

Bulletin #17-17

December 20, 2017

PAJAMA DAY:

We had nearly 100% participation from students on Pajama Day last Friday. It was a great way to end a busy week and we thank you for your spirit. We raised **\$442.25** for Pajamas with a purpose. (Finn Foundation) Thank you again for supporting Student Council's theme day.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Thank you to everyone from singers to servers to actors and painters who made our Christmas Concert a wonderful success.

We have a few borrowed costume items that need to be returned:

- Polka dot suspenders
- Blue bow tie
- Indiana Jones style whip

GRADE 7 OUTDOOR SCHOOL:

Grade 7 students will arrive back at the school at approximately **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21st**.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

St. Pius X School will be closed for Christmas holidays at **12:00 noon on Friday, December 22nd**. Please notify your childcare providers of these times. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday filled with many blessings. School will reopen on **Monday, January 8th, 2018 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 1st

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ALTAR SERVERS' FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve, December 24th:

5p.m.: Kieran Kenny, Blake Duncan, Emma Fitzgerald, Seth Macatangay, Aidan Lam Po Yuen, Liam & Noah Howse

12a.m. (Midnight):

Christmas Day, December 25th:

9a.m.: Gabriele & Giulia Altomare

11a.m.: Julia Kramer, Gabriel Guzman

December 26th: Julia Kramer

December 31st:

9 a.m.: Liam & Noah Howse, Kieran Kenny

11 a.m.: Giulia & Gabriele Altomare, Aidan Lam Po Yuen, Emma Fitzgerald

5 p.m.: Blake Duncan, Seth Macatangay

January 1st:

9a.m.: Gabriele & Giulia Altomare

11a.m.: Julia Kramer, Orla McLaughlin

Thanks very much for your help, it is really appreciated.

GRADE 4 CLASS:

The Grade 4 class participates in a recycling program at the school. Each week we collect juice boxes from the classrooms and gym, and students and parents return them to Encorp for recycling. Monies raised are used to teach simple money management and accounting in Grade 4: SAVE (for special projects/events), SPEND (on gifts and classroom items) and DONATE (to a charity at the end of the year). This year the students have decided to donate to **W.W.F. (World Wild Life Foundation)**

On January 8th we will hold a bottle drive at the school. Families are asked to collect their recyclable drink containers including: juice boxes, pop cans/bottles and liquor cans/bottles over the two week break and drop them off in front of the music room on **January 8th, 2018**.

Thank you in advance for your support.

PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE:

I would like to thank the members of the PSC for all their time and effort in making the first half of our school year so successful. I hope everyone has very Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 11th at 2:00 pm**

Cobbs Bread: Mention our school name when you make purchases at Cobb's bread in Parkgate Shopping Center and the school receives 5%.

Nesters Market: Donate your points and put them towards SPX (mention this code #7)

CHOIR NEWS:

Choir will resume **Thursday, January 11th, 2018** at 8:00 a.m. Primary students are to meet in front of the church and Intermediate students in front of the music room.

TOURNAMENT PRIZES:

Gr. 7 Girls' Basketball Tournament on **Thursday, January 18th** any prizes you may have to donate to our girls' tournament would be graciously accepted.

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 8th**.

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 22nd to Friday, January 26th**.

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**.

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.

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.

SNOWY DAYS:

In the event of a school closure due to snow, all families are asked to listen to **CKNW Radio 980 AM** for information. The information will also be posted on the CKNW website. Every attempt will be made to get this information for you as early as possible in the morning (approximately 7:15 am). This is your most reliable source of information regarding school closures. Please do not phone the school. Every attempt will be made to notify families of a school closure via email.

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.

BASKETBALL: Jan. 8th - 12th:

<u>Monday, Jan. 8th</u>	Gr. 6/7 girls	7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
	Gr. 5 boys/girls	12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m.
	Gr. 6/7 boys	3:15 p.m. -4:15 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, Jan. 9th</u>	Gr. 5/6 boys	12:00 p.m. -12:30 p.m.

Gr. 5 boys (GAME) VS Holy Trinity at SPX

Gr. 6 boys/girls (GAME) VS St. Anthony at St. Anthony

Wed, Jan. 10th Gr. 7 boys/girls 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Gr. 6 boys 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Gr. 6 boys/girls (GAME) VS Holy Trinity at SPX

Gr. 7 boys/girls (GAME) VS St. Edmund at St. Edmund

Thurs. Jan. 11th Gr. 6 boys/girls 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Gr. 5/6 girls 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12th Gr. 5 girls 7:45 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Gr. 5 boys 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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HOT LUNCH:

- **NO Hot Lunch tomorrow, Dec. 21st**
- Thursday, Jan. 11th Well Fed & Frozen Yogurt
- Thursday, Jan. 18th Hot Dogs & Smoothies
- Thursday, Jan. 25th Katsu Japanese & Frozen Yogurt
- Thursday, Feb. 1st Chicken Burgers & Smoothies

YARD DUTY –JANUARY 8th – 12th:

Monday: Leigh Oikawa Thursday: Heather Patchell

Tuesday: Christine Kramer Friday: Gina Wall

Wednesday: *Volunteer Needed*

CROSSING GUARD DUTY JANUARY 8TH-12TH:

Monday a.m. – Rachael Monteith Thursday a.m. – *Volunteer Needed*

Monday p.m. – Josephine Sorochan

Thursday p.m. – Paola Plecko

Tuesday a.m. – Jen Kim

Friday a.m. – Roselyn Gritten

Tuesday p.m. – Shawn Flaherty

Friday: Catalina Sanhchez

Wednesday a.m. – Ileana Torres

Wednesday p.m. – Kerry Graham

GRADE 2:

Grade Two needs a 2L ice cream bucket and 3 2L pop bottles. If you have any please send it to the school in January.

GRADE 6:

*“To the community of St. Pius X, my name is Lauren Cratchley and I am grade 6. I would like to ask for hotel toiletries to be donated and dropped off at the school. I am mainly looking for shampoo, conditioner, soap or toothpaste. I will be distributing these items around the downtown eastside with an outreach program. I will have box outside the school office marked toiletries and would appreciate the donations to be delivered by **Friday, January 12th**. So if you have a collection at home or are going away over the holidays and can get some then it would be greatly appreciated.”*