



September 2018

We Learn in the light of Christ

Aprendemos en la luz de Cristo- La lumière du Christ dirige notre apprentissage

École/Esuela Father Leo Green is a Christ centered community that provides a Catholic learning environment celebrating the French and Spanish languages and their cultures. Guided by the teachings of Christ, the staff and students strive for high academic standards where all members are encouraged to develop 21st century learning skills and opportunities in order to become adaptable, global citizens who aspire to a life of faith filled service to others.

We, the Catholic school community of École/Esuela Father Leo Green, will ensure that all members are treated with dignity and respect as *we learn together in the light of Christ*.

newsletter

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Administrators' Message

Welcome to the 2018 – 2019 school year! The staff of École/Esuela Father Leo Green extends a warm welcome to our new and returning families. We are happy that you have chosen to be a part of this wonderful school community. We look forward to an exciting year of learning and growth.

Our district theme for the year, “Walking Together in God’s Love” invites us to reflect upon Micah 6:8- “Act Justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God”.

We invite our students, our staff and our community to walk together as we seek to do good, to be kind and caring toward others and to humbly do what God asks of us.

We are excited about working with you to ensure we create the best possible learning environment for your children. May God’s blessing be with us all this year.

Guitta Kodersshah
Principal

Alexandra Scarpelli
Assistant Principal



Meet the 2018- 2019 FLG Staff

Kindergarten A

Kindergarten C

Grade 1A

Grade 1C

Grade 2A

Grade 2B

Grade 2C

Grade 3A

Grade 3C

Grade 4A

Grade 4C

Grade 5A

Grade 4/5C

Grade 6A

Grade 6C

On Leave

Learning Coach

Music

Media Resources

Emotional Behavioral Specialist

Family School Liaison Worker

Chelsea Turcotte

Maria Gutierrez

Rachel Eidelman

Paola Guasp

Jennifer Greene

Vanessa Potestio

Marcela Serrano

Annette Laplante

Melanie Lucyk

Victoria Roduta

Wendy Andrews

Louise Saad

Amanda Perri

Diego Pardo

Cristian Marco Villanueva

Jessalyn Hart

Jessica Kornder

Wendy Andrews

Sofia Fontoura- Moscardelli

Meymuna Mude

Megan Youngren



Classroom Support Staff

Educational Assistants

Nina Ahmar

Liliana Alfredo

Valérie Paradis

Office Staff

Administrative Assistant/Head Secretary

Office Clerk

Mme Karen Smith

Mme Simone Bessette

Custodial Staff

Head Custodian

Senior Custodian

Dennis Arthur

Ambesse Hirpo

School Administration

Principal

Assistant Principal

Guitta Kodershah

Alexandra Scarpelli

Hours of Operation

Grades 1 – 6

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:35 am	First Bell
8:40 am	Second Bell
8:40- 10:28 am	Instructional Time
10:28 – 10:35 am	Nutrition/Movement Break
10:35 – 11:50 am	Instructional Time
11:50 – 12:13 pm	Outdoor Lunch Recess
12:13 – 12:36 pm	Indoor Lunch Break
12:36 – 2:24 pm	Instructional Time
2:24 – 2:39 pm	Outdoor Recess
2:39 – 3:15 pm	Instructional Time
3:15 pm	Dismissal



Thursday

8:35 am	First Bell
8:40 am	Second Bell
8:40- 10:28 am	Instructional Time
10:28 – 10:35 am	Nutrition & Movement Break
10:35 – 12:01 am	Instructional Time
12:01pm	Dismissal

Kindergarten

Kindergarten Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (No instruction on Thursdays for Kindergarten)
Half Day AM- KA & KC 8:35 – 11:36am

Note: Kindergarten students will have 5 full day in and/or out of school field trips over the course of the school year. On full days, there will be no transportation after school for the AM Kinder classes.

Dates for Full Day Kindergarten Classes will be determined and communicated to parents in the weeks to come. **Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.**

School Office Hours



Our school office hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm daily during school operational days. Parents who call the school after these hours are asked to leave a clear message and we will return your call as soon as we are able.

