

Bulletin #16-17

December 7, 2017

FIRST FRIDAY MASS – HOSTED BY GRADE 6

All families are invited to attend our First Friday Mass **tomorrow, Dec. 8th at 9:10 am**. Students are to be in full school uniform.

All parents are invited to join Fr. John to enjoy coffee and Christmas treats after Mass in the Church hall.

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 Door Is 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**, nor **December 21st**. Both choirs will meet in the new year on **Thursday, January 11th, 2018**.

Students that will be singing at Cedar Springs and Parkgate Community Centre were notified today and they should return permission slips on **Monday, December 11th**.

“ISAIAH JONES AND THE SEEKERS OF THE LOST CHRISTMAS TREASURE”:

Our Christmas production, “Isaiah Jones”, will be held on **Thursday, December 14th** Seating for both the afternoon matinee (1:00 p.m.) and evening performance (7:00 p.m.) will be festival seating. All grandparents, seniors, and parishioners are welcome to attend our Matinee on

Thursday, December 14th. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., This will be followed by an afternoon Christmas Tea.

- Gym doors and school doors for the evening performance will open at 6:30 p.m. All students are to line up outside the school, by grade, and in an orderly fashion. **Students are to report to the school classrooms by 6:30 p.m. dressed in costume in order to be prepared to perform.**
- **Please iron your child's costume if needed, before the performance.**
- **All cast members must report to the music room by 6:00 p.m.**
- If your child borrowed a costume from the school, please fold it and return it to the school tomorrow.
- **The reserved parking spots immediately to the right of the tenant's spot in the main parking lot are reserved for the "Schuss" and "Cormack" families.** These spots were auctioned off at our Social last spring. Thank you for your cooperation.

PAJAMA DAY:

Student Council is proud to present "Pajama Day" tomorrow, **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! **Students are asked to bring a \$2 donation.** Funds raised will be donated to "Team Finn".

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The St. Pius X PSG invites you to attend **2017 Movie Day**, on **Friday, December 15th** at **3:15-5:15 p.m.** in School Gym.

We have sent home the Movie day form with your eldest, please fill this out and return no later than **Monday, Dec. 11th** to your classroom teacher.

CONFESSIONS:

In preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas, students will have their individual confessions on the following date:

- **Monday, December 18th** for **Grades 3-6**

Please help your child prepare by reviewing the format for confession as well as the Act of Contrition prayer.

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 18th**. 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 Thursday, Dec. 21st**.

CHRISTMAS COLOURS DAY:

On **Friday, December 22nd**, we will have a special "FREE" non-uniform day! Students are able to dress in Christmas colours 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. However, students are **NOT** permitted to use temporary hair dye or face paint. Santa hats and reindeer antlers are welcome!

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 at 8:50 a.m.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 24 th	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., & midnight
Monday, December 25 th	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 26 th	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 31 st	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1 st	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 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**.

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.

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.**

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

On **Saturday, February 17th, 2018** 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.

HOT LUNCH:

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

YARD DUTY -DEC. 11th -15th:

Monday: Cristiane Hemming

Thursday: Heather Patchell

Tuesday: Sarah McLeary

Friday: Julia Simpson

Wednesday: *Volunteer Needed*

CROSSING GUARD DUTY DEC. 11th -15th:

Monday a.m. – *Volunteer Needed*

Thursday a.m. – Gina Wall

Monday p.m. – Josephine Sorochan

Thursday p.m. – Paola Plecko

Tuesday a.m. – Caroline L.

Friday a.m. – Roselyn Gritten

Tuesday p.m. – Shawn Flaherty

Friday: Catalina Sanchez

Wednesday a.m. – Ileana Torres

Wednesday p.m. – Kerry Graham

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)