

Bulletin #13-17

November 16, 2017

THANK YOU FROM THE *GOODING FAMILY*:

Girls 4 Girls and the Gooding family are overwhelmed by the generosity of the St Pius X School community. The team is currently in Mexico and please know that your contributions are having an enormous impact on the communities they are going to. Thank you so much for your love and concern.

You can follow their work all week on the following social media sites:

Instagram: @girls4girlsorg

Facebook: Girls4Girls Charitable Association

GRADE 6 & 1 MASS: SUNDAY, NOV. 19th

Thank you for your generous response to the Grades 6 & 1 Mass. We appreciate everyone who has volunteered, please meet at the vestibule of the church at 10:45. Due to the craft fair, there will not be coffee in the meeting room after Mass. We look forward to seeing everyone at Mass and encourage all families to visit the craft fair afterwards.

Ushering: Bridget Kirkham, Ronan Hoey, Lucas Riedel, Olivia Wall

Altar Serving: Adron Tam, Orla McLaughlin

Greeter: Eliana Sorochan, Delcan Kenny, Anness Hong, Abigail Cruz

Bring up Gifts: Deaghan Rocheleau, Inessa Perrotta, Chase Kalanchey, Sara Altamirano

CHOIR NEWS:

The Primary and Intermediate Choirs will be singing at the Christmas Craft Fair on **Sunday, November 19th**. Choir members are asked to meet Ms. Bota and Mr. Perrotta in the front hall of the school library at **12:00 p.m. in full school uniform.**

REMINDER:

St Pius X School will not be having classes on **Friday, December 1st** due to Parent Teacher Interviews.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

First term student progress reports will be distributed on **Friday, November 24th**. Please read, sign the report cover and return it in the envelope provided on **Friday, December 1st** for discussion during parent-teacher interviews.

- K, 1, 2 & 3, interviews remain Parent/Teacher only.
- Gr. 4, 5, 6, & 7 students are to attend the interviews with their parents and should be in full school uniform.

If you would like to make an appointment with the following specialist teachers (Mrs. Simpson: LAC, Ms. Bota: French, Mrs. Justine Blicq: Music K – 7, Mr. Perrotta: A.D.S.T. please call the school office at 604.929.0345.

“ISAIAH JONES” ITEMS NEEDED:

We are looking to borrow the following items for our upcoming Christmas production of “Isaiah Jones”. Please bring these items to the school office by Wednesday, November 22nd.

- hand held video controller
- abacus
- fake plants (green plants, not flowers, stand-alone)
- blanket (fleece throw, medium-sized, boy-themed, solid red or blue)
- small white table cloth
- 1 small round wooden table
- wireless game controller (Xbox or PlayStation, doesn't need to work)
- 3 chef hats
- red bow tie
- 1 “Indiana Jones” style whip
- working nerf ball gun

Thank you in advance,
The Christmas Prop Committee

CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATE:

Our annual Christmas concert will be held on **Thursday, December 14th** and there will be two shows, a matinee at 1:00p.m. and an evening show starting at 7:00p.m. Students who will be away or unable to attend the Christmas Concert, please notify your child's classroom teacher.

PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE:

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Craft Fair this Sunday! Come and visit the many new crafters and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch, prepared and served by the Catholic Women's League. Don't miss story time in the kid zone, cookie decorating, present

wrapping, 'gently-used' toy sale, bake sale, raffle prizes every 30 minutes, the Scholastic Book Fair, photos with Santa (pre-booked), and the beautiful voices of our St. Pius X School Choir.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 am	Christmas Craft Fair begins
11:00 am	Storytime in the Kids Zone
12:30 pm	St. Pius X School Choir
1:00 pm	Storytime in the Kids Zone
2:00 pm	Christmas Craft Fair finishes

**Childminding available in the Kids Zone (\$2 donation)*

Thank you to all the volunteers who have committed to the success of this event and to our very generous families for their wonderful donations. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Thank you for your support. Plants will be available for pick up at the school during the day on **Friday, December 1st**.

