

# Bulletin #17-17

December 15, 2016

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER HORGAN:

*Dear Boys and Girls, Parents, Teachers, Staff and Families of the Saint Pius X School Community*

*I pray that this Christmas may bring you every blessing and joy. I ask the Lord that your families be united by love and affection and that the New Year be filled with good health and contentment.*

*Jesus was born for us in time so that we may be born into eternity. The Son of God became man so that men and women may become Sons and Daughters of God.*

*And so I pray especially that you all receive the gift of deeper faith. This is the best gift that I can desire for you. Faith is not simply knowledge, not simply practice; it is the intimate life of the Trinity shared with you so that you can live forever. May you live in Christ and Christ live in you! May He be your truest and best Friend, and His Mother your comfort and refuge.*

*A Happy and Holy Christmas to All,*

*With my blessing,*

*Father John*

## THANK YOU:

Thank you to all the families that placed an order for the poinsettias and the fresh wreaths our school raised \$588, thank you for your support.

## PAJAMA DAY:

We had nearly 100% participation from students on Pajama Day last Friday. It was a great way to end a busy week and we thank you for your spirit. We raised approximately \$500 for Pajamas with a purpose. (Finn Foundation) Thank you again for supporting Student Council's theme day.

## CHRISTMAS COLOURS DAY TOMORROW:

Tomorrow, **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a special "**FREE**" non-uniform day! Students are able to dress in Christmas colours (red, green, gold and silver) and show their Christmas spirit. Rather than bringing in a donation, we ask that students make a commitment to make this

day filled with random acts of kindness. This will be a great way to start off our Christmas holidays. Students are **NOT permitted to wear jeans, use temporary hair dye or face paint.** Santa hats and reindeer antlers are welcome!

## **GRADE 7 OUTDOOR SCHOOL:**

Grade 7 students will arrive back at the school at approximately **1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:**

St. Pius X School will be closed for Christmas holidays at **12:00 noon on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Grade Seven students will return from Outdoor School at approximately 1:30 pm on this day. Please notify your childcare providers of these times. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday filled with many blessings. School will reopen on **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 8:50 a.m.**

## **THANK YOU GRADE ONE PARENTS:**

Thank you to the Grade One parents who purchased our handmade Christmas cards from the Grade One students. We raised **\$460** which will be donated to The Holy Childhood Association. This is truly a wonderful display of generosity!

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight Mass
Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Monday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass
Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Sunday January 1 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## **ALTAR SERVERS' FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

### **Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>:**

**5p.m.:** Job Macatangay, Christine Kennedy, Orla McLaughlin, Noah & Liam Howse

**12a.m. (Midnight):** Michael O'Flynn

### **Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>:**

**9a.m.:** Gabriele & Giulia Altomare

**11a.m.:** Julia Kramer

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

**5p.m.:** Job Macatangay, Noah & Liam Howse

**January 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**9a.m.:** Jayden Cheung, Gabriele & Giulia Altomare

**11a.m.:** Julia Kramer, Orla McLaughlin

Thanks very much for your help, it is really appreciated.

**GRADE 4 CLASS:**

The Grade 4 class participates in a recycling program at the school. Each week we collect juice boxes from the classrooms and gym, and students and parents return them to Encorp for recycling. Monies raised are used to teach simple money management and accounting in Grade 4: SAVE (for special projects/events), SPEND (on gifts and classroom items) and DONATE (to a charity at the end of the year). This year the students have decided to donate to **Holy Childhood Association.**

**On January 5** we will hold a bottle drive at the school. Families are asked to collect their recyclable drink containers including: juice boxes, pop cans/bottles and liquor cans/bottles over the two week break and drop them off in front of the music room on **January 5, 2017.**

Thank you in advance for your support.

**PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE:**

I would like to thank the members of the PSC for all their time and effort in making the first half of our school year so successful. I hope everyone has very Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

**Cobbs Bread:** Mention our school name when you make purchases at Cobb's bread in Parkgate Shopping Center and the school receives 5%.

**Nesters Market:** Donate your points and put them towards SPX (mention this code #7)

**CHOIR NEWS:**

Choir will resume **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 8:00 a.m. Primary students are to meet in front of the church and Intermediate students in front of the music room.

