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Dates to Remember

Wednesday	December 1	Parent Prayer Group 9:00 am
		Progress Reports viewable on Edsby
Thursday	December 2	Advent Liturgy 10:40 am - 1/2 McIntosh
Friday	December 10	Advent Liturgy 9:15 am – 1/2 Kent
Monday	December 13	MTCSCC Meeting 7:00 pm
Tuesday	December 14	Advent Liturgy 1:00 pm – 3 Tine
Friday	December 17	Subway Hot Lunch
		Last day before the Christmas Break
Tuesday	January 4	Classes resume

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

This week we will formally begin the celebration of Advent. For the next three weeks leading up to the Christmas break, we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ. To help us celebrate, each week during our Advent liturgy, we will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us. All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end. Each week we will light another candle. Then, when we are back to school after the Christmas holidays, we will light all of the candles, including the center one, the Christ candle. As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us. He is Emmanuel... God with us.

On this first week, we light the candle of HOPE. Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started. Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised. All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is our hope, today and forever! (2 Corinthians 1:20) The second candle on our advent wreath represents "peace". Peace is one of God's gifts to us. John the Baptist was a prophet calling the people of Israel to repent, to find peace with God. During our third celebration, we will light the pink "joy" candle. This candle helps to remind us of the joy and delight because of Jesus' birth. The last candle represents "love". "For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son," (John 3:16). During this Christmas and throughout the year, I wish each and every family hope, peace, joy and love. Have a blessed Christmas!

 *Ms. Giocoli Clark*

TERM 1 THREE WAY CONFERENCES AND REPORT CARDS

Ninety seven percent! This is the percentage of families who participated in our first ever, virtual 3-way conferences to celebrate your child(ren)'s Term 1 successes and plan goals for Term 2! Way to go! Thank you for making education a priority!

Also, just a reminder that today your child(ren)'s report card will be viewable in Edsby. Report cards are not viewable on a mobile device and will need to be accessed through the web browser on a desktop or tablet. This video - [Viewing Report Cards in Edsby](#), provides families with directions for viewing the reports.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

In an effort to promote and nurture school spirit, all students and staff are encouraged to participate in our Christmas Spirit events. House league points will be awarded!

- Monday, December 13 – Red and Green Day – Wear as much red and green as you possibly can!
- Tuesday, December 14 – Formal Day – Dress your best for our last Advent celebration before the holidays!
- Wednesday, December 15- Christmas sweater or T-Shirt day- be creative!
- Thursday, December 16- Holiday Hat Day - Santa hat, elf hat, reindeer antlers, or any holiday head gear you can find (or create)!
- Friday, December 17 – Pajama Day! – Wear your favorite school-appropriate pajamas to school.



Also, stay tuned for a Christmas colouring contest, organized by the HOPE club!

BINGO DONATIONS

During part of the afternoon on December 17th, students and staff will be enjoying a handful of games of school-wide BINGO over the intercom. If you would like to donate a prize, please send it to school with your child or drop it off at the main office. Thank you for your support!

THE GIVING TREE



This year, Holy Family Cathedral has once again partnered with the Salvation Army and some of our city parishes to provide toys and food for their hampers. You can assist by donating a toy valued at \$15 - \$25 for a child of any gender, aged newborn – 14. Unwrapped gifts can be brought to Mme Giocoli Clark's office until Monday, December 6th at which time they will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

MOTHER TERESA CO-OPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

Mother Teresa Co-operative Preschool is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting registration into our 3-year-old preschool program. This program provides an early learning opportunity for children who are 3 or have just recently turned 4. If you missed our initial registration to have your child attend preschool this school year, it's not too late! Visit our website for registration and information.

<https://www.motherteresapreschool.com>



LOVABLE LABELS ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Help keep your family organized and support our playground expansion by ordering customized labels with Loveable Labels! Visit <http://www.motherteresacscc.loveablelabels.ca/> to place an order. Shipping is always FREE and orders can be placed anytime throughout the year.

ÉCOLE ST. MOTHER TERESA CSCC MEETING

The next MTCSCC meeting will be held on December 13 at 7:00 pm in the school library. There will also be an option to join the meeting virtually. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend. It's a great way to get involved in the life of our school. If you wish to receive council emails or an invite to the virtual meeting, please email Krista at kristadennis@sasktel.net.

CHRISTMAS TREE

All families are invited to place an ornament on the Christmas tree. Please write your family name on the ornament and it will be put on the tree every year.



We have students and staff with peanut/nut allergies. The degree of sensitivity to peanuts/nuts varies greatly.

For some children, an allergy to peanuts/nuts can be life threatening.

For the safety of our children, we ask students and parents to support our peanut/nut aware policy.



Due to allergies and asthma within our school community, the use of perfumes, colognes or scented hygiene products may seriously affect an individual's ability to breathe!

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and consideration of these students, parents and staff.

Please refrain from purchasing scented hand sanitizers for your children.

