

December 9 2022 Quick Snapper



St. James Choir

The St. James Choir went on the road this week, visiting both the Schubert Centre and the Abbeyfield House. To the delight of the residents, our SJS choir brought bright smiles and joy!! Thank you to Mrs. Hamm and all the beautiful voices of our SJS Choir.



Mark your calendars, **December 22 @ 7pm** our SJS students will perform *'A Christmas Yarn'* at the **Performing Art Centre**. The halls are ringing with the sounds of our students preparing for what will be a Christmas Concert like no other. This event is by donation only and is open to everyone. **Doors open 6:00pm**, access to the **seat of your choice opens @6:30pm**, **Christmas Concert starts @7:00pm**

News from the Office

- Christmas Art Cards are available. These beautiful cards were designed by our students. Drop into the office and check them out!
- If your **child will be absent from school**, please **contact the office @250.542.4081** or email office@stjamesvernon.com This will assure your child is accounted for in a timely fashion and eliminates the office from making calls home.
- **It's COLD!** Please send your children with warm outdoor clothing every day. This includes a warm coat, hat, gloves and snow pants.

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.

REMINDER: Second Annual "Spirit of Giving"

The sale will take place Monday December 12th and Tuesday December 13th.

What? Selling gently used, in good condition toys/games/books/ stuffies/items would like to pass along; things kids and families love. Items will be sold for 1\$, 2\$, 5\$, 10\$ depending.

Where? Sales will happen in the library during library time.

Why? Reduce, reuse, recycle and to create affordable gift giving!!

Thank you for thinking of others, helping our environment by reusing items, gift giving and bringing smiles, joy, excitement to our students!!

Money raised would be divided between all the classes for the classroom teacher to deliver a Christmas celebration of their choosing!





The Grade 4 students enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to engage in a real-life math activity while sorting and counting funds from the **3rd Annual Break the Rule Day**.

Including gift cards to Vernon Teach and Learn, a **total of \$1011.45** was raised to purchase Christmas gifts for children of the **North Okanagan Friendship Centre**.

Thank you to everyone!

Dec 12 - 16 School events

- Monday, Dec 12
 - Reconciliation Gr 3 - Gr 7
 - Spirit of Giving Toy Sale
- Tuesday, Dec 13
 - Spirit of Giving Toy Sale
- Wednesday, Dec 14
 - Assembly 8:40am
- Thursday, Dec 15
 - Gr 4 Vernon Teach & Learn shopping for NOFC
- Friday, Dec 16
 - Spirit day - Wear Christmas Colours
 - Uniform sale - new & gently used

News from our Church:

Knights Of Columbus St. James Council 4949 invites you: **December 11th** at the Parish Centre.

Pancake Breakfast between 8:30am-10:30am by donation (Debit and Credit machine available)

*Special visit from Santa Claus 9:30am -10:30am

News from our Neighbors: Our Lady of Lourdes - Kelowna

Mission Dance Co presents the Nutcracker - www.missiondancecentre.com

Visits to Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton

Upcoming events:

Dec 20: CGL Christmas Party

Dec 22: SJS Christmas Concert at the Vernon Performing Arts Centre

Dec 23 - Jan 8 2023 Christmas Vacation

Jan 9 - School reopens