

DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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ADVENT

We are entering the Liturgical Season of **Advent**, a time of spiritual reflection and preparation for a new coming of Jesus our Saviour. Sunday, December 1st marks the beginning of Advent this year. Please help your children reflect upon the spiritual aspects and true meaning of Christmas. Teachers will be stressing themes of *love, sharing, joy, and giving* in their classrooms.

May this season be filled with much joy, and may you live each day in the awareness of God's love for you.

THE ADVENT WREATH



The Advent Wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, four candles are typically

arranged. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

VIRTUE OF PATIENCE

During the month of December, in the time of Advent, St. John School will reflect on the virtue of PATIENCE, which is the ability to wait calmly without complaining. Patience is a learned and valuable virtue. This month, patience will be reinforced and taught through prayer, reflection, and classroom activities. We are all "plugged in" to the modern, fast-paced world, a pace that can be overwhelming. As Christmas nears, the pace of life seems to speed up, presenting us with the perfect opportunity to slow down and be patient. As a school, we will build a sense of quiet as we prepare our hearts for the coming of baby Jesus. We will also be reminded of how patient God is with us. This season, make it a point to look for signs of patience as you go about your busy day...the loving mother with a tired toddler, the proud grandparent with a distracted grandchild, a smiling caregiver with an elderly resident. These individuals are guideposts, beacons, for us all.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are very blessed to have an active and vibrant Catholic School Council meeting and working hard for the benefit of our students! As the principal of this school, I feel it is important for us to capture the voice of everyone so we can make our school community grow to be the very best it can be. We've already had two meetings, and we look forward to an incredible school year ahead. I'd like to acknowledge everyone on our team: **Chair** Kim Steinke, **Vice-Chair** Stacey Roy, **Secretary** Liz Rothwell, **Parent Reps** Brenda Bodnar, Julie Gorman, Gemma Jacobs, Carole Dekker, Erin Lamothe, Carlita Meade, Samantha Taylor, Hannah Thompson, Stacey Vallillee, **Teacher Rep** Moe Martin, and **Principal** Tricia Dowdall.

MINDSPACE SUDBURY

*MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WITHOUT
AN APPOINTMENT FOR CHILDREN &
YOUTH UNDER 18*

Date: MONDAY – FRIDAY

Time: 12:30 – 8:00 PM

(last session offered at 6:30 pm)

Place: 65 EVERGREEN ST., SUDBURY

What to expect: Immediate, free and confidential support for you and/or your family for your concerns. We focus on building onto your existing strengths, abilities and resources while working with you on developing a plan on how to address your concerns. Sessions typically last an hour and you can access the service as often as needed. Children, youth and families do not need an appointment or a referral. They may simply walk in and ask to meet with one of our Clinicians.

KIDS HELP 365/24/7

Phone: 1-800-668-6868

Text: Text Connect to 686868

Live Chat: Download the Always There App for free

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help provides live one-on-one tutoring with Ontario math teachers in Grades 7-10 every Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

TVO's Independent Learning Centre runs Homework Help with support from the Ontario Government. Visit: Ontario.ca/homeworkhelp
Or HomeworkHelp@tvo.org



**PRE-ORDER YOUR
ST. JOHN SCHOOL
2019 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



\$20.00 ea

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The 2019 St. John School Christmas Concert is on Wednesday, December 18th. Due to the size of our student population, we need to run two separate but identical concerts. If your child's last name begins with the letter **(A-L)**, please make every effort to attend the 9:30 a.m. concert. If your child's last name begins with the letter **(M-Z)**, please make every effort to attend the 1:15 p.m. concert. Thank you for your cooperation.

JK REGISTRATION NIGHT

The Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) Registration Night for new students will be held on January 15th. **PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE FROM THE SUDBURY CATHOLIC WEBSITE** and bring the following: 1) Proof of Age - Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate or Passport. **Your child must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2020.* 2) Record of Immunization (yellow card) 3) Proof of full address 4) Citizenship or landed immigrant status if applicable 5) any relevant custody order documents if applicable. Give us a call at (705) 693-2213 if you have any questions.



**SIGN UP TO REMIND FOR FREE AND RECEIVE REMINDERS, BUS CANCELLATION INFORMATION AND/OR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION FROM ST. JOHN SCHOOL
CALL 705-230- 0159
TEXT @43a23**

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please do not park and/or idle in our school bus loading zones. Please do not block and/or park in our neighbour's driveways. Please do not block access to the schoolyard parking lot. Thank you for complying with all posted City of Greater Sudbury By-Law signage as well as following the Ontario Traffic Act. Please exercise extreme caution, as student safety is everyone's top priority.



**PLEASE COMPLETE THE BALLOT
TO WIN A LARGE PIZZA!**

NAME:

GRADE:

PARENT INITIALS:

**BRING YOUR BALLOT TO
THE OFFICE**