## St. Elizabeth Seton

# **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**



As October comes to a close, we prepare for a busy November! With November comes important events such as Parent Teacher Interviews, Remembrance Day, and the start of Advent. And let us not forget Daylight Savings Time starts on November 1st! As a school, we continue to adjust to our new normal and try to expand our ability to give you a view of your child's day. And to that end, this month, we will attempt two Live Streams of events we hold at the school; the Halloween Costume Parade and our Remembrance Day Observance. 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 <u>COVID-19 screen</u> 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 <u>COVID-19 Illness</u> document which outlines the timelines and expectations before a child can return to school. As always, we encourage you to access the <u>RDCRS Parent/Student Handbook</u> for the most up to date information.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

November is fast approaching and with it comes our Annual Parent Teacher Conferences. As we all expected, this year will look much different from our previous years' interviews. This year we will be making personal phone calls to each child's primary contact using Google Phone Calls. While most people are familiar with Google's Video Meeting Program, Google Phone will also allow us to make internet phone calls to your home line or cell phone at no cost to you.

Initially we had considered the idea of holding Video Conferences through Google Meets for our interviews but due to time constraints and potential issues with technology requirements on the parent's/guardian's end, we have decided to make phone calls as it will be easier for everyone.

At the bottom of this email is the link to our Conference Booking Website. It is the same system we have used in years past, so if you are familiar with that at least there is one thing the same! Once you have booked your meeting, you will receive a call from your teacher at the given time. **As we are using Google to make these phone calls, the number on your call display may not appear to be from our area code.** While we will endeavour to keep to our schedule, just like in a normal year, your teacher phone call may be slightly off from your booked time.

We thank you in advance for your patience as we work our way through yet another "New Normal" situation that COVID-19 has placed us in. We look forward to a day hopefully soon when we will be able to meet you all in the school face to face!

#### **Book a Parent Teacher Phone Call with the Link Below**

Please allow for at least one block of time in between each of your interviews so that you do not potentially miss another teacher's phone call. We will call the number that you have provided in the booking program to call you.

https://www.schoo<u>linterviews.ca/code?code=n76jd</u>

## Remembrance Day Live Stream [November 10, 2020 @ 10:30 am]

This year, Mr. Robichaud's grade 5 class along with Mrs. Tuchscherer, will be organizing and presenting our Remembrance Day Ceremony. We will be attempting to *Live Stream* this event to our classrooms and to you at home. A link will be provided, in the days to come for you to use on November 10. We aim to have our ceremony begin at 10:30 am but you will be able to log in a few minutes before the start of the event.

## **Catholic Education Sunday**

Sunday, November 8, is Catholic Education Sunday! A day where we celebrate the blessings of publicly funded Catholic Education in Alberta. This year, we may not all be able to attend Mass due to Alberta Health Services guidelines surrounding COVID-19, but we still want to invite you to join us if it is something that you feel comfortable attending. To book a spot at St. Mary's Parish for Catholic Education Sunday, please visit their <a href="website">website</a> to register. This link may not be active until closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you there! As a school, we will be praying a daily Novena for Catholic Education from October 29th to November 6th.

# **Upcoming Dates**

Monday, November 2 Sunday, November 8 Monday, November 9 Tuesday, November 10

Wednesday, November 11 Thursday, Nov. 12 & Friday, Nov. 13 Wednesday, November 25 Friday, November 27 Sunday, November 29 All Saints Day Celebration
Catholic Education Sunday
Parent Teacher Interviews [4:30 pm - 7:30 pm]
Remembrance Day Live Stream [10:30 am]
Parent Teacher Interviews [4:30 pm - 7:30 pm]
NO SCHOOL - Remembrance Day
NO SCHOOL

Favourite Mask Day [COVID Mask - Not Halloween Mask]

NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

First Sunday of Advent

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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