

Dear EICS Parent and/or Guardian:

Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) has changed its Registration and Student Information Form to address changes in government regulations, as well as to take advantage of new technologies and software being implemented within our Division.

As a result, all parents and/or guardians will be required to complete the new registration form for the upcoming 2010-11 school year. The new registration form, along with detailed information on required documentation, is now available on the Division website www.eics.ab.ca on the homepage or under the Parents section, as well as through your child's school.

Changes to the EICS Registration and Student Information Form, include:

- **New government regulations – specifically changes to the *Alberta Human Rights Act*.**
The Act now requires school boards to provide notice to a parent or guardian of a student when educational programs include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.

As a Catholic school division, EICS fully permeates Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and the teachings of the Catholic Church in all aspects of school life. EICS must, therefore, include this notice on all registration forms.
- **New technologies and software** – EICS has implemented new technologies and software that will enhance communication and collaboration between parent, teacher and student. As a result, all parent or guardian information must be updated. The new registration form will also be requesting email addresses. *Please note: email addresses will only be used by EICS Division and its schools and will not be shared with any other organization.*
 - **PowerSchool** – replaces SASI as EICS' new web-based student information system. PowerSchool allows teachers to instantaneously update grades, attendance, assignment information and much more - giving parents real-time information on their child's achievement.
 - **Synrevoice** – allows the Division and all schools the ability to share important information with parents by phone and/or email. If you received a telephone message from your school or the Division – you've experienced Synrevoice. In order to better utilize all features that Synrevoice offers, the new registration form will include a request for a parent or guardian's email address. This will enable our schools to send important information to you by telephone and/or by email.

We truly appreciate your understanding as we introduce the new Registration and Student Information Form. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school or the EICS Student Services Department at T: 780-449-6440 or E: eics@eics.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Dr. Chris Diachuk,
Superintendent of Schools