



# Sacred Heart Catholic School

## Newsletter November/December 2020



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### Principal Update (Mrs. Brannigan-Rampp)

It is hard to believe we are approaching November and the Advent season. This year is unlike any other and we have appreciated how families have been supporting the changes and screening this year due to the health regulations. Our board's new multi-year strategic plan details four key areas that are rooted in faith, focused on equity and well-being of our students, staff and families. We still have high expectations for achievement and innovation and are diligent in how we allocate resources.

We have had our first Catholic School Council Virtual Meeting with first item to hold our election for 20-21 executive. We are very thankful and proud to announce this year's Executive:

Christine Spencer – School Chairperson  
 Secretary – Jennifer Maloney/Colleen Shannon  
 Members at Large: Gabriella Ascott  
 Teacher Rep: Lisa Alberta

Treasurer – Milica Jelenic/  
 Sarah Bertrand  
 Sherri Forbes  
 CUPE: Debra Robinson

**ALCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan**  
2020-2025

**Our Priorities and Strategic Directions**  
2020-2025

**FAITH**

1. Build intentional Catholic environments that respect the richness of our faith.
2. Support the seamless integration of the Catholic faith into all system priorities.

**EQUITY AND WELL-BEING**

1. Promote a culture of equity in the ALCDSB.
2. Create conditions that support the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being of all members of the ALCDSB community.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND INNOVATION**

1. Ensure optimal academic achievement for all where students are at the centre of faith-filled teaching and learning.
2. Empower students' capacity to lead their own learning, in order to embrace their God-given talents.

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

1. Allocate the resources of the ALCDSB efficiently and effectively.

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Last year at this time, our Catholic School Council was launching its highly successful 12 Days of Christmas Fundraising Draw for the playground. It raised close to \$6,000 for our new playground equipment. At this time, we realize times are tight and there is much food scarcity and sensitivity for many of our families. We will **not** be having another fundraiser at this time but are supporting five families with Christmas food baskets called our **12 Days of Advent Giving**.

## 12 Days of Advent Giving starts Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>

Our Catholic School Council and school representatives will buy perishables at ValuMart with our donated funds in lieu of Breakfast Club to help these families over the holidays. Each class will be responsible for donating the non-perishable items for one family basket (only ONE item per child in each class ideally). The list of non-perishable items include (to be assigned by teachers):



- Canned peas, corn, carrots or green beans – 19 oz.
- Bread – 2 loaves (white or whole wheat)
- Tea – 30 bags
- Sugar – 1 kg
- Canned peaches, pears or fruit cocktail – packed in juice or water
- Peanut butter – 500 g.
- Canned fish or meat
- Christmas napkins, tablecloth
- Candy canes, candies
- Fruit Juice – 100% juice
- Christmas cookies or small fruit cake
- Ginger ale – 2 large bottles
- Soup or pasta
- Dried fruit or canned nuts (in package)

**ALL ITEMS SHOULD ARRIVE BETWEEN NOV. 30<sup>TH</sup> AND DEC. 15<sup>TH</sup>.**



*Hello Parents!*

*Picture Day is coming Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>*

*After Picture Day, order pictures on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.*

*Individual pictures only – NO class groups*

## **SAFE ARRIVALS ABSENCE PROCEDURES (613-472-2625 Office phone)**

If your child is going to be absent, please leave a message on the **school phone** so we are aware. If a student will be absent for only partial day, please let us know that as well so Mrs. Robinson can put the appropriate code in our absence system. We thank you so much for following these protocols to keep our students safe.



## TRIBOARD BUS INFORMATION

The school bus can be delayed or cancelled for various reasons such as traffic, weather, and driver shortages. Families should use at least one of the following options to stay updated on the status of their school bus and have a back-up travel method. Review daily cancellations and delays of 15+ minutes as soon as they are posted to

the Delays and Cancellations section of the <http://www.triboard.ca> website. Sign up for email notifications and receive updates specific to your student by subscribing to their 3 digit bus route number or OENs. Follow @BusDelayNCancel on Twitter for all notifications. There are NO bus passes on alternate buses this year due to covid specific seating plans.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup>

This Remembrance Day our junior/intermediate students were honoured to virtually connect with MCpl. Dudka based at NATO in Romania. He presented a brief slide show of the history Canadian military involvement since WW1 to present day efforts all over the world. Students asked very thoughtful questions. We wish to give each student a package of poppies that we ordered from the Legion to support veterans as we are an EcoSchool to plant in Spring.



## FATHER GILLIS – NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> FAREWELL & BEST WISHES








Last but absolutely not least, we say farewell this month to Father Gillis who has been supporting our students' faith journeys for so many years at our school. Here is a picture of him with Superintendent Giroux and Director DeSantis from last year's Welcome Barbeque.

His class visits, monthly and teaching masses (when masses coincide with snow days), Advent Family Masses and sacramental preparation will stay in our hearts forever.

Students are preparing a memory book for him as they reflect on their times with him and as they pray for his future adventures.



## Advent Countdown to Christmas with Kindness

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29</b>  <b>30</b> Tell a silly joke to make someone laugh today	<b>1</b> Be a peacemaker today in school and at home	<b>2</b> Give a compliment to someone today	<b>3</b> Write a thank you note to our custodian	<b>4</b> Write and send a thank you note to a teacher, friend or loved one	<b>5</b> 	
<b>6</b>  <b>7</b> Pray for the soul closest to heaven today who needs our prayers	<b>8</b> Forgive someone you've been holding a grudge against	<b>9</b> Thank God today for everything He has given to you	<b>10</b> Do a chore for someone in your family today	<b>11</b> Find a quiet place and sit for a few minutes and just let God love you	<b>12</b> 	
<b>13</b>  <b>14</b> Leave a happy note for someone to find	<b>15</b> Be positive all day long today, saying only nice things to yourself & others	<b>16</b> Spend 10 minutes today cleaning your classroom	<b>17</b> Tell someone why you love him or her today	<b>18</b> Set a personal goal for 2021 today	<b>19</b> 	
<b>20</b>  <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

