

## NEWSLETTER – December 2023

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### ÉCOLE CARDINAL LEGER SCHOOL

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"God wanted not only words from me, but actions"

~Cardinal Leger

Gospel Virtue/Sacred teaching: Hope & Humility

### NOTES FROM ADMIN

Dear Families of Ecole Cardinal Leger School Community,

I hope this message finds you well. As we approach the festive season, I wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your incredible support during our October and November fundraisers. Your generous contributions have not only exceeded our expectations but have also set the stage for exciting developments within our school community.

Thanks to your efforts, our Catholic School Community Council is now in the position to enhance both the academic resources available to our students and the overall environment within our beloved school. We are thrilled to share that a portion of the funds raised will be allocated to support academic needs, ensuring that our students have access to the best educational tools and opportunities.

Additionally, we are committed to utilizing these funds to work towards continued improvement of our school environment, creating a space that fosters growth, inspiration, and community spirit. Your contributions have a direct impact on the quality of education we can provide and contribute to the overall positive atmosphere at École Cardinal Leger School.

As we enter the liturgical season of Advent, a time of anticipation and reflection, it is an opportune moment to share with you the significance of this period in our Catholic faith. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year and is a time of joyful preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

During Advent, Catholics engage in various traditions and practices to spiritually prepare for this momentous occasion. We encourage you to participate in these meaningful activities with your family, such as the lighting of the Advent wreath, daily reflections, and acts of kindness, to deepen the spiritual connection and understanding of this season.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support. Together, we are building a strong and vibrant community that nurtures both the academic and spiritual growth of our students.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Advent season filled with hope, joy, and anticipation.

Warm regards,  
Mme Degagné-Ellis & M. St.Amand

## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER:

Friday, December 1 1:00 pm: Advent Liturgy

Tuesday, December 5: Lockdown Drill

Tuesday, December 5: CSCC Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 12: Christmas Concert 6:30 pm at Cathedral of the Holy Family

Wednesday, December 13: Grade 8 Fundraiser – Hot Dog and Candy Sale

Thursday, December 14 11:00 am: Living Rosary

Friday, December 15: Bake Sale

Saturday, December 16: Orders and payments for Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch due

December 18 – 22 Spirit Week:

Monday: Christmas Colors

Tuesday: Christmas Sweater

Wednesday: Santa Hats

Thursday: Formal Day

Friday: Pajama Day

Tuesday, December 19: Band Concert 9:45 am Kindergarten to Gr 4; 11:00 am Gr 5-8

Thursday, December 21: Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch

Friday, December 22 2:30 pm: Advent Liturgy and Sing Along

Friday, December 22: last day of school before break

**December 25 to January 5: Christmas break – no school**

### December Classroom Field Trips and Activities:

Friday, December 15 morning: Mme Wrubleski and Mme Gareau classes to Western Development Museum

## Notes from Admin

### SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Parents are reminded that students should not arrive to school before 8:45 a.m. Students needing before and after school care can contact our Explorer program director Shelley Bettker at 306-227-4325.

### PARKING

Please watch the **PARKING** signs directly in front of the school. This is a **Drop Off and Pickup Zone** only. The driver must remain in the vehicle while dropping off or picking up your children from school. **We ask that parents and guardians do not use the staff parking lot as a parking zone or to turn around while picking your children up after school. We do need to keep in mind the safety of our children. Also please be reminded to not stop on our crosswalk in front of the school as well as be aware of the driveways that need to stay clear for our neighbours!** Police/commissionaires will be monitoring traffic and will issue tickets for traffic and parking violations. PLEASE ENSURE YOU DO NOT PARK IN THE BUSSING ZONES – thank you!

### NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published every month and will be posted on Edsby. Please ensure you have submitted to the school a current Email address. You can also access our current newsletter on our website

<https://www.gscs.ca/leg/page/664/school-news> Extra copies are available at the office.

### MySchoolBucks

If you do not already have an account, you may create one at [myschoolbucks.ca](https://myschoolbucks.ca). Once the account has been created, it will require you to add your district which is Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. At that point you will then be able to attach your student to your account. You may want to download the app via your Google Play Store or Apple Store.

### EDSBY

A reminder to all families, that EDSBY is our sole method of communication for reporting absences, conference bookings, teacher communication, progress reporting and school news and updates. See School Website at [www.gscs.ca/leg](https://www.gscs.ca/leg) for further instructions and support if required.

Student absences are required to be reported by parents, preferably using Edsby, otherwise by phone 306-659-7190. Students are not permitted to report their own absences.

**ALLERGY/MEDICAL FORMS**

A variety of emergency situations may include administration of emergency medical assistance or medication. Prior to administering medication (prescription or non-prescription), **a letter from the child’s parent/guardian and a letter from the physician is required specifying details regarding the medication and instructions to staff to properly administer the medication/emergency medical treatment.** Forms must be updated each year. Please contact the school for a copy of the Parent and Physician Request for Medication Form.