Please remember that we will be happy to give your child a message at the end of the day or at breaks in instructional time, such as recess or lunch. **We thank you for your understanding of our wanting to protect learning time for all students by not interrupting classes for messages.**

Enrolment and Class Size

French Immersion Program		Spanish Bilingual Program	
Classes- Teachers	Enrolment	Classes-Teachers	Enrolment
Kindergarten A- AM Mme Chelsea Turcotte	18	Kindergarten C- AM Sra Maria Gutierrez	26
1A Mme Rachel Cohen	26	1C Sra Paola Guasp	25
2A Mme Jennifer Greene	16	2C Sra Marcela Serrano	27
2B Mlle Vanessa Potestio	18	3C Srta Melanie Lucyk Sra Maria Gutierrez	29
3A Mme Annette Laplante Mme Chelsea Turcotte	24	4C Mrs Wendy Andrews Srta Jessica Kornder Srta Amanda Perri	28
4A Mlle Victoria Roduta	25	4/5 C Srta Amanda Perri Sr Cristian Villanueva	24
5A Mme Louise Grenon- Saad M. Diego Pardo	22	6C Sr Cristian Villanueva Srta Melanie Lucyk	27
6A M. Diego Pardo	23		

Class List Construction



Class lists are posted on the bulletin board in the main entrance beside the gymnasium and in front of each classroom.

As educators, we have invested a great deal of time and effort in grouping students to ensure the best possible learning environment for each individual learner. We use both our academic expertise and years of experience in group dynamics to make sure students are placed in appropriately balanced classrooms.

As such, please refrain from requesting class changes. Parents are asked to consider the big picture- that being the importance of demonstrating to our children the need to be flexible, and to learn to work and play in a spirit of cooperation. These skills are not only important life skills but are also fundamental to who and what we stand for as members of a Catholic Community.

School and Transportation Fees

School fees are now due. School fees are directed toward consumable items for students, cultural and Co-Curricular school activities, site licenses for educational applications. Every effort has been made to keep school fees as reasonable as possible.



School fees have been posted to our website.

<https://www.ecsd.net/schools/8003/school-information/Documents/Father%20Leo%20Green%20K-6%20School%20Fee%20Schedule%2018-19.pdf>

Parents will have two options for paying school fees:

- 1- Pay online through the PowerSchool parent portal.
- 2- Pay in person at the school, starting on September 05th. We accept cash only.

Cheques are not accepted for school fees or any school activities.

Bus passes (\$32) can be purchased from the main office. Kindergarten bussing is free. Transportation fees can also be paid by logging into PowerSchool on-line.

Information regarding Transportation fees can be found on our website at

<https://www.ecsd.net/Documents/School-and-Transportation-Fees/ECSFEES18-transportation.pdf>

All bus route information can be found by logging into PowerSchool. Routes and times can change, so it is a good idea to check regularly.

Dropping off and Picking Up Students



You can park briefly on 144 Ave on the east side of the school to drop off or pick up your children. The staff parking lot **is not a pick-up/drop off spot** at any time of the day. Parents are asked to refrain from entering the staff parking lot.

To effectively plan for dismissal, please notify your child's teacher on the first day of school on how your child will be getting home at the end of the day (i.e bus, walk, parent/guardian pick-up or daycare).

Students who arrive to school by bus will be dropped off on 144 Avenue to the west of the school. Students will be directed by teacher supervisors to the west field to play before the 8:35 entry bell. At dismissal, students will walk to board the busses.

A reminder that Kindergarten bussing begins on Wednesday, September 10.

Supervision of Students Prior to First Bell

Supervision of students begins at 8:15 am. Please do not drop off your children at school prior to that time. Any student arriving prior to 8:15 am will need to remain outside. Four staff members supervise the bus drop off zone, the school's playgrounds where all students wait for the 8:35 a.m. bell.

There is no after school supervision as all students are either picked up by parents, attend the YMCA After School Care, or board the yellow bus

Student Entrances

All students are asked to use their assigned doors in the morning, at breaks and after school. We ask that parents wait for their child/children at the door of the school and not the door of the classroom. Thank you for helping us promote independence and self-sufficiency in our students.



Visitors and Volunteers

For the safety of our students, all school doors are locked at all times. In keeping with our district Occupational Health and Safety requirements, all **visitors and volunteers must ring the bell at the front entrance** to be granted access by the office staff. Once inside the building, **all visitors must report to the office, review the safety guidelines for the school, sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Everyone must sign out in the office as well.**

We kindly ask parents who are picking up their children to please wait outside their child's entrance for pick-up. It is important that we are able to easily identify someone who does not belong in our school building. In addition, we want to ensure instructional time is protected and students are not distracted by family members standing outside the classroom door. Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated.

