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*“Let your light shine so that others may see the good you do and give glory to God.” Matthew 5:16*

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## Principal’s Message



As we enter December, we joyfully continue the Season of Advent. We are called to patiently wait and to prepare ourselves for the joy of Christ’s coming although many of the signs around us tell us to prepare for Santa.

At school, we will offer our students a number of Advent activities across the curriculum to place the focus on Jesus. Many of our classes will focus on prayer with the Advent wreath or meditating at the Nativity scene. We invite parents and guardians to join us in prayer as we light another Advent candle on December 21 at 9:45 am in our gymnasium.

Thank you for your generous contributions to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society. As we finish the month, we will begin our Christmas food drive in support of the Beeton Food Bank. These works of charity give our students opportunities to serve others as Christ taught us to do.

We look forward to seeing parents at our Christmas performances later this month.

God bless and Merry Christmas to all!

Kathy Van Dewark

## Important Dates

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| Mon., Dec. 4    | Rosary Apostolate Visits                        |
| Tues., Dec. 5   | Can You Feel It? Program (Gr. 6 and 6/7)        |
| Tues., Dec. 12  | Primary-Junior Christmas Concert at 6:30 pm     |
| Wed., Dec. 13   | CSCC Meeting at 6:30 pm (Doors open at 6:15 pm) |
| Fri., Dec. 15   | Gr. 6 DARE Graduation at 1:45 pm                |
| Tues., Dec. 19  | Kindergarten Concert at 1:45                    |
| Thurs., Dec. 21 | Liturgy and Catholic Value Awards at 9:45 am    |
| Thurs., Dec. 22 | Final Day of Classes before Christmas Break     |
| Sun., Jan. 1    | Happy New Year!                                 |
| Mon., Jan. 8    | Classes Resume                                  |

## Inclement Weather and Busing



Please check our school website, the board website or a local radio station to learn of bus cancellations and updates. **We are in the SOUTH ZONE.** When buses are cancelled in other regions because of inclement weather, they may not be cancelled for us.

When buses are cancelled our schools remain open for learning. Parents who drive their child to school are responsible for transportation home. If your child normally walks to school, he/she is strongly encouraged to attend. When walking students who are absent, parents must report the absence to the school.

## Food Orders When Buses Are Cancelled



On inclement weather days pre-paid lunches such as pizza and submarine orders are cancelled and rescheduled to the next regular day. Please send your child to school with a lunch from home on these days.

## Dressing for the Weather



Please assist us in our effort to ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Students should be wearing appropriate footwear for outside recesses and a warm jacket, hat or toque, mittens or gloves. Many students find it helpful to keep an extra pair of mittens and socks in their knapsack in case the first pair become damp. Exercise and fresh air are important components for successful learning. Please ensure that every article of clothing is labeled in order to prevent overload of our Lost and Found collection bin.

## DARE Graduation on December 15



We are proud to announce graduation time is now at hand for Gr. 6 students in Mr. Saccon's, Mrs. Nicholl's and Mr. Pereira's classes. Parents are invited to celebrate with us at 1:45 pm on December 15 in our gymnasium when our students will receive certificates from OPP Constable John Mortimer. We hope that you can join us!

## Updating Important Phone Numbers



Please ensure that our office has your current home, cellphone and work phone numbers. Should your child become ill or injured, having accurate phone numbers on file is critical. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Liturgy at School



Please join us on Thursday, December 21 at 1:45 pm in our gymnasium for our Advent liturgy prepared by Mr. Butler's Gr. 7/8 class.

## Christmas Concert



Please join us on Tuesday, December 12 as our students celebrate this special time of year. Our doors will open at 6:15 pm and the performance will begin at 6:30 pm.

## Kindergarten Christmas Concert



Kindergarten students have been practicing for Monsignor Ronan's annual Christmas concert to be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 1:45 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

## A Few Important Reminders about Our Concerts

- It is important for our performers to be free of distractions to allow them to perform to the best of their ability.
- Audience members are asked to please remain seated for the entire performance.
- At all times, please keep the fire route clear at the front curb.
- As well, to respect the rights of everyone's privacy, we kindly ask that if you take photos/videos that you focus only on your child(ren). Thank you.

## Parent Resource Library



Are you looking for a good book or DVD on topics such as mindful parenting, bedtime, chores, or mental health concerns? New items have been

added to our parent resource library. Borrowing a book is easy. You are invited to visit our library and check-out a parent resource book in your child's name.

## Thank You for Your Support



Thank you for your very generous donations to the Christmas collection for the families we support in our community. St. Vincent de Paul can do incredible things with the gift cards and cash donations from our school community. Last month, our staff

donated baskets which were raffled in support of our local St. Vincent de Paul Society. Congratulations to the winners: Mrs. Trendadue, Mrs. Stone-Dobbin, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Fusca, Mrs. Bianchi, and Mrs. Neilson.

## Dismissal Arrangements



Please note that should you require somebody other than yourself to pick your child up at school, it could require additional time as we confirm identification prior to our releasing him/her. We are always especially careful to ensure that we are entrusting your child(ren)

to the individuals on your approved list of contact names. This could result in a delay as we sometimes need to double-check names and arrangements. With over 350 students enrolled, we rely on our data base for correct information. We appreciate your patience with this important task.

## Catholic School Community Council (CSCC)

Our third meeting took place on November 13. Topics discussed included an update from the principal about school events, a review of EQAO scores, an overview of this year's Council plans and a discussion of fundraising ideas.

As a reminder, if you have a topic to suggest for the next meeting, please contact our co-chairs:

- Mrs. A. Clouse at [gellaclouse@yahoo.com](mailto:gellaclouse@yahoo.com)
- Mrs. D. Kolba at [dorothykolba@gmail.com](mailto:dorothykolba@gmail.com)

Continued thanks to the members of the Council. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us. Everyone is welcome!

## Used Book Sale Success



Over 1000 books were donated to our sale and over \$500 was raised in support of Mama Zipporah's orphanage. Our students had the privilege of learning about Mama Zipporah's work when she visited last June. Thank you to our Social Justice Club for their fine work.

## A Birthday Gift



What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd,  
I would give him a lamb.

If I were a wise man,  
I would do my part.

What can I give him?  
I'll give him my heart.

-Christina Rossett



*The staff of*

*Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School*

*wish your family a Christmas*

*filled with love, peace and joy.*