

Bulletin #15-17

November. 30, 2017

ADVENT:

Advent is a time of quiet, joyful preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth and also a time to remember that we wait for Christ to come again at the end of time. Last Sunday marked the first Sunday of Advent. Each week, the light increases and this coming Sunday, we will light the second candle. Please take some time this weekend to join in prayer at home and at Mass. The following Advent prayer will be recited each morning at school during this special season:

Father in Heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love; our minds are searching for the light of your word. Increase our longing for Jesus and help us grow in love that we may rejoice in His presence and welcome His light in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus the Lord, Amen.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Parent-Teacher conferences are tomorrow, **Friday, December 1st**. Conference times, which are 15 minutes in duration, were sent home with the report cards at the last week. Conferences for Primary students (Kindergarten - Grade 3) are Parent/Teacher only. Intermediate students (Grades 4-7) should attend the conferences with their parents and should wear their full school uniform. Please bring your child's report card, signed cover and envelope to the conference. **Please note that this is not a regular school day for students. Intermediate students are only to come to their scheduled conference time.**

THANK YOU MRS. BARICHELLO!

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to **Mrs. Monica Barichello** for her tremendous hard work, and beautiful Nativity scene created for our school entrance.

PLAY PRACTICE:

All cast members, speaking roles, and non-speaking roles, must attend Monday's after school practices for costume fittings.

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY TABLECLOTH:

The deadline to reserve the tablecloth has passed. If you have not turned in your form, please do so ASAP.

LIBRARY BOOKS:

Please return all library books by **Wednesday, Dec. 6th** so inventory can be completed before the holidays. If your child has lost or damaged a book, a note will be sent home for reimbursement. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE:

Our next PSC meeting will be held **Wednesday, December 6th at 2:00p.m.** In the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

THE DOOR IS OPEN:

This year during the Advent season the students of St. Pius X will “Care For Everyone In Our Common Home” by donating the following items to individuals in need through *The Doors Open Organization*. Items are due back to the school by **Friday, December 8th**.

Kindergarten:	Hats (warm)
Grade 1:	Warm socks
Grade 2:	Pasta
Grade 3:	Canned meat or fish
Grade 4:	Pasta
Grade 5:	Canned meat or fish
Grade 6:	Gloves
Grade 7:	Scarves

Thank you for your help and for your generosity.

PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE CHOIR NEWS:

There will be **no choir** on **Thursday, December 14th**, for Primary and Intermediate Choir students.

PAJAMA DAY:

Student Council is proud to present "Pajama Day" on **Friday, December 15th**. What a great day to roll out of bed and come to school wearing your comfortable pajamas! Robes, slippers, stuffed animals and messy hair are all welcome! If you would like to take part in this special day, please bring \$2, which will be donated to charity.

GRADE 7 OUTDOOR SCHOOL DECEMBER 18th -21st:

All Grade 7 students are reminded to meet in the Grade 7 classroom with their bags for Outdoor School promptly at **7:45 am on Monday, December 12th**. Students will be attending the 8:00 am Mass as a group prior to the departure. Please ensure you bring all your required belongings for the week as well as your “Secret Santa” gift. Students will arrive back at the school at approximately **1:30 pm on Friday, December 16th**.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

St. Pius X School will close for Christmas holidays on **Friday, December 22nd, at NOON**. School will re-open on **Monday, January 8th, 2018 at 8:50 a.m.**

HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION:

Once again this year, the students of St. Pius X School will be supporting the Holy Childhood Association. HCA is a worldwide club that connects elementary school children in Canada with children and youth in developing countries. The motto is, “*Children Helping Children*”. Students in K to Grade Seven received a collection box for their offerings on Tuesday, November 28th. Children are encouraged to make their own small monetary contributions and sacrifices. Boxes are to be returned to school by January 8th.

PRIMARY SPEECH ARTS:

Speech Arts provides a wonderful opportunity for student’s to develop their public speaking and performance skills. This year’s Primary Speech Arts Festival will be held from Monday, January 22nd- Friday, January 26th, 2018. Students should be starting to memorize their poems. The deadline for poetry selection will be **Monday, December 4th**. Please be reminded this is a **FIRM** deadline.

SAVE THE DATE:

On **Saturday, February 17th, 2018** we will be having our “Pub Night” social. Details to follow in the next few weeks.

SNOWY DAYS:

In the event of a school closure due to snow, all families are asked to listen to CKNW Radio 980 AM and check their website for information. Every attempt will be made to get this broadcast to you as early as possible in the morning (approx. 7:15 a.m.). This is your most reliable source of information. Please do not contact the school, as every effort will be made to email families regarding a school closure.

LABEL, LABEL, LABEL:

Please take some time to ensure that all items (uniform, jackets, water bottles, shoes) are clearly labeled with a permanent marker or label. We have many new uniform items (pants, shirts, sweaters) that are not labeled and therefore, it makes it very difficult to return these to the original owner.

HOT LUNCH:

- Thursday, Dec. 7th Chicken Burgers & Frozen Yogurt
- **Friday, Dec. 15th** Pizza & Smoothies
- Thursday, Jan. 11th Well Fed & Frozen Yogurt

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday, Dec 4th</u>	Grade 5/7 boy	12—12:30 p.m.
	Gr. 5 girls	3:15-4:15 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, Dec. 5th</u>	Gr. 6/7 boys	3:15-4:15 p.m.
<u>Wed. Dec. 6th</u>	Gr. 6/7 girls	12-12:30 p.m.
<u>Thurs. Dec. 7th</u>	Gr. 5/7 boys	12-12:30 p.m.
	Gr. 6 boys	3:15-4:15 p.m.
<u>Fri. Dec. 8th</u>	Gr. 5/7 girls	12-12:30 p.m.

YARD DUTY VOLUNTEERS-Dec. 4th – 8th

Monday – Leigh Oikawa	Thursday – Tanya Valk
Tuesday – Sarah McLeary	Friday – Paola Puelle
Wednesday – Susan Frank	

CROSSING GUARD SCHEDULE –Dec. 4th – 8th

Monday a.m.-*Volunteer Needed*

Monday p.m.-Ying Xu

Tuesday a.m. – Jen Kim

Tuesday p.m. – Shawn Flaherty

Wednesday a.m.-Ileana Torres

Wednesday p.m.-Kerry Graham

Thursday a.m. – Gina Wall

Thursday p.m. – Paola Plecko

Friday a.m.-Roselyn Gritten

Friday p.m.-Catalina Sanchez

SPX PARISH:

Counters: We are in need of volunteer counters for our weekly donations. Counting is done on Monday mornings. Your commitment would be usually once a month and from (9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.). Please call the parish office to volunteer or for more information.

Christmas Hamper Project: In the spirit and tradition of giving we are collecting new toys, books, games, kitchen and bathroom towels, children and adult pj's, gift certificates for Tim Horton's, Superstore, movie passes or any other certificates that a single mum or dad with child would need and love to have. Starting next weekend there will be a labelled box in the vestibule for your gifts. Please be generous. (No used toys or clothing)

BINDERS:

The boxes of binders outside the music room are available to any interested family. Please take some home.