



ST. Theresa C.S.S

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DECEMBER UPCOMING DATES

Christmas Sharing Civvies Day	3
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Titan Spirit Wear Pick Up	6-10
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Return to School	Jan 3

A Message from Your Administrative Team

Mr. N. Woolley and Mrs. M. Morris

With December upon us, we welcome the season of Advent. Let us begin by wishing all our STCSS families every blessing during this special time of year. We will be reflecting throughout the Christmas season on the birth of Jesus. We look forward to the safely designed seasonal activities that are planned for the community this month.

Winter housekeeping

The arrival of cooler weather means the tendency to spend break times indoors has increased. The cafeteria and learning commons are all welcome spaces for students. Classrooms are also available and can be opened for groups of students to enjoy their lunch and visit with friends.

With cold and flu season upon us it is important for students to remain vigilant and continue to practice good hand hygiene and follow all Hastings Prince Edward Health Unit covid protocols. Students also need to ensure

they are following capacity limits posted on doors, especially in the bathrooms. Each bathroom has a maximum capacity of 6 people at a time. Students and staff must continue to wear masks at all times, aside from eating or drinking, while indoors, on the bus and out-side if physical distancing is not possible. Students are doing a great job but do need some reminders during unstructured times.

It is also important to remember to keep all snow on the ground. We want to ensure that all students and staff can safely enter and exit our school building without facing snowballs. Staff and students who drive are encouraged to park in the school parking lots as the school board is not responsible for maintaining the lots of the Quinte Sports and Wellness Center.

Literacy

Thank you to our literacy team who facilitated the Grade 10 & 11 in person learners who wrote

the OSSLT in both Quad 1 & 2. Those who did not write during the fall will begin preparations after Christmas for a spring OSSLT alongside those who were not present for the November session.

Sports

Congratulations all of our fall sports teams! We recognize the challenge of not being able to watch the games in person and are making efforts to live stream our winter home games for family and friends. Thank you to each of our coaches; without them none of our sports would be possible.

Christmas Break

December 17th is the last day of class before the Christmas Holidays and we will all return on January 3rd. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy Holiday Season with family and friends!

Blessing for the Christmas Season

May the peace, love, joy and hope of the Holy Season of Advent offer us the true gift of Christmas. As we conclude our time of waiting and begin the celebration our Saviour's birth, may we find ways to connect with our families and friends and offer thanks for the many blessings we have in our lives. May you and your families be blessed by the presence of Christ throughout the Holy Season of Christmas.



STCSS UNIFORM
REMINDERS

- *Ball caps and toques are NOT art of our STCSS uniform*
- *Team/Club spirit wear are NOT part of our STCSS uniform*
- *Footed opaque tights should be worn with kilts*
- *Khaki pants are NO LONGER part of the uniform. If students want to wear pants they should be wearing the grey ones available on our McCarthy's website, <https://mccarthyuniforms.ca>*

We are looking for donations of gently used uniform pieces to assist our school family. Used uniforms may be dropped off at the main office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Anita Bedore, Chaplaincy Leader (613) 968-6993 X2020. Thank you for your help!

Christmas Sharing 2021

Thank you for your support of our Christmas Sharing fundraising. Your donations are greatly appreciated by our school community and helps us to assist families. May the joy of Christmas, the peace of Christ, and the love of God bless you and your families. Thank you again!!

Titan Athletics

Action for the fall sports season wrapped up in mid-November with the varsity girls basketball team earning silver at the Bay of Quinte finals against Centennial Secondary School, then competing in AAA COSSA against I.E. Weldon. The COSSA game came down to the final seconds with the Titans taking silver in a 45-44 game! A great season for a young varsity team competing at the senior level!

Thank you to our fall coaches for giving your time and sharing your knowledge:

Adriana Cote
Maureen Langabeer
Casey Vinkle
Scott Hoogkamp
Justin Brintnell
Dave Bray



Pat Farrell
Sean Purcell
Dave McGillen
Kevin McGuire
Steve Roach

The winter sports season is now underway with practices in full swing and competition has just begun. The winter season will see swimming, boys basketball, boys and girls curling, girls volleyball, boys and girls hockey and skiing. You can check out the schedules by visiting our St. Theresa Website. The enthusiasm for sports at St. Theresa is evident by the number of students who have tried out for the teams. Go Titans!