Curriculum Information/Meet the Staff Evening- Wednesday, Sept. 19

Parents, please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our annual Curriculum Information/Meet the Staff Evening on **Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.** All parents are encouraged to attend. The evening will begin in the gymnasium with a short presentation. Parents are then invited to visit their child's classroom where the teacher will have prepared a short presentation outlining the learning plan for the class. This presentation will be repeated in each class to allow parents to visit the classroom of more than one child. Please understand that this is not intended to be an interview or conference time. If you would like to meet with your child/children's teacher, please make an appointment to do so.

Inservice on how to access Powerschool in the computer lab: On this evening, we will also be offering an inservice on how to access the Powerschool Parent Portal and create an account. All Kindergarten and new parents, as well as those who have not accessed Powerschool before are strongly encouraged to stop by the computer lab between 7:30 and 8:30 to receive their access code and password and create their account.

Accessing the Powerschool Parent Portal is very important as it gives parents the ability to pay for school fees and field trips and to view your child (ren) report card.

School Opening Mass- Thursday, Sept. 20

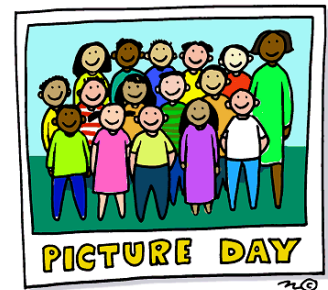


Faith is an integral part of Catholic Schools. We are pleased to work with St. Dominic Savio Parish and look forward to their involvement in our student's faith formation. We have planned many classroom and school wide Faith experiences for our students.

We will mark the beginning of the school year with our School Opening Mass on **Thursday, September 20, at 9:30 am** at St. Dominic Savio Church. Parents are more than welcome to join us for our religious celebrations.

Student Pictures

Individual student pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 25. Lifetouch will be taking our photos again this year. All students will be photographed, and it is recommended they wear solid color clothing for best results. Please do not send money on Picture Day – as you will be able to select your looks and desired package after viewing your proofs. Retakes are booked for Wednesday, November 14.



E-Report Cards & Student Led Conferences/Demonstration of Learning



First E- Report Card
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Second E- Report Card
Demo of Learning
Final E-Report Card

Friday, November 23, 2018
Thursday, November 29, 2018
Friday, March 8, 2019
Thursday, March 14, 2019
Thursday, June 28, 2019

Parents must have a PowerSchool account to access student report cards. If you do not have access to PowerSchool, please contact the office. Also, if you wish to discuss your child's progress at any time, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.



Medical Alerts



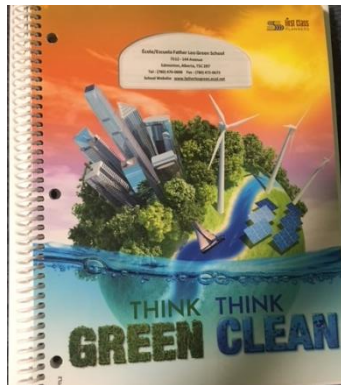
Upon occasion, parents request that staff members administer medication to students who are not sufficiently mature or reliable enough to care for their own needs. In order to administer medication to a student, we require a “Request for Administration of Medication/Treatment Form” to be complete and on file in the office. A copy of this form may be obtained from the school office. It is the parents’ responsibility to keep us informed of medical conditions and correct information regarding treatment and emergency contact information.

Updating Registration Information

Copies of the registration information we have on file are sent home early in the school year. Parents are asked to check this information over carefully, make any necessary changes, sign and return the forms to your child(ren)’s teacher. Please cross out any incorrect information and provide the correct information visibly and clearly. It is extremely important that we have accurate information regarding our students in the event of an emergency.

We also ask that parents of students who are of First Nations, Metis, or Inuit descent identify this on the registration forms. In some cases, this enables us to access additional supports.

Student Agenda Books



Each student in our school must have an agenda book. It is very important that parents read the opening pages of the book to familiarize themselves with school policies and procedures. Parents are asked to sign the agenda book to indicate that they have read and understood our School Code of Conduct on page 5. Students are expected to use the book to help plan their class work and homework, and to facilitate communication between parents and teachers. For all students, the agenda book will also be used to stamp late admittance. If the book is lost, the student will be required to purchase another as it is crucial in day to day activities.

