



## December 3 2021

The hustle and bustle of the preparations for the 2nd Annual St. James School Virtual Christmas concert is in full swing. The Grade 7 students have taken full responsibility for the prep of stage sets, props and costumes, as well as being the stars of the show! Kindergarten to Grade 6 are practising and fine tuning their performances. The 2021 Virtual Christmas Concert will be one you will not want to miss.

Our First week of Advent, HOPE, was celebrated today as the whole school gathered to attend first Friday Mass together with Fr. Peter. It was an incredibly uplifting experience for all of us as we lifted our voices in praise to God for our many blessings. The 2nd week of Advent brings PEACE.

## Dec 6 - Dec 10 School Events

### ➤ December 6

- 9:00am Advent Confession
- 9:00am Toy Sale - during scheduled gym class
- 1:00pm Gr. 2 visit Public Library
- Synod Coffee House 7 - 8:15pm in SJ Parish Centre

### ➤ December 7

- 12:25pm - 12:55pm Ukulele Club Gr 4&5

### ➤ December 8

- 2:45pm - 3:40pm Gr 5/6/7 Art Club

### ➤ December 9

- Break the Rule Day - Gr.4 Hot chocolate/cookie fundraiser
- 12:25pm - 12:55pm Choir practice Gr 4 - 7

### ➤ December 10

- Spirit Day - Christmas Colours Day

## News from the Office:

**Lost and Found:** any opportunity you have to come into the office to look through the lost and found, would be greatly appreciated. The “Lost and Found” has taken on a life of its own.

## Student Absences:

Please ensure you inform the office that your child will be absent. Either by email [office@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:office@stjamesvernon.com) or phone 250.542.4081. We are hopeful the SJ app will be up and running in the new year.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

Mrs. Hamm is looking for someone in the community who may be able to help reconstruct some of the wooden cube seats in the music room. They are approximately 2' by 2' cubes. Several need shoring up, so they are safe to sit and stand on again.

Please contact Mrs Hamm by email. [hhamm@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:hhamm@stjamesvernon.com)

## Synod News:

Hello St James School Community

My name is Jenna Abbott and I am helping lead and coordinate discussions in regards to "Listening and Discerning among our local communities leading up to the Assembly of Bishop in Synod in October 2023".

*In creating the opportunity for listening and dialogue on the local level through this Synod, Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal nature. This rediscovery of the synodal roots of the Church will involve a process of humbly learning how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium.*

This process needs the contributions of all Catholics in order to be successful. This is our opportunity to identify what's working and what needs to change, while offering possible solutions. There are many groups being formed throughout our parishes. The families of SJS are one of these groups. Please consider attending a meeting and letting your voice be heard.

We have been provided details by our Bishop on how to journey through this process together. Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHCTpK8\\_BQ5c4m0PzhskRqT7VjmwmrPp9ZfexhfFXg822KGQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHCTpK8_BQ5c4m0PzhskRqT7VjmwmrPp9ZfexhfFXg822KGQ/viewform)

You can also drop into the Regularly Occurring Synod Open House, every Monday from 7-8:15pm in the Parish Centre, to get more information, listen to some live Praise and Worship music, and enjoy connecting with others in our parishes.

### **The Spirit of Giving:**      Dec 6 and Dec 7 - during student's gym time

Thank you for your generosity. The flow of gently used toys has been amazing. The children will have a vast array to select from for their Christmas shopping.

Items will be sold for \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10

Money raised will be given back to the classroom teachers for a Christmas celebration of their choosing. Any items not sold will be donated to Santa's Anonymous. Thank you for thinking of others, helping our environment, and to bring smiles, joy and excitement to our students.

### **Break the Rule day/Hot chocolate and Cookie sale**    **Dec 9th**

The Grade 4 students are excited to spearhead their 2nd Annual fundraiser, which will provide funds to purchase Christmas gifts for children in need in our community, the North Okanagan Friendship Centre.

Your child will receive an order form to select what they would like to purchase.

ie: hot chocolate and cookies for \$3.00 or wear a hat or hoodie of choice for \$1.00.

The selection will vary by grade.

### **PSG - Parent Support Group** **Christmas Fundraiser December 3**

**Vernon Teach & Learn** - December 3, 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
20% of proceeds will be gifted back to St James School.



### **News from the Kitchen:**

**Take Home Supper (THS):** December menu attached

**Take Home Supper orders** are required by noon on Monday, for that Wednesday.

### **Upcoming events:**

December 17: Virtual Christmas Concert Release

**Noon Dismissal** Christmas Break

January 4: School reopens

January 4: Uniform sale new & gently used

January 17: Earthquake drill

January 28: ProD day **NO School**

#### **Attachments**

Take Home Supper menu - December