

HOLY NAME CES

Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we step into the month of December, we are excited to welcome the season of Advent, beginning on December 1st. Advent is a time of joyful anticipation and prayerful waiting for the coming of Jesus. This month, we also celebrate the powerful virtue of hope—placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying on the grace of the Holy Spirit in addition to our own strength.

There are several important equity days in December that encourage reflection and awareness, including the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3rd) and the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (December 6th) here in Canada. These days will be thoughtfully incorporated into our daily prayers and reflections as we deepen our sense of empathy and understanding.

Our Luke 4:18 committee is leading our charity efforts this Advent season, and we are thrilled to see the incredible success of the Holiday Heroes Toy Drive. A heartfelt thank you to all the families who have donated—your generosity has been overwhelming! The donations in our school foyer are overflowing, and the collection will be picked up this week, on December 4th. Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

We are also looking forward to our much-anticipated Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Market event this Saturday. A huge thank you to our School Council for organizing this festive celebration! As we put the final touches on the event, please remember to complete the RSVP form so we can prepare for a wonderful time together.

As Catholics, December is a time to slow down and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. While this time of year can often feel hectic, let’s remember to find peace in each other and in our school community. Together, let’s be good friends and neighbors, giving thanks for the many blessings we share.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you a blessed Advent season filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of the Christmas spirit.

Sincerely,

C. Izvzi



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.



KEY DATES IN DECEMBER

- December 1st to 4th – Holiday of Heroes Toy/Clothing Drive Continues
- December 2nd – No Hot Lunch
 - Pizza Lunch for Class winners (Fundraiser)
 - Principal for the Day: Daniel in Gr. 2
 - Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day
- December 4th – Cardinal Carter HS Registration Due
- December 6th – FDK Christmas Craft Extravaganza
- December 7th – Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Market 9am-12pm
- December 11th – STREAM Trip – Gr. 7 Mr. Cristan
- December 12th – FDK Trip: Willowgrove
- December 13th – Advent Mass with Father John @ 9:20am
- December 16th to 20th – Christmas Spirit Week
- December 17th – FDK Concert @ 9:30am - 10:10am
- December 17th – Primary Christmas Concert @ 10:30am -11:50am
- December 27th – Hot Lunch: Phase 2 Orders Due
- December 21 to January 5th – Christmas Break



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & CHRISTMAS MARKET

Date: Saturday, December 7th
Time: 9 am to Noon
Location: School Gym

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



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