

Bulletin #13-15

November 19, 2015

REMINDER:

St Pius X School will not be having classes on **Friday, December 4th** due to Parent Teacher Interviews.

REPORT CARDS:

First term student progress reports will be distributed on **Monday, November 30th**. Please read, sign the report cover and return it in the envelope provided on **Friday, December 4th** for discussion during parent-teacher interviews.

- K, 1, 2 & 3, interviews remain Parent/Teacher only.
- Gr. 4, 5, 6, & 7 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. Krohman: LAC, Ms. Bota: French K – 7, Mrs. Justine Blicq: Music K – 6, Mr. Perrotta: Information Technology) please call the school office at 604.929.0345.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSAL FOR CAST MEMBERS:

Monday, Nov. 23rd 3-4p.m.

Wed. Nov. 25th 3-4p.m.

Thurs. Nov. 26th 3-4p.m.

PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE:

Christmas Craft Fair-Sunday, November 22nd from 10a.m. – 2p.m.

We are still welcoming any donations for the raffle and toys for the nearly new, slightly used sale.

This year's Christmas Craft Fair is shaping up to be the best yet. We have many new crafters, home baked goodies carefully made by the Catholic Women's League, exciting children's

activities, photos with Santa, story time, hourly raffle, St. Pius X School Choir, Scholastic Book Fair and hot lunch.

Schedule of Events:

10:00 Doors open

10:00 – 2:00 Children’s cookie decorating

10:00-11:30 Photos with Santa

11:00 Story Time

11:30 – 12:00 Festive Family Photo without Santa

12:00 – 2:00 Photos with Santa

12:30 St. Pius X School Choir performance

1:00 Story Time

Thank you to all the volunteers who have committed to the success of this event.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

Thank you for your support. Plants will be available for pick up at the school during the day on Friday, December 4th.

CHOIR NEWS:

The Primary and Intermediate Choirs will be singing at the Christmas Craft Fair on **Sunday, November 22nd**. Choir members are asked to meet Mrs. Wilkinson and Ms. Blicq in the front hall of the school library at **12:00 p.m. in full school uniform.**

NOVEMBER MEANS COLDER WEATHER:

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

BLANKET DRIVE:

Tomorrow, Friday November 20th, is the last to drop off items for the Blanket Drive. As the weather gets chilly, the most vulnerable members of our community are the ones who suffer the most. Join us in participating in this great charity work! We are still collecting new or gently used blankets, sleeping bags, coats, scarves, gloves and socks (new). Please bring your items in boxes or bags to the front of the school office. Thanks for helping out!

HELPING THE HOMELESS AT CHRISTMAS TIME:

Once again this Christmas season, I am participating in a campaign to help the homeless. I am collecting hotel soaps, shampoos, lotions, toothpaste, etc. that will be donated to a local women's shelter and homeless shelter. If you have any toiletries to donate to this project, please send them to school with your child or put them in the box that will be at the front of the school until December 3rd. Thank you, Josh Heuchert Grade 7

DONATION FOR A SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY:

Ben Paul's family, (Grade 7), along with a community of friends are in the process of sponsoring a Syrian refugee family of 5. We are looking for cloths for 3 boys, between the ages of 7 and 14. If you have any gently used clothing, the Paul family would be grateful for any donations. As we haven't yet been given the arrival date, this will be ongoing. Please contact Barb Paul at bpaul@telus.net to arrange pick-up. Thank you.

GRADE 1:

The Grade One class is currently in need of play food sets. If you have any you would like to donate please bring them to the school office.
Thank you, Mrs. Wilkinson

GUARDIAN GAZETTE:

We will be accepting poems, stories, jokes, riddles, athletic pieces and pictures for our school newspaper until **Friday, November 27th**. Submissions may be handed in on paper or emailed to guardiangazette@hotmail.com

GRADE 7 ART CLUB:

Students will not be meeting for Art Club next week (November 23rd to 27th) due to the Book Fair.

