

Quick Calendar:

- **Federal Election**
September 20th
- **International Day
of Peace**
September 21st
- **Read-In Week**
October 4th - 8th
- **First Religious
Services Book Club
Meeting**
October 13th

*"Education is the
passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs
to those who prepare
for it today"*
- Malcolm X-

SOMETHING TO ADD?

If you would like to contribute to future newsletters with events, features, memories, poetry, photos or have content suggestions, please email submissions before the first of the month to:

STAFFALUMNI@ECSD.NET

ECSD STAFF ALUMNI

NEWSLETTER



New Beginnings, Old Friends

Welcome to the first issue of our monthly Staff Alumni Newsletter! We will be showcasing Division news, stories, events and volunteer opportunities as well as sharing editorials, stories, photos and poetry for and from retired staff. Our hope is that you will enjoy this glimpse into life in our schools and sites, and be able to strengthen, renew and create new bonds with each other and with current Division staff & schools.

New issues will be sent by email to our Staff Alumni mailing list at the start of each month. If you know a retired or soon-to-be-retired colleague, please have them join our mailing list here: [STAFF ALUMNI MAILING LIST SIGN-UP](#)

The email will contain a summary of the current issue's content, with a PDF of the full newsletter attached. Copies of past newsletters will be posted on our Staff Alumni website.

We are also looking for submissions to the Newsletter on an ongoing basis. If you are interested in taking part editorially or have a contribution that may be of interest to our alumni, please send it to: staffalumni@ecsd.net

Thank you for joining us here, and I look forward to our journey together!

Helen Scarlett, Division Archives & Alumni Coordinator

2021-2022 DIVISION THEME:

"God Calls Us Each By Name"

An excerpt from Chief Superintendent Robert Martin's September Message:

"Our theme for this year is "God calls us each by name" and is guided by scripture from Jeremiah. At its root, our theme is a message of hope. Catholic education is entirely about building a future with hope. When we serve the children of Edmonton Catholic Schools, our goal is to instill in them a sense of wonder in themselves as children of God so that they see themselves as members and builders of his Kingdom. There is nothing more hopeful than this."

To view the entire September message, click here:

[CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2021](#)

Have you Heard? We are MOVING to...

"Our Common Home"

The Edmonton Catholic School Division has purchased a new administrative building at 9405 50th street (formerly the 50th Street Atria.) Staff and resources from Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre, St Peter Centre, St Anthony Centre, One World...One Centre and Sacred Heart Centre will be consolidated under one roof, with a projected move-in date of Summer 2022.

Things have been very busy in Division Planning, and we've had a number of projects completed already including new signage and mounting the large cross on the front of the building. More updates to come in future issues.

- You can view a short video of some 'first impressions' from current staff here: [OUR COMMON HOME - First Impressions](#)
- For more information on the project, click here: <https://www.ecsd.net/page/15972/new-lumen-christi-catholic-education-centre>

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

The Government of Canada has proclaimed September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day will honour survivors, their families, and First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities. It will also ensure that public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.

At the June 23, 2021 Public Meeting of the Board, the Board of Trustees approved the 2021-2022 school year calendar, adding the new national day on Thursday, September 30.

Here are some resources to help you learn more about Truth & Reconciliation in Canada, and how to be an ally to FNMI communities.

- Learn more about ORANGE SHIRT DAY: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/>
- Review the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission [HERE](#). Think about how you can act and participate in your community to support them.
- CBC Radio: This episode of [CBC Unreserved](#) tells the story Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce, a whistleblower who alerted the Government of Canada about the deplorable conditions and death rates at residential schools in 1907.

NOTICES:

READ-IN WEEK: GUEST READERS WANTED

October 4-8th

Read In Week 2021 will once again be virtual!

Edmonton Catholic Schools is proud to continue to support the committee's mission to build and enhance both personal and community relationships through literacy and the love of reading. Theme for 2021: "To Each Their Own Story."

With schools unable to welcome guests into their classrooms, we encourage you coordinate virtual read alouds with our schools. Please contact your local school directly or email: Dana.Prefontaine@ecsd.net if you are interested in being a reader this year.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES BOOK CLUB

Any ECSD staff alumni who enjoy reading books while growing in faith, and are interested in joining a faith-filled division-wide book club? Susanna Kaup is looking for book club members to join her in exploring various books. Together, we will meet the second Wednesday evening of the month (starting October 13th - February 9th) from 4pm - 5pm (TBD virtually or in person depending on Covid). Our first book will be Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life*.

For more information or to register, please send Susanna an email at Susanna.Kaup@ecsd.net

NOTICES CONTD. :**ECS MEN'S CURLING LEAGUE
2021-2022**

Are you interested in joining the Men's Curling League?

Games are Thursday evenings at the Thistle Curling Club (6920-114 Ave) and the League runs from October to March. There are many excellent reasons to join!

- A great curling time of 6:00 pm
- Weekly prizes (50/50, Double Board)
- Christmas and Year-end banquets (team and individual prizes)
- Multiple networking and socializing opportunities with retired and current ECS staff
- A COVID safe environment following all Curling Alberta protocols.

Register a full team of four OR be added to a team OR you can sub for teams!

For additional information please contact:
Daniel.Alba@ecsd.net or call 780-475-0158.

**AURORA LIVING:
FORMATION THROUGH WORD AND
CREATION**

Beginning on October the 1st, the Star of the North Retreat House will offer an online three-month module and onsite opening retreat on the theme of Creation. This module will consider the core stories from the Book of Genesis and explore the themes of creation/creativity, self-image and self-expression, land connection and conflicts, and God's blessing on our journeys as tribes, cultures and peoples formed in the image and likeness of God.

Rooted in our Catholic faith, we are open to be illuminated by other traditions. Central to the program will be ongoing formation with indigenous facilitators. We will dialogue—learn from them, their worldview of creation, and wisdom on themes related to acting justly.

For more information and for an overview of the Program, please visit:

<https://www.starofthenorth.ca/programs/aurora-living/>

or by phone at **(780) 459-5511**.

In Memoriam

Full Memorial messages and information regarding funeral arrangements may be found on the ECSD staff alumni webpage here:

[IN MEMORIAM](#)

It is our hope that these memorials convey the gifts and vitality of these individuals and serve as fitting tributes to them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

GORDON HARDY - AUGUST 10, 2021

RALPH OMOE - AUGUST 26, 2021

MAYNARD ('MAC') MCCUNE - AUGUST 26, 2021

KEVIN ANGEL - SEPTEMBER 11, 2021