-rni](https://meet.google.com/inu-bjct-rni))
- **Thursday, June 17** - Grade 4 Farewell
- **June 17/18** - Kindergarten Farewell
- **Wednesday, June 23** - Fitset Ninja (obstacle course)
- **Friday, June 25** - Last day of classes

### 2021-2022 School Year Update

- We are in the process of finalizing staffing for next year. In next week's email I will be providing an announcement regarding staffing for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Please note, you will receive an email from your child's classroom teacher at the end of August indicating which homeroom they have been placed in. There are some expected movements/additions over the summer and we want to gather as a staff in August to ensure we place students in the best possible learning environment to ensure a successful school year.
- Parents will receive their school supply list in an email the last week of school. School supply lists will be generic so as to not create confusion. Parents will have the option to purchase all school supplies through the "Staples School Tools" program or to purchase supplies on their own. School supply lists will also be available on our website.

### **Information**

- On Wednesday, June 23 students will be participating in an outdoor obstacle course run by Fitset Ninja. Parents will need to sign the third party waiver from Fitset Ninja. Please have your child dress appropriately for this physical activity.
- School fees for next year - Parents, we are proceeding with the notion that it will be a "normal" year next year. Of course, we will be ready to change course if required. I would like to share with you the fees that have been approved for next year- [2021-2022 School Fees.pdf](#) Please feel free to contact the school if you require any further clarification.

### **Update from Mrs. Matheson (Family Wellness Worker)**

Hello parents, Congratulations on supporting your children through another incredible school year! Our students and staff deserve three cheers for their continued efforts and resilience in all that they have accomplished this year. Regrettably, this is my last year with EICS as my family and I venture back to our roots in Nova Scotia this summer. So, Mom's and Dad's of our St. Nicholas village, thank you for entrusting me with the wellness of your children and welcoming me into your lives as well. My experiences with staff, students and families at St. Nicholas have been memorable with the added bonus of being immersed in our Catholic faith each day, which has been a blessing in and of itself. If there is anything I can support with this week before I wrap things up, please don't hesitate to reach out. If over the summer you find your family is in need of extra support before getting connected with your new Family Wellness Worker in September, I have posted a few contacts below that are a good place to turn. I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer!

*Strathcona Family and Community Services: 780-464-4044*

*Strathcona County Food Bank: 780-449-6413*

*The Distress Line: 780-482-4357*

*Mental Health Hotline: 1-877-303-2642*

*The Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868*

*Stollery Mental Health Crisis Line: 780-407-1000*

*Access 24/7 Mental Health Support: 780-424-2424*

*Dial 211 for non-crisis community information & referrals*

### **OLPH Parish News**

OLPH is offering a Vacation Bible School "2021 at Home Edition" for kids pre-k to grade 5. Our parish VBS team has been busy putting together an at home VBS package for your children so that you can enjoy a small bit of camp at home this summer. We will have packages ready for pickup at the parish on Saturday July 17. There is no cost, but you must sign up online in advance to receive a package. Be sure to indicate the number of children in your family so they each receive a craft. We hope to offer an in-person bible camp at OLPH Parish again next summer 2022! Sign up here: <https://www.olph.ca/youth-ministry/vacation-bible-camp/>

### **Faith Corner**



Lord, when my heart is overwhelmed, overwhelm me with your peace. Lead me to You, my rock. Guide me to your word, which gives me strength and refuge. Help me not to run to lesser things, draw me to run to You first. Thank you, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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