

December 16, 2022 Quick Snapper



St. James Early Learning Centre

SJS ELC were displaying their musical talents, in Music class with Mrs. Hamm. Our ELC students are full of energy and their eagerness to learn is contagious.



The St James **School Christmas Concert** is just around the corner, **December 22 at 7:00pm**. Students and Staff have worked endlessly these last few weeks to polish up the performance. Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbours to this Christmas Concert as it is a must see, one you do not want to miss. We appreciate your best efforts to have your child at school while classes are learning their choreography and lyrics!

Many of our students and families have never experienced a real in-person St. James Christmas Concert before. Here is a picture of the last time we were on stage together...back in 2019 in the show Away in a Mango!



Christmas Concert Schedule - Kindergarten to Grade 6 students - PLEASE NOTE:

Original Plan: Thursday, December 22nd: Reverse Half-Day - **(Kindergarten - Grade 6 only)**

- 1pm: Students Dropped off at VPAC - students should arrive in costume & ready to rehearse the show.
- 2:30pm: Students are dismissed and should be picked up via the Stage Door.
- 6pm: Students are dropped off at the Stage Door for the performance.

We received feedback from a number of families that the proposed schedule for the Christmas Concert will cause families hardship. This has given us the opportunity to rethink the schedule and offer an alternative that we hope will provide support to those who need it.

Alternate Plan: offer regular school hours, including before/after extended supervision to all families who need it. The original schedule will still be in effect, but for those who need help in making it work, we will walk students to and from the theatre for their expected call times. For students in K and 1 (and any other students with mobility concerns) we will hire a bus to take them back and forth.

GRADE 7 FAMILIES WHO NEED BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON WEDNESDAY AND BEFORE SCHOOL CARE ON THURSDAY - please drop off your child at SJS and a staff member will walk them to and from the VPAC.

Original Plan:

Grade 7 ONLY

WEDNESDAY Dec 21

THURSDAY Dec 22

- 8:30am Drop off VPAC
- 2:45pm Pick up at VPAC

* 9:00am Drop off VPAC

There is **no need to let the school know of your decision**. If you can make the original schedule work, great! If you require support and the alternate schedule works, great! We will staff and plan for both realities.

Thank you for your generosity to support the 3rd annual **Break the Rules day**. The profit was a whopping **\$886.45**. The profits are utilized to bring Christmas to our neighbours at North Okanagan Friendship Centre. Our Grade 4 students were busy this week shopping, wrapping and delivering Christmas. Together with parcels in hand the Grade 4 class visited our Neighbour with BIG smiles that warmed many hearts.



Spirit of Giving - A BIG thank you to everyone who supported the **2nd Annual Spirit of Giving fundraiser**. The many gently used items that were reduced, reused and recycled were quickly repurposed. With your generosity the **profit of \$760.00** was distributed amongst all grade Teachers to provide a party for their class.

Dec 19 - 23 School events

- Tuesday, Dec 20
 - Choir Practise 12:30pm
 - CGL Christmas Party 2:45pm - 4:00pm
- Thursday, Dec 22
 - 1pm - 2:30pm whole School rehearsal at Vernon Performing Arts Centre
 - 6:00pm Student drop off at Vernon Performing Arts Centre
- Friday, Dec 23 - **NO School Christmas Vacation**

News from our School Community:

- PlayGroup for 0 - 5 year olds will be held in the Parish Centre, starting in January. Please see the attachment.
- In January - we are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen daily between 11am-1:00pm. This is a great way to get your volunteer SOS hours in. Please let the office know if you are interested and available!

News from our Church:

With many Parishes in the Vernon & surrounding areas, attached please find a listing of Christmas Mass times.

Interior Health:

Attachment - Information and resource sheet "When your child is sick."

Upcoming events:

January 9 - School reopens

January 11 - First Wednesday Mass 9:00am (parents welcome) & First Playgroup Session in the gym 8:30am-10:00am

January 16 - PSG Meeting 3:30-4:25pm in the Grade 2 classroom

January 20 - Gr 6 & 7 SilverStar ski days

February 3 - Gr 6 & 7 SilverStar ski days

February 4 - Grade 6/7 students in the Vernon Winter Carnival Parade

February 5- 11 Catholic Schools Week Celebrations - details to come in January

February 10 - Family Fling (5-8pm in the gym) Tickets on sale at the Vernon Winter Carnival office

February 20 - Family Day Community Builder - Vipers Game 2:00pm Kal Tire Place (tickets on sale in January)