## **READERS ARE LEADERS:**

Members of Readers are Leaders have received their first book and they should now be reading and formulating questions. Questions and first books will need to be submitted on **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## **HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION:**

Once again this year, the students of St. Pius X School will be supporting the Holy Childhood Association by raising donations for St. Joseph's Catholic School at the Chiriaco Mission, located in Peru. This year, students from Kindergarten through Grade Seven will participate. 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 will receive a collection box for their offerings on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Children are encouraged to make their own small monetary contributions and sacrifices. Boxes are to be returned to school by **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**.

## **PRIMARY SPEECH ARTS:**

All primary students who are participating in the Speech Arts competition are now being assigned a coach and practice time. Please ensure you meet with your child's coach before your child begins memorizing their poem. Please note that the Primary Speech Arts competition will be held from **Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**.

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHALLENGE:**

RCC members are reminded to review their assigned questions over the break. In January, regularly scheduled practices will be held on Tuesdays at lunch. Our competition date is **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

On **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017** we will be having our "Pub Night" social at Toby's Bar and Grill in North Vancouver. Tickets will go on sale in the New Year. Details to follow in the next few weeks.

## **PARISH ENVELOPES:**

Please pick up your 2017 Parish enveloped at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of St. Pius X Parish and School.

## **SNOWY DAYS:**

In the event of a school closure due to snow, all families are asked to listen to **CKNW Radio 980 AM** for information. The information will also be posted on the CKNW website. Every attempt will be made to get this information for you as early as possible in the morning (approximately 7:15 am). This is your most reliable source of information regarding school closures. Please do not phone the school. Every attempt will be made to notify families of a school closure via email.

## **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.

## **BASKETBALL PRACTICE: Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>:**

Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>      Gr. 6 boys                      12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Gr. 5 girls                      3:15p.m.-4:30p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>      Gr. 7 boys                      7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Gr. 5 boys                      12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m.

Gr. 6 girls                      3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>      Gr. 6 boys                      7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Gr. 5 boys/7 girls              12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gr. 7 boys                      3:15 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>      Gr. 6/7 girls                      7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Gr. 5/6 boys                      12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Gr. 6's                      GAME VS St. Edmund at SPX**

## **HOT LUNCH DATES:**

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>:      Chicken Burgers & Frozen Yogurt- Volunteers: Leigh, Jane & Regina

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>:      Pizza & Smoothies-Volunteers: Susan & Linda

Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>: Hotdogs & Frozen Yogurt-Volunteers: Maritza, Neema & Krista

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: Subway & Smoothies -Volunteers: Taline

## **YARD DUTY –JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>:**

Monday: **No School**

Thursday: Soo Cho

Tuesday: Estelle Lefebvre

Friday: Veronica Melendez

Wednesday: Christine Kramer

## **CROSSING GUARD DUTY JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>:**

Monday a.m. – **School Closed**

Thursday a.m. – Kathy Cole

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Thursday p.m. – Elizabeth Hewitt

Tuesday a.m. – Helene McLewin

Friday a.m. – Kathy Cole

Tuesday p.m. – Gina Wall

Friday: Rachael Monteith (Noon Dismissal)

Wednesday a.m. – Kathy Cole

Wednesday p.m. – Carmen Grigoruta

## **S.T.A. BULLETIN:**

The STA basketball teams had a great weekend of competition by winning 3 out of the 4 tournaments they were entered in. The senior boys will be competing in a tournament in Phoenix during the Christmas Holidays.

The STA staff and students wish to extend a Merry and Blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all of the parishioners.

## **PETITION TO THE B.C. LEGISLATURE TO KEEP HOSPICE & PALLATIVE CARE CENTRES SEPARATE FROM THOSE OFFERING EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED SUICIDE:**

*Please sign this very important petition, which also asks for respect of Freedom of Conscience for all Healthcare Workers and Administrators. This petition is part of a province wide initiative*

*by the Catholic Women's League and members will be meeting with our MLA, Jane Thornthwaite, on December 7<sup>th</sup> to deliver petition. They will be asking her to present it to the Legislature early in the New Year. Copies of the petition will be available for signature at the school office until Christmas break. The school liaison for the CWL is Michelle Cox. I appreciate your help in this regard. Please contact Michelle Cox or myself if you have questions or concerns. **Anita Park, Legislative Chair St. Pius X Catholic Women's League***

*\*If you wish to sign the petition please come by the school office, last day is tomorrow\**