

HOLY NAME CES

Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We welcome the new month of December and the month begins with the season of Advent on December 3rd. Advent is a time of patient and prayerful waiting for the coming of Jesus. We also celebrate the virtue of hope this month. Hope is the virtue by which we place our trust in Christ's promises and rely not on our own strength alone, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit. There are also many equity days to bring awareness to, such as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec 3rd), the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Dec 6th) in Canada to name a few. Many of these will be incorporated into our daily prayers and reflections.

Our Luke 4:18 committee is leading our charity initiatives this Advent season. The Holiday Heroes Toy Drive campaign has been a huge success and we would like to thank all of the families that have donated. As a school, we have filled two large donation boxes in the front foyer. Donations will be picked up this week, December 6th. Candy Cane Grams have also been a huge hit! All profits will be donated to the Rose of Sharon charity. Candy canes will be delivered next week. Thank you for supporting these two charity initiatives and helping those in need this Christmas season.

Throughout the month students will be engaged in learning experiences that will both deepen curriculum connections and our faith. We are excited about our upcoming trip for kindergarten to Grade 6 students, to watch 'Journey to Bethlehem'. In addition, our Grade 5 classes will be leading our mass this Friday with Father John. This is a special time in our school and we feel blessed to be able to celebrate learning in so many ways.

On behalf of all the staff at Holy Name CES, I would like to wish you a blessed Advent Season filled with peace, and joy leading up to the Christmas Holidays.

Sincerely,

C. Isrzi

This
Saturday!



During this first week of Advent, we light the first purple candle on the Advent wreath. This is the "hope" candle. The light of this candle reminds us of the coming of Jesus, the light of our world, who brings us hope. The candle also reminds us that we can be sources of hope for others.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Date: Saturday, December 9th

Time: 9 am to Noon

Location: School Gym

*We will be collecting non-perishable food items to support the King Food Bank.



ADVENT PRAYER:

GOD'S HOPE TO DIRECT ME.
GOD'S LOVE TO SURROUND ME.
GOD'S JOY TO WARM ME.
GOD'S PEACE TO COMFORT ME.
BLESS OUR ADVENT JOURNEY TO
CHRISTMAS WITH LIGHT AND PATIENCE.

AMEN.

KEY DATES IN DECEMBER

- December 1st -8th – Scholastic Book Fair
- December 1st – Holiday Heroes Campaign
- December 1st – Candy Cane Grams for Sale (Luke 4:18)
- December 3rd: Advent Begins
- December 6th : Holiday Heroes Toy Drive Pick Up
- December 7th: FDK-Grade 6 Trip: Journey to Bethlehem
- December 8th: Advent Mass with Father John @ 9:30am
- December 9th : Breakfast With Santa (CSC event) 9am to noon.
- December 11th : Candy Cane Deliveries (Luke 4:18)
- December 13th: High School Registration Due (Grade 8)
- December 13th: FDK/Primary Christmas Concert (AM)
- December 15th: Blessing of the Narethrex Addition at Sacred Heart Church (7pm)
- December 15th: Student Leadership Conference
- December 18th: STREAM Christmas Tree Display (Front Foyer)
- December 18th: FDK Christmas Craft Extravaganza
- December 18th to 22nd – Christmas Spirit Week
- December 23-January 7th – Christmas Holidays

Catholic Virtue:
December
Hope

With God's grace, I will never give up hope.

I will maintain a positive attitude and look for the brighter side of situations.



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