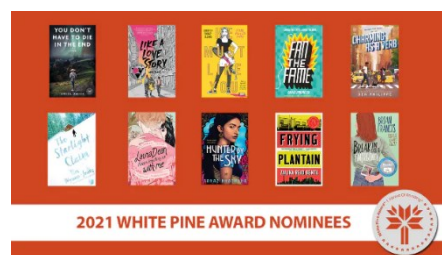
Learning Commons

This month, why not stop by to see what's going on in the LC? Check out our display outside encouraging you to "gobble up a good book" or stop by to play a game on our new games table.



If you want to chat with some

friends about what you're reading, join Ms. Barrett and Mrs. Brown for our first book club gathering on Tuesday, December 7 at lunch (snacks will be provided). Our focus will be on the White Pine collection from the Forest of Reading.



Tech Tips

Check out these icons on your Virtual Commons:



Use this Service icon to get help from the board office if your device, program or account isn't working properly.



Check out Video Support to see if the tech answers you need might be waiting here for you.

Guidance

Christmas holidays are a perfect opportunity to view colleges and universities to finalize choices for applications (contact post-secondary institution for information about in-person and virtual tours).

University Application Deadline = January 13, 2022

College Application Deadline = February 1, 2022

Quadmester Calendar

Quadmester 1 : Sept 7—Nov10

Exam Days : Nov 11– Nov 12

Quadmester 2 : Nov 15 - Jan 27

Exam Days : Jan 28– Jan 31

Quadmester 3: Feb 3– April 12

Exam Days: April 13– April 14

Quadmester 4: April 19– June 23

Exam Days: June 24 - June 28

ST. Theresa Student Council

This month, StuCo has some very exciting activities planned before we leave for our Christmas holidays!!

Our first event is the Grade Colour Civvies day on Friday, December 3rd. Students pay a minimum donation of \$1 to go towards our Christmas Sharing Fundraiser to help families in our local community, then students get to show their Titan Spirit by wearing their grade colours:

- Grade 9's are Green,
- Grade 10's are Blue,
- Grade 11's are Pink, and
- Grade 12's are Red!

During the second week of December, StuCo reps will be distributing the Titan Spirit Wear items that were ordered during our November Fundraiser. This will be happening December 6th to December 10th in the Front Foyer during lunch. Grade 9's can pick up their Spirit Wear on Monday December 6th, Grade 10's on Tuesday December 7th, Grade 11's on Wednesday December 8th, Grade 12's Thursday December 9th, and anyone who missed their day can collect their items on Friday December 10th.

The last week before Christmas Break we will be having a Christmas Spirit Week.



Monday December 13th is our 'Long Christmas Naps' theme where students can dress up in their comfy clothes or Winter Christmas PJs and we'll have a Christmas Movie during lunch.

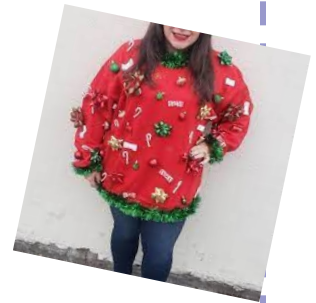
Tuesday December 14th is our 'Holiday Colours/Christmas Accessory' day, and our Christmas Door Decorating contest during the morning class.

Wednesday December 15th is our 'Favourite Winter Sport' themed day where students can wear their favourite sport jersey, and during lunch we will have a Gingerbread Decorating Contest!

Thursday December 16th is the 'Tacky Christmas' ugly Christmas sweater themed day and at lunch students can take a picture with Santa!

On our last day before Christmas Break, **Friday December 17th**, students will be able to enjoy their Festive Civvies Day, karaoke at lunch, along with watching our STSS Titan Basketball players take on some STSS Staff for a Student vs. Teacher Basketball Game, at which time there could be some extra entertainment!

StuCo is looking forward to hosting these fun-filled Christmas Activities!! Titans be sure to show your School Spirit!! Have a great Christmas Holiday, enjoying time with family and friends!!



Merry Christmas,
STSS Student Council