

# St. Patrick Catholic School

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## Upcoming Advent/Christmas Activities

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Dear parents/guardians,

The Advent season is upon us as Christmas approaches and St. Pats will be a busy place in the upcoming month. Here is a quick update on our Advent and Christmas initiatives and activities.

**Jingle Bell Walk** – On Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:55, our school will be participating in the annual Jingle Bell Walk. The Jingle Bell Walk is sponsored by our local Health Unit to promote an active lifestyle while doing something helpful for our community. Students are encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item to be donated to our local food bank or local families. This year, families are also welcomed to make a monetary donation online if that is preferred via School CashOnline. All donated funds will be put towards purchasing grocery gift cards that will be donated to the local food bank.

**Advent Food Drive** – Coinciding with the Jingle Bell Walk, we will be collecting non-perishable food items until the Christmas Break. All donations will be kept under our Christmas tree in our front foyer to be given to the food bank and local families. As mentioned, families are also welcomed to make a monetary donation online if that is preferred via School CashOnline. Students also decorated brown paper grocery bags in conjunction with our Parish to give to the food bank when distributing food to local families as well. Many thanks for your generosity!

**Advent Prayer Services** – From now until the Christmas Break, classes have signed up to lead the school in a weekly Advent Prayer Service in our gymnasium. The prayer services are a faith-filled way for us to come together to celebrate this joyful season. This year, our Prayer Services will take place on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:45. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Christmas Concert** – Great news! Our Christmas Concert is back on again this year! Each class will put on a short performance in our gymnasium on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:15. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

**Poinsettia/Christmas Tree Fundraisers** – Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias and/or Christmas trees in support of our Christmas fundraiser. Thanks, as well, to our School Council for all the organizing that went into our fundraisers.

**Christmas Luncheon** – We are very excited to announce that our school is able to offer a Christmas Luncheon to all of our students again this year on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> over the lunch period. More information to follow, so stay tuned.

**Door Decoration** – Each of our classrooms will be taking part in a Christmas Door Decoration Contest, much like we did for Halloween. The winning door's classroom will be awarded a movie and pizza party. Good luck classes!

**Nativity Kits** – Our school has ordered a set of Nativity Kits for some of our students. The kits are wooden Nativity Scenes that are assembled in class to represent Jesus' birth.

Thank you for all your support over the Advent season! Merry Christmas!

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