

# St. John Community School

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**December 2023**

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**“Working Together, We are Better”**



Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary’s openness to your wonderful ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph’s courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus’ life ignite all families with the spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray, Amen. (courtesy of Share Catholic.com)



### Advent begins Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

The season of Advent is upon us. This is the time of preparation for the coming of Christ, Christmas, and the start of the liturgical year in the Roman Catholic Church, which begins the first Sunday closest to November 30th. We begin this first week of Advent by asking Christ to come, to set us free from our sins. He is our salvation.



### **Christmas Family Fun Night**

We are hosting a Christmas Family Fun Night at St. John Community School. **Come and join in the festivities on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 - 7:30pm. There will be games, activities, and a door prize for families to participate in. Pick up your program at the main doors and enjoy the sharing of faith and fun with others.

### Important Dates to Remember

- Dec. 1 - 1st Advent Celebration 8:40am/  
Progress Reports go home*
- Dec. 8 - 2nd Advent Celebration 10:14am*
- Dec. 13 - PACSD Band Concert @ St. Anne’s  
7:00pm*
- Dec. 14 - Family Fun Night (6:00 - 7:30 pm)*
- Dec. 15 - 3rd Advent Celebration & Reconciliation 10:14am*
- Dec. 20 - 4th Advent Celebration 8:40am*
- Dec. 22 - Last day of school until Jan. 8. 2024*

**NEWSLETTER**



### School Fees

School fees are now due for the 2023-2024 school Year. Fees help cover a variety of educational materials, fields trips, and accidental insurance. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten	\$15.00
Grades 1-5	\$20.00
Grades 6-8	\$25.00

Fees can be paid online by Debit or Credit through School Cash Online or in person at the main office during regular school hours.

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR FOR THE FOOD BANK!

St. John Community School is once again doing a community service project for the Advent season called a Reverse Advent Calendar. Rather than receiving a treat each day during the Advent season, students will gift one instead! This is a way to bring joy and support to those less fortunate in our community. All items collected from our school will be donated to our local food bank.

We are asking students who are able, to bring designated non-perishable food items during Advent. A list of items is provided on the backside of this letter. Pick and choose the days and items you wish to donate. If you do not have an item on a specific day, feel free to donate another non-perishable instead. Cash donations will also be accepted. Remember, this fundraiser is voluntary! Any amount you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated!

As an incentive, the two homerooms that bring in the most items (per person) will win a pizza party and a movie afternoon.

We will start the fundraiser Friday, December 1st and end it on Friday, December 22nd. Thank you in advance for your generosity and charitable spirit!

St. John SLC

Mrs. Orioux, Mrs. Thalheimer, Miss Read



### Donation List

1. Box of Cereal (Fri., Dec. 1st)
2. Bottle of Dish Soap (Mon., Dec. 4th)
3. Canned Soup (Tues., Dec. 5th)
4. Hand Soap or Bar of Soap (Wed., Dec. 6th)
5. Canned Meat (Thurs., Dec. 7th)
6. Box or bag of Pasta (Fri., Dec. 8th)
7. A toothbrush (Mon., Dec. 11th)
8. Jar of Pasta Sauce (Tues., Dec. 12th)
9. Canned Vegetables or Beans (Wed., Dec. 13th)
10. Tube of Toothpaste (Thurs., Dec. 14th)
11. Bottle of Shampoo and/or Conditioner (Fri., Dec. 15th)
12. Box or bag of Rice (Mon., Dec. 18th)
13. Jar of Peanut Butter or Jam (Tues., Dec. 19th)
14. Box of crackers or cookies (Wed., Dec. 20th)
15. Box of Granola Bars (Thurs., Dec. 21st)
16. Any Non-Perishable Item (Fri., Dec. 22nd)

### Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be going home with your child on **Friday, December 1st**. It is very important to have good communication with students/home/school. We appreciate you taking the time and effort toward your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child's teacher at the school regarding your child's school progress.



### Mom's Pantry Winners

Thank-you to all the families who supported our Mom's Pantry Fundraiser. The top sellers and winners of a \$10 canteen card are the following students: Adisyn D., Maddison A., Kaiden Y., Sara B., Alexander P., Ashton P., Sienna S., Kaz Y., Daniel K., Taiden T., Blake K., Chance M.

The winners of a school toque are: Faith B. Davian L.



### CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT

We are pleased to be able to have a Prince Albert Catholic School Division Band Christmas Concert for our grade 5-8 students this year. This performance will be held on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at École St. Anne School** (530 24<sup>th</sup> Street West) in the gym. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend!



### Thank-you!

Thank-you to the Kinsmen for their donation of 230 pairs of mittens. They will be distributed at the end of the month to Grades K—3.



Congratulations to Braylen M. who is the winner of a \$10 canteen card by entering our "Jaguars" draw.

### Christmas Spirit Week December 18th -22nd

Monday, Dec. 18th – Twas the Night Before Christmas (Christmas PJ's)

Tuesday, Dec. 19th – Holiday Headwear (Wear reindeer ears, a Santa toque or any other festive headwear)

Wednesday, Dec. 20th – Christmas Sweater Day (Wear a nice Christmas sweater or an ugly Christmas sweater!)

Thursday, Dec. 21st – Christmas Colours Day (Wear red, green, and white)

Friday, Dec. 22nd – New Year's Eve Attire (Dress to Impress! Wear your fanciest clothes)

### Winder Wonderland

Our Grade K to 3/4 classes will be headed to Winter Wonderland at the Gateway Mall on Dec. 6 & K on Dec. 7. Students will participate in different activities including stories, arts and crafts.



# Gingerbread Houses



Many of our students built gingerbread houses with their care partners. These houses will be displayed in the Winter Wonderland at the Gateway Mall. Thank-you to the SCC for their donation of the gingerbread houses for this project. Stop by the Winter Wonderland and check them out!



The school had a visit from the Earth Rangers where they were able to learn all about animals and the environment. They also learnt about conservation initiatives across Canada with some motivation to get involved!

