



ST. CARTHAGH CATHOLIC SCHOOL DECEMBER UPDATE

Donations needed for Christmas Shopping-Gently used household items, toys, Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, scotch tape and gift tags wanted! These items will be used at the St. Carthagh Christmas shopping event on December 15th. Students are invited to purchase gifts for their family members, wrap them and take them home with pride! All items are \$1(to ensure that all students have the opportunity to make purchases, we limit the number of gifts to four per student). Donations accepted until December 14th. All proceeds will benefit the Christmas Sharing Program in our community. Volunteers needed on December 15th to assist 'shoppers' and for wrapping, etc.

Stirling Festival Theatre-We are happy to say that all students will attend Stirling Theatre on December 19th to see **Little Red**. Please ensure that consent forms and money are returned as soon as possible. Our preferred method of payment is online, go to <https://alcdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> and click "Get Started Today".

Student Confessions-Father Aidan will hear confessions for students in Grades 3-8 on December 12th.

Skating-All students will go skating on December 21st from 10:30-12:30 (2 groups). Helmets are mandatory to be on the ice. Students will walk to the Tweed Arena. In the spirit of Christmas, the Municipality of Tweed-Parks & Rec Department generously donated the ice time-thank you!!

Christmas Sharing-St. Carthagh Catholic School staff & students plan to provide Christmas Sharing baskets for those in need. More information will come home soon. Please support this worthwhile cause.

Christmas Concert-We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate this Holy Season on December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Dinner-On December 18th students will be treated to a wonderful Christmas dinner. Our thanks to Parent Council for providing this opportunity. The school will provide juice for each student. Students are asked to bring a plate, fork and knife in a Ziploc bag.

Piano Recital-Students of Mrs. Donna Broek will be performing an annual Christmas Piano Recital on December 14th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Tweed Santa Claus Parade-Come to the Parade on Saturday, December 2nd to see our school float. The float will leave from the school parking lot and we ask that all students participating, with a signed consent form, should be at the school by 11:45 at the latest. Student pick up will be at the school as soon as the parade is finished. Please dress for the weather.

Terrific Kids-Our assembly was held on November 23rd and our virtue was, A Discerning Believer. The following students were recognized: McCartney Poff, Owen Hansch-Watman, Keziah Van Londersele, Skyler Latendre-Cailles, Abigail Van Londersele, Madeleine Mummery and Anastacia Healey. Congratulations!

Donation-St. Carthagh Breakfast Club would like to say a BIG 'Thank-you' to Centre Hastings Community Support and Education Inc. (they run the Madoc Thrift store). Their mandate is to donate proceeds back into local charities and have VERY generously made a donation to our Breakfast Club program. It is because of donations like this that we are able to keep our shelves (and fridge) stocked with delicious and nutritious food.

If you would like to support St. Carthagh Breakfast Club please see our wish list to Santa: We can always use fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as frozen fruit (for our smoothies).

Dry goods: Dole Fruit Cups – Fruit Salad or Diced Peaches (the kind that say “no sugar added”): we go through 5-10 packages a week, Quaker Oats Chewy Bars (Raspberry Crumble or Apple Crumble): we go through 5-10 packages a week, Blue Menu Steel Cut Oats (Maple and Brown Sugar): we go through about 1 package a week, Cheerios (Yellow box or Multigrain): we go through about 2-3 boxes a week, Sun-maid Raisins (big bag): we go through about 1-2 bags a week, Hunts Tomato Sauce (no salt added): we go through about 2-3 cans a month

Dairy: Tubs of Yoplait 0% Vanilla Yogurt: we go through about 2 tubs a week, Black Diamond or No name Cheese String (marble): we go through about 1 package a week, Shredded Cheese (Kraft Mild Cheddar made with 2% milk): we go through about 1 package a month, No name Cheese Slices (marble or medium): we go through about 3-4 packages a month, Yoplait or Danone Yogurt tubes: we go through about 3-4 cases a month

Miscellaneous: Ziploc Baggies (snack size/freezer), Reusable plastic plates, bowls, and cups, Food storage containers. Any donations would be appreciated.

School Volunteers-please complete the attached survey and return by December 8th. We know that parents are busy and time is precious but if you can help with specific events or activities it would be very much appreciated. As always, volunteers require a police check. If you need a police check please contact the office.

Dress for the Weather-The colder weather is upon us and students are outside for recess during the day, so it is important to dress accordingly. In order to get the most enjoyment from their time outdoors, please make sure your child has a hat, mitts, winter coat, snow pants and boots for school yard play. These items should be labeled with your child’s name.

Bus Cancellations-Cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on the following radio stations CJBQ and MIX 97 at regular intervals in the morning. If the bus does not run in the morning, it will not run at the end of the day. (The only exception to this is a cancellation due to fog). Please remember that if your child is dropped off in the morning, they will need to be picked up promptly at the afternoon dismissal time. All schools within the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board will remain open unless otherwise indicated.

Learning French is fun!

“I really enjoyed the French trip because we got to use our French skills in a restaurant. I also thought the dialogues were fun because they got you talking to other people so that you could build up those skills.”

-Emma, ALCDSB Grade 9 Student

Encourage your child to be a lifelong learner of French!

December 2017

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
					1	2 Santa Claus Parade
3	4 Advent Celebration Week 1 9:30	5 Day 1-12 Days of Christmas	6 Day 2-12 Days of Christmas	7 Papa John's Pizza Day 3-12 Days of Christmas	8 Day 4-12 Days of Christmas	9
10	11 Day 5-12 Days of Christmas Advent Celebration Week 2 9:30	12 Day 6-12 Days of Christmas Student Confessions	13 Day 7-12 Days of Christmas Christmas Concert 6:30	14 Papa John's Pizza Day 8-12 Days of Christmas Christmas Cookies	15 Day 9-12 Days of Christmas Cookie Decorating Christmas Shopping	16
17	18 Day 10-12 Days of Christmas Christmas Dinner Advent Celebration Week 3 9:30	19 Day 11-12 Days of Christmas Stirling Theatre	20 Day 12-12 Days of Christmas	21 Papa John's Pizza Terrific Kids Skating 10:30-12:30 Christmas Sharing Baskets	22 Christmas Mass	23
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Dear Parents,

St. Carthagh Catholic School welcomes parents to become involved in their children’s education through volunteer services. It takes a great deal of help to ensure that our school maintains quality education programs and extra-curricular events. The following questionnaire lists the many ways you can offer assistance.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE AND RETURN NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th.

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER TIME	✓		✓
Family BBQ (September)		Christmas Cookie Decorating (December)	
Terry Fox Run (September)		Christmas Sharing Baskets (December)	
Remembrance Day Posters (November)		12 Days of Christmas Raffle (December)	
Christmas Concert (December)		School Masses (Monthly)	
Santa Claus Parade (December)		Talent Show (May)	
Christmas Dinner (December)		First Communion (April/May)	
Christmas Shopping (December)			
CAN YOU VOLUNTEER EXPERTISE	✓	Confirmation (April/May)	✓
Musical talents		Student Art Show (April)	
Arts/crafts skills		Track & Field (June)	
Computer/technology		Graduation (June)	
Cooking/Baking		Other _____	

Name _____ **Phone** _____

A valid police check is required for all volunteers. Please call the office if you require a police check.

Your name and phone number may be shared with St. Carthagh Parent Council as they coordinate some events.