

Bulletin #19-16

January 5, 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope each family had a joyous and peaceful Christmas season. We look forward to a fruitful year together in which all children will continue to learn and grow to their fullest potential. The New Year is traditionally a time for God's blessing on our world. On January 6th, we celebrate the Epiphany, which means to show, to make known or to reveal. It is a time to remember the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, and who by so doing, "revealed" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

This is also a time when we can renew or resolve to better not only ourselves but also our world. As Catholics, we are called to live out our faith, model fairness and respect to all and persevere with our personal and communal beliefs. We pray that this year be filled with all things that are truly good. Therefore, as we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible. We look forward to working with you in 2017!

THANK YOU:

Thank you for participating in our Advent and Christmas festivities during the month of December. We are always truly amazed at the tremendous support and many helping hands that make the season so special. Thank you to all who donated to Holy Childhood, the St. Vincent de Paul Society Christmas hamper campaign, Pajama Day, and our annual Christmas Concert. Thank you also to all those who volunteered to assist with driving our school choirs to the various performances during the Advent season. On behalf of all the teachers and staff at St. Pius X, thank you very much for your prayers, support, cards, wishes and gifts at Christmas time. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

9:10a.m FIRST FRIDAY MASS TOMORROW:

Tomorrow, **Friday, January 6th** the Grade 7 class will sponsor the 9:10 Mass. Students are asked to bring a non-perishable food donation.

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 22nd. Children are encouraged to make their own small monetary contributions and sacrifices. Boxes are to be returned to school by **Monday, January 9th**.

PSC MEETING:

The next Parent Standing Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Jan. 11th** at 2p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

GRADE 7 ART CLUB:

Members of the Grade 7 Art Club are welcome to attend another session on **Thursday, January 12th** from 3:15-4:15 p.m. in the library. Students will have opportunities to complete unfinished projects.

READERS ARE LEADERS:

A reminder to all members of Readers are Leaders: first books should be read and questions should be completed by **Thursday, January 12th**. Members will meet at 12:00 recess on this day to submit questions and to choose second books.

VARIETY SHOW:

Students interested in auditioning for this exciting event must complete a commitment form and return it to school by **Thursday, January 12th**. Group performances only need to complete one form. **Closed auditions will be held on Tuesday, January 31st at lunch in the gym and Wednesday, February 1st at 7:45 a.m. Please be on time.** Students will be assigned an audition time in the near future. Students do not need to be in costume for the audition; however, all necessary props must be present. All acts will need to arrange practice times outside of school hours.

PRIZES FOR GR. 7 GIRLS/BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:

If you are able to donate a prize for our upcoming girls and boys basketball tournament next week, it would be most appreciated. Prizes can be dropped off at the school office by **Wednesday, January 18th**.

KINDERGARTEN 2017-2018:

We have had a positive response for the Kindergarten intake. Kindergarten interviews for prospective new families will occur in early February. If you know of a family who is interested

in enrolling their child for Kindergarten at St. Pius X for September 2017, please have them contact the school office at 604.929.0345. Children must turn five years of age by December 31st, 2017. Families who are already in our school must ensure that the names of younger siblings are on our waiting list

HANDICAP PARKING SPACE:

Please respect the parking space that is marked for Handicap use only. This is only to be used by families and students who require the priority parking for health reasons.

VOLUNTEER TAGS:

Please check if you have a St. Pius X Parent Volunteer pin and return to office if found.

PRIMARY SKATING: GRADE K-3

Our Primary classes will be going skating on **Friday, January 20th**. Please send your child's labeled car seat to school on this day.

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 23rd to Friday, January 27th**.

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.

APPROPRIATE WINTER CLOTHING:

During this season of winter, we must remind our children to dress in clothing that will keep them warm and dry. The essentials include: a hat, a warm winter coat, boots, mittens/gloves and scarf. It is also a good idea to send an extra pair of school socks in your child's school bag, as these often get wet during the course of recess play activities. During heavy rain or severe weather conditions, children will remain indoors. For the most part, however, they will be going outdoors and will need to be dressed in proper attire to enjoy our Canadian winter!

FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING:

On **Wednesday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m.** there will be a meeting for parents of children receiving the upcoming Sacraments of Reconciliation. We will meet in the parish meeting room.

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 7th.**

PUB NIGHT SOCIAL:

On **Friday, February 17th, 2017** we will be having our “Pub Night” social at Toby’s Bar and Grill in North Vancouver. Tickets will go on sale soon. Details to follow in the next few weeks.

BASKETBALL NEWS:

Our basketball season is off to a great start and we have had an amazing interest from the students with over 80% participation from students in Grades 5-7. Regular league games have begun this week and a schedule outlining all games and tournaments are being sent home soon by your son’s/daughters coach. Please keep this posted for easy reference. Practice schedules and changes to the schedules will be updated through our weekly bulletin.

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday & Friday, February 9th and 10th: School will be closed. (CEC Conference)

Monday, February 13th: Family Day (School Closed)

BASKETBALL PRACTICES:

Monday, Jan. 9th	Grade. 5 girls	7:45 a.m. – 8:30a.m.
	Grade. 6 boys	12-12:30 p.m.
	Grade. 6 Girls	3:15-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 10th	Grade 7 boys	12-12:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 11th	Grade 7 boys/girls	7:45-8:30a.m.
	Grade. 5 boys	12-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 12th Grade. 5/6 girls 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Grade 5 boys 12-12:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 13th Grade 5 girls/boys 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Grade 5 boys 12-12:30 p.m.

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

BASKETBALL GAMES:

Tuesday, Jan. 10th Gr. 7's VS St. Anthony at SPX

Gr. 6 boys at Holy Cross Tournament

Wed., Jan. 11th Gr. 7's at St. Edmund

Gr. 5's VS Holy Trinity at SPX

Thursday, Jan. 12th Gr. 5's VS St. Anthony at SPX

Gr. 6 girls at Holy Cross Tournament

Friday, Jan. 13th Gr. 5 VS St. Edmund at St. Edmund

HOT LUNCH DATES:

Friday, January 6th: Chicken Burgers & Frozen Yogurt- Volunteers: Jane & Regina

Friday, January 13th: Pizza & Smoothies-Volunteers: Susan & Linda

Friday, January 20th: Hotdogs & Frozen Yogurt-Volunteers: Maritza, Neema & Krista

Friday, January 27th: Subway & Smoothies -Volunteers: Taline

STA NEWS:

STA would like to extend New Years wishes to all parishioners. This week the Senior Boys will be competing in the BC Catholic Basketball Championships at Holy Cross High School.

YARD DUTY SCHEDULE January 9th-13th:

Monday: Nora Jiminez

Tuesday: Julia Simpson

Wednesday: Tanya Valk

Thursday: Susan Frank

Friday: Roz Phipps

CROSSING GUARD DUTY SCHEDULE January 9th-13th

Monday a.m. - Kathy Cole

Thursday a.m. – Sophia Kim

Monday p.m. – Volunteer Needed

Thursday p.m. – Shawn Flaherty

Tuesday a.m. - Helene Mclewin

Friday a.m. – Kathy Cole

Tuesday p.m. – Cecilia Moschini

Friday p.m. – Catalina Sanchez

Wednesday a.m. – Ileana Torres

Wednesday p.m. – Carmen Grigoruta