



**ST. CARTHAGH CATHOLIC SCHOOL – Beloved Children of God**  
**The Umbrella Project-December Theme: Kindness**  
**Catholic Graduate Expectation-December: A Caring Family Member**  
**DECEMBER UPDATE**

***"Come, Lord Jesus!"***

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



THANK YOU  
for keeping our school safe!

Dear St. Carthagh Families,

We have a student in our community who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening allergy to nuts. This means that **students will not be allowed to bring or send in food items with nuts in them**. I realize that this may require a change in lunch menus and thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

Yours in Catholic Education,  
Heather Healey

**Principal's Blog**-Stay tuned for upcoming Advent Message

**Student Absence**-Please call the school before 9:20 if your child will be absent. **Even if you message your child's teacher you must also leave a message at the office.** Teachers do not always have the chance to check messages before attendance is taken or if they are away for the day no one sees the message (this also applies to messages regarding changes at the end of the day). Attendance is taken first thing in the morning and calls are made home to verify all absences if we have not heard from you.

**Morning Routine for Student Drop Off & Walkers**-Please note that there is no student supervision prior to 9:00. Any students dropped off or walking are not allowed to enter the school or the yard until 9:00. We ask that you kindly refrain from dropping off your child before supervision is available as we cannot be responsible for them.

### **Christmas Festivities**

Advent is a time of year where we are often busy preparing all kinds of activities as a whole school community. Covid19 has forced us to be more creative in our planning again this year! We want our students to feel excited for the season so have come up with a few ways to do this safely and to still be able to give back to our community.

Each class will be preparing a Christmas performance, recording it, and sending it to our Grade 7/8 Announcement Team. We will enjoy watching the recordings (one per day) through Microsoft Teams leading into the break. Unfortunately, we can't share the links with families as we have to honour privacy rights for media distribution. Be sure to ask your child what they are preparing to do so that they can share their excitement with you at home!

Christmas Fun on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Students will be decorating individual ceramic Christmas ornaments (from Crock A Doodle in Kingston). Once completed they will be sent out to be fired and returned to students to take home as a keepsake. Classes will connect through Teams to celebrate. Christmas music will be playing

throughout the halls and classrooms and teachers will prepare some festive activities within the classrooms. It's not a turkey dinner, but it will be fun, nonetheless! Thank you, School Council for your contribution towards this event!

### Christmas Sharing Food Hampers

St. Carthagh staff and students have a long tradition of supporting the Tweed Salvation Army Christmas Food Hampers. Due to Covid19 restrictions and the early Christmas Break we are not able to receive fresh food donations from students this year to add to a basket. In lieu of the hamper that each classroom would have contributed we are asking each family to donate a \$10.00 gift card as a prize for our "Christmas Raffle" with all ticket sales supporting the Food Hamper program and one lucky winner of all of the donated gift cards! Each day from Dec.1-14 we will draw a student name for a small prize from the office. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and will be available for purchase on School Cash Online until December 14<sup>th</sup>.

If your family could use support this Christmas season and you wish to apply for a hamper, please contact the Salvation Army for an application. Their phone number is 613-478-5544.

December 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Student Daily Draws Begin	2	3 Superintendent French Visits	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Christmas Crock-A- Doodle Fun	11
12	13	14 Last day for Christmas Raffle ticket sales / Gift Card Donations	15 Grand Prize- Christmas Gift Card Raffle  Moira Place Zoom Visit	16 School Mass	17	18 Christmas Holidays Begin
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	School Returns Monday, January 3rd