BLANKET DRIVE:

Please join us in participating in the "Realtors Care Foundation- Blanket Drive" for the homeless. We will collect new or gently used blankets, toiletries, sleeping bags, coats, scarves, gloves and socks (new). Please bring your items in boxes or bags to the front of the school by **Friday, November 17th**. Thanks for helping out!

NOVEMBER MEANS COLDER WEATHER:

As November brings colder days, please ensure your child (ren) are warmly dressed for the weather and for outdoor recesses.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

Our school book fair will begin at the Christmas Craft Fair on **Sunday, November 19th** and then continue until the afternoon of **Friday, November 24th**. The book fair will open for the community during lunch hour (12-12:45 p.m.) and after school (3:00-3:45 p.m.) from Monday through Friday.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING:

On **Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 p.m.** there will be a meeting for parents of children who will have their First Communion, in the Parish Meeting room. One parent must attend.

GUARDIAN GAZETTE:

We will be accepting poems, stories, jokes, riddles, athletic pieces and pictures for our school newspaper until **Friday, December 1st** (*December related events can be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 21st*). Submissions may be handed in on paper or emailed to guardiangazette@hotmail.com

PRIMARY SPEECH ARTS K - 3:

This year's Primary Speech Arts Festival will be held from **Monday, January 22nd – Friday, January 26th, 2017**. Please mark your calendars in order to ensure that you are able to see your child's presentation. The deadline for poetry selection will be **Monday, December 4th**. Please be reminded this is a **FIRM deadline**. Forms are available at the front desk.

SAFETY AT SCHOOL:

Please review the following items to help us provide a safe learning environment for all our students:

- In the mornings, primary students are supervised by the teacher on duty at 8:35 a.m. **The Primary Playground is CLOSED in the mornings.**
- Please phone the school office and leave a voice mail if necessary, if your child is sick or will be late. We rely on phone messages, which are checked regularly, for notification of changes in attendance. Please do not send an email.
- All parents/visitors are required to sign in at the office and receive a visitor's badge.
- If students are leaving school early for an appointment, parents are asked to pick up their children at the office and sign them out. Kindly make arrangements with your child and send a note to the teacher in the agenda book so that we can minimize class disruptions.
- Please park in designated spots only and follow the traffic pattern and speed limit. We have noticed that some cars are parking alongside the east gym wall (near the school bus). This causes great difficulty for those who are parked correctly in the designated spots. In addition, it places our students at risk.

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.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

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

HOT LUNCH:

- **Thursday, Nov. 23rd** **Hotdogs & Frozen Yogurt**
- **Thursday, Nov. 30th** **Katsu Japanese & Smoothies**

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday, November 20th</u>	Gr. 5/6 boys	7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
	Gr. 5 girls/boys	12:00-12:30 p.m.
	Gr. 7 girls/boys	3:15 p.m. - 4: 15 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, November 21st</u>	Gr. 5/6 girls	3:15 -4:15 p.m.
<u>Wednesday, Nov. 22nd</u>	Gr. 6 girls/boys	7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
	Gr. 5 girls/boys	3:15 -4:15 p.m.
<u>Thursday, Nov. 23rd</u>	Gr.6/7 girls	3:15 -4:15 p.m.
<u>Friday, Nov. 24th</u>	Gr. 6/7 boys	3:15 -4:15 p.m.

YARD DUTY NOV. 20th- 24th:

Monday- **Volunteer Needed**

Tuesday- Sarah McLeary

Wednesday- **Volunteer Needed**

Thursday-Tanya Valk

Friday- Gina Wall

CROSSING GUARD NOV. 20th- 24th:

Monday a.m.: **Volunteer Needed**

Monday p.m.: Ying Xu

Tuesday a.m.: Caroline Lavercock
Tuesday p.m.: Shawn Flaherty

Wednesday a.m.: Ileana Torres
Wednesday p.m.: Kerry Graham

Thursday a.m.: **Volunteer Needed**
Thursday p.m.: Paola Plecko

Friday a.m.: Rachael Monteith
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. Our children and grandchildren have so much and there are so many who have so little. Please be generous. (No used toys or clothing)