Lunch at School

All children eat lunch in their classrooms. Eating lunch at school is a privilege and a convenience for our families. However, it involves the organization and scheduling of grade six monitors to assist the students and requires extra supervision for staff. Therefore, appropriate behaviours on the part of all students is greatly valued and appreciated. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the “lunch monitors” and staff who will organize the monitors and who will provide wonderful service to our community. We ask



that students please bring required eating utensils (forks/spoons) from home so that we can reduce the amount of plastic waste at our school. Please be sure to pack enough nutritional food for your child for the entire school day.

Keeping Up-To-Date

A great deal of information is posted to our school website. Our newsletters will be published electronically and posted on our school website on the first Monday of each month. Please check the website frequently at www.fatherleogreen.ecsd.net

In addition to these newsletters, we will continue to share information through the Father Leo Green Twitter Account.



Safety Drill Practices

In general, we will be practicing our fire drills in the Fall and Spring. We will practice lockdown and shelter in place procedures in the winter months. These valuable exercises are required so that the staff and students are aware of what the procedures are, should one of these events occur. For some of these practices, the students will be aware that they will occur.

Other practices will be surprise events. In all cases, the office will make an announcement following the practice.



Protocol for Parent Concerns – Policy of First Contact



Edmonton Catholic Schools recognizes the freedom of all members in the school community (students, staff, parents, and neighbors) to voice their concerns in an appropriate manner to the appropriate school personnel. The principle of “first contact” needs to be followed. This means that the person(s) who have the concern, have the responsibility to begin addressing the concern directly with those persons with whom they have the concern before taking their concern elsewhere. Parents who contact school administration prior to speaking with the persons with whom they have a concern will be directed to that person first.

If resolution is not found, please then involve school administration and school Operations Services (SOS) as needed.

All parties will deal with concerns in a manner that is consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Thank you for your collaboration in this matter. It is by working together that we create an excellent learning environment for our children.

Indigo Online Adopt-A-School

We're pleased to announce that our school is taking part in the 2018 **online** Adopt a School program. From September 15 to October 7, our school will be working to raise funds in support of our library.

There are three ways that you can support our school during Adopt a School:



1. **Book Bonus:** For every 2 books you donate to our school online, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate a bonus book, up to 100 books!
2. **Tell a Story, Give a Story:** Every time you post a story to our Adopt a School profile, the Love of Reading Foundation will donate one book in support of our school library, up to 20 books!
3. **Adopt a School Story Contest:** "Heart your favourite story to help us win big! The five most-loved stories in each province will be entered into a random draw for a chance to win a grand prize of a \$2,500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books! The remaining four top "hearted" schools in each province will win a \$500 Indigo eGiftcard to purchase books.

Our school is going to receive every dollar raised to support our library and a 30% discount off books when we shop at Indigo, Chapters and Coles using program donations.

Please visit adoptaschool.indigo.ca, from September 15 to October 7 to show your support for our library!

Changes to Alberta Immunization Program

Alberta Health has made changes to the school immunization program that will take effect in the 2018/19 school year.

- In the 2018/19 school year, public health nurses will be reviewing the immunization records of all Alberta students from Grades 1 to 9 to assess immunization status. You will be contacted if your children are missing immunization information.
- With your consent, your children can be offered the immunizations they are missing at school. You will continue to have the final decision on immunizing your children.
- In 2019/20, Alberta is moving from a three-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 5 to a two-dose vaccine schedule in Grade 6 for both Hepatitis B (HBV) and Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines. Administering two doses at least six months apart has been shown to provide children with good protection against these diseases. This will reduce the number of injections children receive.
- The Grade 9 school immunization program including the diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis (dTdap) and Meningococcal (MenC-ACYW) vaccines will continue to be offered without change.



- Alberta Health Services, Public Health will work closely with schools and school authorities to ensure that immunization does not interfere with students taking the Provincial Achievement Tests.
- Alberta Health encourages parents to immunize their children against HPV and HBV. Vaccines are safe and effective and protect our children and communities from disease.

School Council

The School Council is a collective association of parents, teachers, principal, staff and community representative (s) who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide to the principal and the school board.

The primary role of school council is to work together with school personnel to create a strong learning environment, within the context of our Catholic identity, for all students enrolled in the school.

The first School Council meeting of the year will be held on Monday, September 24 at 6:30 pm in the school library.