READERS ARE LEADERS:

Grade 5, 6, and 7 students who are interested in joining Readers are Leaders should submit their commitment forms on Friday. Members will be meeting on Tuesday, December 1st to receive their first book and to make their teams.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Sunday, November 22nd at the Christmas Craft Fair and will continue throughout the week until Friday, November 27th. The fair will be open to students during lunch hours and after school in our Music Room. There will be many great book selections, perhaps some Christmas ideas too. Come out and support our Book Fair. Book Fair profits will help us purchase new reading materials for our school and classroom libraries.

PRIMARY SPEECH ARTS K - 3:

This year's Primary Speech Arts Festival will be held from **Monday, January 25th – Friday, January 29, 2016**. 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, November 30th. Please be reminded this is a FIRM deadline.

VOW OF SILENCE: LEADERSHIP CLUB

The Leadership Club would like to invite all students of St. Pius X and parents to participate in this year's Vow of Silence campaign on Thursday, November 26th. Primary students are asked to refrain from speaking from the time they get up in the morning until 10:30 am. Intermediate students are asked to refrain from speaking from the time they get up in the morning until 12:00 pm. All students are encouraged to stay quiet for the entire 24 hour day! This would mean no talking, text messaging, Facetime, or using any other communicating devices for the whole day. The Leadership Club will hold a silent assembly shortly after nine in the morning. Each student is asked to bring in a small donation of \$2 (or more if they wish). They will receive a pin that shows that they are committing to a silent day. The main goal of this campaign is to bring awareness and attention to all the children in the world who have no voice, or the right to express their opinions. Too many children in the world, Canada included, still do not have even some of the most basic rights met, like the right to survive, live in a safe world, learn and enjoy life or the right to be heard. So be silent on Thursday, Nov. 26th. Take the vow and make a statement for the children in the world who have no voice!

THE VARIETY SHOW (GRADES 3-7)

The annual St. Pius X Variety Show Auditions will be held on Monday, February 1st at 7:45a.m. and Tuesday, February 2nd at lunch time. The show itself is on Friday, February 19th at 1 p.m. Start thinking of your acts now!

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHALLENGE:

RC Challenge members are to study their assigned questions.

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 18th**. School will re-open on **Monday, January 4th at 8:50 a.m.**

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Mon. Nov. 23rd Gr. 6 boys 12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 24th Gr. 5/7 girls 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m.

Gr. 5 boys/Gr. 6 girls 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 25th Gr. 7 boys 7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Gr. 5 boys 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Thurs. Nov. 26th Gr. 6/7 boys 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Gr. 5 girls 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fri. Nov. 27th Gr. 5 boys/Gr. 6 girls 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Gr. 5 girls/Gr. 7 girls 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Gr. 6/7 boys 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

GRADE 4 VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE:

Monday, Nov. 23rd at 7:45 a.m.

HOT LUNCH:

- Friday, November 20th Pizza/Smoothies
- Friday, November 27th Hot Dogs/Frozen Yogurt
- Thursday, December 3rd Subway/Smoothies
- Friday, December 11th Pizza/Frozen Yogurt

YARD DUTY NOV. 23RD – 27TH:

Monday- Nora Jiminez

Tuesday- Sarah McLeary

Wednesday- Ida Aiello

Thursday-Sophia Kim

Friday- Monika Kuwalek

CROSSING GUARD NOV. 23RD – 27Th:

Monday a.m.: Kathy Cole

Monday p.m.: Rachel Monteith

Tuesday a.m.: Hélène McLewin

Tuesday p.m.: Cecilia Moschini

Wednesday a.m.: Maura McLaughlin
Wednesday p.m.: **Volunteer Needed**

Thursday a.m.: Ann Stewart
Thursday p.m.: Paola Plecko

Friday a.m.: Kathy Cole
Friday p.m.: Barbara Paul