

Bulletin #16-16

December 8, 2016

THANK YOU!

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to **Mrs. Monica Barichello** for her tremendous hard work, and beautiful Nativity scene created for our school entrance.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT TONIGHT

Please join us for tonight's performance, "*All About That Baby*". We look forward to seeing you there!

- Seating for evening performance (7:00 pm) will be festival seating. Donations towards offsetting the costs of the production will be gratefully appreciated (\$10 suggested per family). We are sure you will enjoy the show!
- Gym doors and school doors for the evening performance will open at 6:30 pm. All students are to line up in an orderly fashion. **Students are to report to the school classrooms by 6:30 pm dressed in costume in order to be prepared to perform.**
- **Please iron your child's costume if needed, before tonight's performance.**
- 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 handicapped spot in the main parking lot is reserved for the Schuss/Cormack/Miller families.** These spots were auctioned off at our Social last spring. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRIMARY & INTERMEDIATE CHOIR NEWS:

There will be no choir on **Thursday, December 15th**, for Primary and Intermediate Choir students.

PAJAMA DAY:

Student Council is proud to present "Pajama Day" tomorrow, **Friday, December 9th**. 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, any student bringing in \$5 will have their name entered into a draw for 2 Canuck Tickets.** Funds raised will be donated to "Team Finn".

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

This year during the Advent season the students of St. Pius X will “Care For Our Common Home” by donating the following items to families in need by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Items are due back to the school by **Friday, December 9th**.

Kindergarten:	Breakfast foods
Grade 1:	Breakfast foods
Grade 2:	Lunch items
Grade 3:	Lunch items
Grade 4:	Dinner items
Grade 5:	Dinner items
Grade 6:	Desserts
Grade 7:	Staple food items

Thank you for your help and for your generosity.

GRADE 1 PARENTS:

A Christmas card sale will be held for the Grade One parents on **Tuesday, December 13th** from 2:40 - 3:00 p.m. in the Grade One classroom. You can purchase your child's handmade cards and the monies collected will be donated to Holy Childhood Association.

CONFESSIONS:

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

- **Tuesday, December 13th 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 12th -16th:

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 12th**. 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 Friday, December 16th**.

PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE:

Our next PSC meeting will be held **Wednesday, December 14th at 2:00p.m.** In the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

GRADE 2 PIONEER SCHOOL DAY:

On **Wednesday, December 14th**, the Grade Two class will be participating in its annual "Pioneer School Day". The children are to come dressed as children of the era and are to line up at the front of the school. Please send a labelled potato peeler to school on this day. Lunch is provided, but please send a small snack.

CHRISTMAS COLOURS DAY:

On **Friday, December 16th**, 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 16th, at NOON.** School will re-open on **Monday, January 3rd, 2017 at 8:50 a.m.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

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

READERS ARE LEADERS:

Members of Readers are Leaders have received their first book and they should now be reading and formulating questions. Members will meet again Wednesday 10:30 a.m. to review expectations. Questions and first books will need to be submitted on Thursday, January 12th.

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**.

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 **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 in the New Year. Details to follow in the next few weeks.

HOT LUNCH:

Thursday, December 15th- Pizza & Smoothies-Volunteers: Neema, Krista

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday, Dec. 12th</u>	Gr. 5 girls	7:45-8:30 a.m.
	Gr. 6 boys	12-12:30 p.m.

	Gr. 6 girls	3:15-4:30 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, Dec. 13th</u>	Gr. 6 boys	12-12:30 p.m.
	Gr. 5 boys	3:15-4:30 p.m.
<u>Wed., Dec. 14th</u>	Gr. 5 boys	7:45-8:30 a.m.
	Gr. 5 girls	3:15-4:30 p.m.
<u>Thurs., Dec. 15th</u>	Gr. 5 girls	7:45-8:30 a.m.
	Gr. 5 boys	12-12:30 p.m.

YARD DUTY -DEC. 12th-16th:

Monday: Julia Simpson

Thursday: Susan Frank

Tuesday: Christine Kramer

Friday: **Noon Dismissal**

Wednesday: Tanya Valk

CROSSING GUARD DUTY DEC. 12th-16th:

Monday a.m. – Kathy Cole

Thursday a.m. – Sophia Kim

Monday p.m. – Aga Marzec

Thursday p.m. – Shawn Flaherty

Tuesday a.m. – Helene Mclewin

Friday a.m. – Kathy Cole

Tuesday p.m. – Cecilia Moschini

Friday: Catalina Sanchez (**12p.m. Dismissal**)

Wednesday a.m. – Ileana Torres

Wednesday p.m. – Carmen Grigoruta

SPX PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT: Christmas Hamper Project

In the spirit and tradition of giving we are collecting new toys, books, games, kitchen and bathroom towels, children/adult pyjamas, gift certificates for Safeway, Tim Hortons, Superstore, movie passes or any place a single mother or father and children would need and love to have. Starting next weekend there will be a big labelled box in the vestibule for your gifts. We and our

children and grandchildren have so much and there are many who have so little. Please be generous. (No used toys, clothing and no expired items)

STA ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our Christmas Choir and Drama classes perform on Monday, December 12 at 6:00 pm in the STA Gymnasium. Admission is free and refreshments will be served at intermission.

We are excited to announce that 15 students at STA will cut or shave their hair on December 8 in the Lose your Locks for Cancer. All proceeds will be going to pediatric cancer.

St. Thomas Aquinas last day before Christmas break is December 16, 2016