

# St. Nicholas Weekly News

Sept 18th-23rd, 2023

Dear Families,



Thank you to all the parents and students who attended our Meet the Staff BBQ last week. As well, a big thank you to all our volunteer parents and students who helped setup, BBQ and clean up!

A friendly reminder that our Terry Fox run will be held on Friday. We are collecting "Toonies for Terry" in support of the Terry Fox Foundation. Students will gather for an assembly on Friday, then go outside to walk/run in a designated area in our soccer field. Please have your child dress for the weather.

**Message from Elk Island Catholic Schools:**

*Elk Island Catholic Schools has changed to a new system over the summer with the intent to refine how schools and parents communicate with each other. This transition has created some unintended complications for our schools and parents since its September 1 rollout. Please rest assured that we are aware of this and are working with the software's development team to resolve these matters. SchoolEngage is a custom-made software, and what we have implemented so far is not fully representative of the final experience. Additional updates and features will continue to be added in the near future. In the meantime, please visit the website of your child's school for up-to-date information. We apologize for any inconvenience this new rollout has caused, and are thankful for your ongoing patience and understanding.*

God Bless,  
Peter Rachmistruk  
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Principal

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

- **Tuesday, September 19** - School Council meeting (6:00pm) at St. Nicholas
- **Thursday, September 21** - African drummers (class presentations)
- **Friday, September 22** - Terry Fox run/Hot lunch (Nitza's Pizza)
- **Monday, September 25** - School photos (whole school except Eng. Kindergarten)/BUCPS virtual meeting at 7:30pm
- **Tuesday, September 26** - Eng. Kindergarten school photos

- **Friday, September 29** - Orange Shirt Day/Whole school field trip to watch the Viter Ukrainian dancers at the Dow Centennial Centre (more info to follow in next week's update)
- **Monday, October 2** - Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school)

### **Information**

- A friendly reminder that we are requesting no treats brought in to school for birthdays or special occasions. We have a number of students with severe allergies and appreciate your cooperation in making our school environment a safe and healthy place for all students.
- We would like to share with our community that we have a Facebook and Instagram account. Please follow both of our social media accounts and you can find us at: @stnicholas.eics

### **School Council (PAC) Information**

#### **Davison Orchard Apple Fundraiser:**

- PAC is pleased to offer our first fundraising initiative for the school year, Davison Orchard Apple Fundraiser! This fundraiser will be open for ordering from Sunday, September 3rd through until Wednesday, October 4th! This fundraiser is open to family and friends as well! This fundraiser is important for PAC as it funds our grade 4 leadership t-shirts as well as the school's Meet the Teacher Night!
- To Order - Ordering will be through our hot lunch website! To order, please create an account for your child(ren) as instructed above and order through the order menu. For friends and family to order, they can either combine their orders with yours or create their own account to order through.
- Payment - payment for the entire order is due before the closing date of Wednesday, October 4th. If an order is not paid in full, unfortunately the order will not be placed. Payments can be sent via e-transfer to [st.nicholaspac@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholaspac@gmail.com). Unfortunately, other forms of payment can not be accepted at this time.
- Delivery and Pick up - Apples will be delivered and will need to be picked up from the school on Wednesday, October 18th (times to follow)!
- Volunteers - Volunteers will be needed to help unload the delivery truck as well as help hand out apples. More information to come!

Any questions or for volunteer inquiries please contact us at [st.nicholaspac@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholaspac@gmail.com)

### **OLPH Parish Information**

- First Communion and Reconciliation - Sacramental preparation (fall session) opening mass and intro to First Reconciliation for parents and children either Monday, September 11 at 6:15pm or Thursday, September 14 at 6:15pm. RSVP by email to [sacraments@olph.ca](mailto:sacraments@olph.ca) or call Natalie at the Parish office 780-467-5470 (ext. 225)
- Confirmation parent meeting - All parents with children starting their classes this fall must attend either: Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00pm or Saturday, September 23 at 9:00pm. To register your child for Confirmation preparation email [sacraments@olph.ca](mailto:sacraments@olph.ca) or contact Natalie at the Parish office 780-467-5470 (ext 225)

### **Faith Reflection**

Heavenly Father, We come before you today with hearts filled with gratitude for the light of your love and guidance in our lives. As we gather in prayer, we ask that you empower us to be instruments of your light in this world. Lord, we pray for your guidance and protection as we strive to "Go Light Our World." Grant us the courage to step out of our comfort zones, to be a source of comfort to those who are hurting, and to be a source of inspiration to those who

have lost their way. We offer this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World. Amen.

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