Parents who would like to be more involved in their child's education and in the decision-making process at the school are invited to attend the School Council meetings.

Bishop David Motiuk's Message

September 2018

What I Learned Over the Summer: Martyrdom and Witnessing to the Beauty of Faith

After a relaxing and enjoyable summer, we return once again to the classroom, renewed and full of excitement as a new School Year begins.

When I was a student, our teacher would welcome us back, then invite each of us to share something special that happened during summer vacation.

In keeping with this tradition, one of the highlights of my summer was a trip to Ukraine. I sit on an international advisory committee with Patriarch Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide. Our small group of five bishops (we affectionately call ourselves the "G5!") is a bit of a "think tank," reflecting on the where the Holy Spirit is calling us to be as Church in the years to come. (Now my friends – if I may call them that – asked me "How in the world did I get on a think tank?" Of course, what I heard was, "Oh, how wonderful, Bishop David, that you're part of this exciting and visioning process!")

Anyway, after two days of meetings, I took part in a pilgrimage to Stradch, near Lviv, western Ukraine. In 1951, Rev. Mykola Konrad, the local pastor, was called to make a sick call to an elderly parishioner. Today, that would not be anything extraordinary. However, in 1951, communism was in full strength and the Church was outlawed in the Soviet Union. Father Mykola, accompanied by the parish cantor, Volodymyr Pryjma, went in secret to administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Penance to a member of their flock. Perhaps it was a setup by the communists. When they arrived, they were killed on the spot, dying the death of a martyr for the faith.

Each year, this year included, the local parish in Stradch organizes a pilgrimage in honour of the Holy Martyrs Father Mykola Konrad and Cantor Volodymyr Pryjma. The pilgrimage Divine Liturgy was lead by Patriarch Sviatoslav, 12 bishops (including me), and 200 priests. If that is not awesome in and of itself, some 30,000 children, youth, families, and elderly men and women joined in the celebration, many walking on foot the 15 kilometre trek from Lviv! To say it was inspiring sells it short; I was spellbound. The event instilled in me faith beyond words.

Martyrdom. Witness.

All of us may not be called to martyrdom like Father Konrad and Cantor Pryjma (thank God!) However, the scriptural meaning of martyrdom (from the Greek *marturia*) means witness. Indeed, the entire mission of the Church, entrusted to us by Jesus, is to give witness to the love of God the Father in the world today. Jesus, after his resurrection from the dead and just before he ascends to heaven and to the Father, tells his disciples, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

During this new School Year, may you and I be true witnesses of Jesus's love and mercy to our classmates, teachers, parents, brothers and sisters, friends, neighbours, and strangers. And, in so doing, let us recall the words attributed to Saint Francis, "Preach the Gospel at all times, if necessary, use words." Have a great School Year! God bless!

Bishop David



WALKING TOGETHER IN GOD'S LOVE

Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with Your God. (Micah 6:8)

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year, our 130th year of Catholic education in Edmonton Catholic Schools! Our theme for this year, *Walking Together in God's Love*, provides us with a beautiful image of the journey that your children experience daily as they learn and grow in Christ. Our guiding scripture passage this year from Micah tells us what God asks of us: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with Him. In return, we receive the comfort and joy that comes from knowing that He is with us always!

As we live out our mission to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to learn and that prepares them to live fully and to serve God in one another, we have established our District Plan for Continuous Growth 2018-2021 to guide the work of our schools. We begin with our identity as a Catholic school district, followed by five goals that focus on teaching, learning, and student experiences. I invite you to visit our website to learn more about our goals and the key strategies that we will be implementing to achieve them at https://www.ecsd.net/AboutUs/annual_reports/Pages/District-Plan-for-Continuous-Growth.aspx.

Edmonton Catholic School District Goal: Live and enhance the distinctiveness of Catholic education

- Goal One: ECSD students are successful.
- Goal Two: ECSD supports First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students' success.
- Goal Three: ECSD respects diversity and supports inclusion.
- Goal Four: ECSD has excellent teachers, and school and school authority leaders.
- Goal Five: ECSD is well governed and managed.

In his apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exultate, Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis shares signs of holiness in the world today. In his writings we can see the holiness of Catholic education which is lived out in our schools daily: *"A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan"* (145).

I wish each of your families an exciting and rewarding year where you experience the holiness that comes from walking together in God's love with your school community!

Sincerely,

Joan Carr
Superintendent