Students who have already been identified as needing emergency medical intervention (i.e. - epi-pen) will be given forms to be filled out by their physicians and by their parents/guardians. Parents of students, who have such medical needs not known to the school, please contact Mrs. Chantler, in order to obtain the necessary forms.

**NUT ALERT**

Please be reminded we are a school that is NUT ALERT. We are asking families to not send foods with nuts (i.e. peanut butter/Nutella/some granola bars etc.). Thanks for helping keep all of our students safe!

**HEALTHY HUNGER**

1. Go to [www.HealthyHunger.ca](http://www.HealthyHunger.ca); if you already have an account you can continue to use it. If you do not have an account, go to step 2.
2. Click “REGISTER YOUR STUDENT”
3. Create your student account
4. After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches.
5. Place orders
6. Then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard

**Lunch dates for 2023-24:**

- Thursday, December 21, 2023 (Taco Time)
- Friday, January 26, 2024 (Dominos Pizza/Booster Juice)
- Thursday, February 15, 2024 (Smoke’s Poutinerie)
- Friday, March 22, 2024 (Subway)
- Friday, April 26, 2024 (Pita Pit)
- Friday, May 24, 2024 (Taco Time)
- Thursday, June 20, 2024 (Dairy Queen)

**Bake Sale Dates (Fridays): Items sold at .50 to \$2.00**

- December 15
- January 19
- February 9
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 14

**Lost & Found:**

The Lost & Found boxes are brimming over with good quality items anxiously waiting to be reunited with the owners! Please drop by and take a peek at your convenience.

**ÉCOLE CARDINAL LEGER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Schools Win Twice Fundraiser Update:** A huge thank you to all who purchased Schools Win Twice tickets. The total amount raised in the division was \$94,260.00 of which half went to the 50/50 prize winner. A complete winner list can be found at <https://schoolswintwice.ca/winners-2023/> .

Ecole Cardinal Leger School allocation is \$795.00.

**CSCC NEWS**

The Cardinal Leger Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) is mandated by the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board and works closely with the Cardinal Leger staff to support them in many ways. Under the direction of our Principal, the CSCC supports the Learning Improvement Plan, and any ongoing plans for student success within our school. Our primary goal is to encourage parent/guardian involvement within our school and to be your link to school news and events. There are many opportunities to help ranging from very brief, one-time commitments to larger scale coordination of events. Your support is critical for our school to attain academic success and have fun!

It is with immense joy and gratitude that I extend my thanks to each and every one of you who attended, contributed, and made the event an incredible success.

Our hearts are filled with appreciation for the overwhelming support we received from our local communities (See attached page). Your generous contributions, whether through attendance, donations, or volunteering, played a crucial role in making the evening not only enjoyable but also a significant fundraising success.

We extend a special note of thanks to our families for their active engagement during the event. Your enthusiasm, laughter, and participation added a special touch to the evening, creating an atmosphere of joy and community spirit. It truly warms our hearts to see the community come together in such a delightful way.

A special acknowledgment goes to the dedicated volunteers of our Catholic School Community Council. Your hard work, commitment, and passion were instrumental in orchestrating this memorable evening. Without your tireless efforts, events like Turkey Bingo would not be possible, and we are truly grateful for the time and energy you invest in enhancing our school community.

As we reflect on the success of the Turkey Bingo evening, we are excited about the prospect of future events that will bring us together once again. Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements and save the date for more community-building opportunities.

Once again, thank you for being an integral part of our thriving École Cardinal Leger School community. Your support and engagement make a lasting impact on the experiences we create for our students and families. Wishing you a joyful and blessed holiday season.

*CSCC fundraising planning:*

- *We have set up a SARCAN drop and GO account as an ongoing fundraiser to support our school needs. If you have bottles and cans you can donate to a great cause – please take them to any SARCAN location. Group Name is **Cardinal Leger School** with the phrase: **FUNDRAISING**.*

*All of our fundraising initiatives will go to support the schools requests*

- *We are hoping to support the transition and renaming of the house leagues with signs and new logos for the gym.*
- *We are looking to support the redesign of the Sacred Space and Discovery room.*

This year's Council members are as follows:

Jamie Serviss – returning Co-Chair

Val Poirier – returning Co-Chair

Laura Jardine – returning Treasurer

Kerry Williams – returning Member at Large

Michele Corriveau – returning Member at Large

Natalie Reimer – returning Member at Large

Danielle Favreau – returning Member at Large

Tania Hawat – returning member at Large

NEW MEMBERS: Emily Joseph, Elizabeth Robertson and Heather Wiwchar

School Liaison Trustees: Ron Boechler/Dana Case

The CSCC meeting dates are as follow (Tuesdays, 6:30 pm in the school library):

- Dec 5
- Feb 6
- Mar 5
- June 4: AGM



The Haynes Family  
Donation



Thank you to the local businesses  
that donated to our fundraiser

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9:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:30 pm  
[www.holyfamilycathedral.ca](http://www.holyfamilycathedral.ca)

See <https://f2f.ca/upcomingevents/> for upcoming Catholic youth events with FaceToFace Ministries.