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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 1st 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. In exchange for a jingle bell, students are encouraged to bring in a non-perishable food item to be donated to our local food bank or local families.

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. 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 each Monday morning at 11:00 in our gymnasium. The prayer services are a faith-filled way for us to come together to celebrate this joyful season.

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 Tuesday, December 20th beginning at 1:00. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend. More information to come.

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. Just a reminder that Christmas trees are ready for pick up at the Christmas tree farm now and poinsettias can be picked at the school in our library on Thursday, December 1st from 3:30-5:00.

Christmas Cards – Our students have been busy creating Christmas Cards in partnership with our Parish. The Christmas Cards creations will be brought over to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Railton to be sold in bunches at Sunday Mass.

Christmas Dinner – We are very excited to announce that our school is able to offer a Christmas Dinner to all of our students again this year on Thursday, December 22nd 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!

St. Patrick Clothing - Our school is happy to be able to offer Spirit Wear again this year to everyone. St. Patrick t-shirts and hoodies are available for purchase for a great price through Primetime. All clothing is being offered to friends and family in our school community at cost so that our prices remain as affordable as possible (no profit mark-up). All purchases can be made online directly from Primetime by following the link: [St Patrick Catholic School \(st-patrick-catholic-school.myshopify.com\)](https://st-patrick-catholic-school.myshopify.com) . Please note that all purchases must be made by November 30th. Clothing orders will be delivered to the school during the week of December 19th for distribution to families. Just in time for a great Christmas gift!

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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