

St. Elizabeth Seton

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



And just like that, the first month of school is over and we are moving right along into October. Where did September go? With all of our new routines and procedures it was a busy month of learning for all of us but students adjusted well and have settled into their classrooms. Thank you for your patience, understanding, positive attitude, and support as we began the year in our “new normal.” Please take a few minutes to read through the following points about important information and updates.

COVID-19

We continue to take direction and follow the guidelines from Alberta Health Services regarding COVID-19 protocols. We ask that you continue to complete the [COVID-19 screen](#) with your child each morning to determine if they are healthy enough to attend school. In the event that your child becomes unwell during the day we ask that you make arrangements as soon as possible to have your child picked up. Parents who pick up their child from school will be given the [COVID-19 Illness](#) document which outlines the timelines and expectations before a child can return to school. As always, we encourage you to access the [RDCRS Parent/Student Handbook](#) for the most up to date information.

Locker Use & Winter Gear

While we have been blessed with amazing weather this past month, we are all still aware that we live in Alberta. This means that colder days and the *white stuff* will be arriving shortly! And on that note, as our temperatures start to drop, please ensure that your children are coming to school everyday with their warmer gear as we will be heading outside for our recess breaks.

In anticipation of colder temperatures and all of the *gear* that comes with this, we are starting to roll out the use of our lockers for students. We will be doing this slowly over the next couple of weeks starting with our Grade 1 students. We will be ensuring that our locker use is staggered to allow for social distancing and for the maintenance of our cohorts.

Missing Work Due to Absence

Over the next few weeks, your teacher(s) will be communicating with you on how to access school work should your child be away from school for a significant period of time. The material will all be available online and will allow for you to work with your child on relevant material to what is being covered in the class without having to request a “homework package” and then coming into the school to pick it up and potentially drop it off later. The work that you will find online will help to keep your child progressing on the core aspects of their curriculum but will not contain specific homework assignments that need to be collected after your child returns. This work is not mandatory but is simply a service we wish to provide during a time where we know many students may be away for extended periods of time.

Footprints of Faith Celebrations

In years past, St. Elizabeth Seton School held *Footprints of Faith* celebrations where we honoured and recognized students for the joyful spirit that they have shown. With our COVID-19 safety procedures in place, having a large group of students in the gym at one time is currently not possible. However, we would still like to continue the tradition of this celebration during these unique times.

At the end of each month, we will be sending home a video with the month’s winners along with a few other presentations to recognize the unique gifts and talents that our students have. It took us a bit of time to wrap our heads around how this was going to work so our September video will be coming to you this Thursday.

Halloween Costumes & Food

Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year for many of our students. We are happy that, while many things have changed this year, wearing costumes to school is one tradition that we will be able to continue! Please feel free to send your child to school on Friday, October 30th, with their costumes. Please leave any accessories that may be associated with the costume at home. If you wish to send an extra treat with your child in their lunch that would be great, however, we will not be able to accept food donations in our classrooms for general student consumption due safety regulations.

Safety Patrol

We are very excited that we have had wonderful grade 4 and 5 students sign up for this year's edition of the AMA Safety Patrol! They took part in a training session on the afternoon of October 7, and are so excited to get started! Our first day on patrol will be Tuesday, October 13. They will be patrolling the crosswalks crossing Addinell Avenue (next to the staff parking lot) and at the corner of Addinell and Anders Street. When you see them patrolling the crosswalks, be sure to thank them, as they show great leadership and commitment to keep our students safe every day!

Upcoming Dates

Friday, October 9th	No School - Professional Development Day
Monday, October 12th	No School - Thanksgiving
Tuesday, October 13th	School Council Meeting [7:00 pm]
Wednesday, October 14th	Crazy Hair Day
Friday, October 23rd	No School - Professional Development Day
Monday, October 26th	Picture Day (Day 1)
Tuesday, October 27th	Picture Day (Day 2)
Friday, October 30th	Halloween Costume Day

Again, we thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,



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*Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Fais confiance au Seigneur de tout ton coeur.*