

Bulletin #19-18

January 11, 2018

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 celebrated 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 2018!

KINDERGARTEN 2018-2019:

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 2018, please have them contact the school office at 604.929.0345. Children must turn five years of age by December 31st, 2018. Families who are already in our school must ensure that the names of younger siblings are on our waiting list

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, 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. *"Mr. F. Battisti"*

PRIMARY CHOIR:

Please be aware that Primary Choir is being held in the church hall on an ongoing basis until the end of June.

GRADE 7 BAND:

Grade 7 students are to bring in their band instruments every Tuesday and Thursday.

VARIETY SHOW:

Students interested in auditioning for this exciting event must complete a commitment form and return it to school by **Monday, January 15th**. Group performances only need to complete one form. **Closed auditions will be held on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:45 a.m. in the gym and Thursday, February 1st at lunch. 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.

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.

PRIMARY SKATING: GRADE K-3

Our Primary classes will be going skating on **Friday, January 19th**. Please send your child's labeled car seat to school on this day.

SPELLING BEE:

Students in Grades 4 to 7 are invited to participate in this year's St. Pius Spelling Bee. Commitment forms will be distributed on Monday, January 15th to all interested students. Students in Grades 4 and 5 will be meeting Wednesdays at 10:30 and participants from Grades 6 and 7 will be meeting on Mondays at 12:00. Word lists will be given to participants at their first meeting starting the week of **Monday, January 22nd**.

PRIMARY SPEECH ARTS:

Our Primary Speech Arts Festival will be held from January 22nd – 26th. Please remember to send a canned donation with your child on the day they present their poem. Students are reminded to be in full uniform, a schedule was emailed this morning.

FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING:

On **Monday, February 5th 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 6th.**

PUB NIGHT SOCIAL:

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 soon. Details to follow.

BASKETBALL NEWS:

Our basketball season is off to a great start and we have had an amazing interest from the students with approx. 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.

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.

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!

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday & Friday, February 8th and 9th: School will be closed. (CEC Conference)

Monday, February 12th: Family Day (School Closed)

HOT LUNCH DATES:

Thursday, Jan. 18th Hot dogs & Smoothies

Thursday, Jan. 25th Katsu Japanese & Frozen Yogurt

Thursday, Feb. 1st Chicken Burgers & Smoothies

*Hot Lunch Volunteers needed for dates:

January 25th and February 1st. unfortunately **if we do not find volunteers we will have to cancel lunch for that week.** Please contact Ileana to help at ileanatm@yahoo.com

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE:

Monday, Jan. 15th Gr. 6 boys 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Gr. 6 girls 12-2:30 p.m.

Game-Gr. 5 boys VS Holy Trinity at HT

Game-Gr. 5 girls VS St. Anthony at SPX

Gr. 6 boys at Holy Cross Tournament

Tuesday, Jan. 16th Gr. 5 girls 12-12:30 p.m.

Gr. 6 girls at Holy Cross Tournament

Game-Gr. 5 girls VS Holy Trinity at SPX

Wed. Jan. 17th Gr. 7 boys 7:45-8:30 a.m.

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

Game-Gr. 5 boys VS St. Edmund at St. Eds

Game-Gr. 7's VS Holy Trinity at SPX

Thurs. Jan. 18th Gr. 7 girls 7:45-8:30 a.m.

Gr. 7 girls Tournament at SPX, 1st game at 12:00 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 19th Gr. 6 girls 7:45-8:30 a.m.
 Gr.6 boys 12-12:30 p.m.

YARD DUTY SCHEDULE January 15th-19th:

Monday: Volunteer Needed

Tuesday: Sarah McLeary

Wednesday: Susan Frank

Thursday: Tanya Valk

Friday: Paola Puelle

CROSSING GUARD DUTY SCHEDULE January 15th - 19th:

Monday a.m. - Volunteer Needed

Thursday a.m. – Gina Wall

Monday p.m. – Ying Xu

Thursday p.m. – Paola Plecko

Tuesday a.m. – Caroline Gacek

Friday a.m. – Roselyn Gritten

Tuesday p.m. – Shawn Flaherty

Friday p.m. – Catalina Sanchez

Wednesday a.m. – Ileana Torres

Wednesday p.m. – Kerry Graham