



## November 26 2021

The traditional creation of the Advent wreaths took place with the Grade 4 class this week. Mrs. Durfeld handing the torch to Ms. Dressler as this long standing SJ tradition continues. The created wreaths were works of art. The children proudly took their wreaths home for the start of Advent this Sunday.

## Nov 29 - Dec 3 School Events

- **November 29**
  - Spirit Day - wear Pajamas or something cozy
- **November 30**
  - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Ukulele Club Gr 4&5
- **December 1**
  - 8:40am Gr 6 & 7 Assembly
  - 2:45pm - 3:40pm Gr 5/6/7 Art Club
- **December 2**
  - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Choir practice Gr 4 - 7
- **December 3**
  - First Friday Mass Grade 6&7

## News from the Office:

### Lost and Found:

These jackets and water bottles are looking to be found. Do you recognize any?



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

## The Spirit of Giving:

Let's help teach the gift of giving. Based on the sustainability concept of *REDUCE*, *REUSE*, *RECYCLE*, we would like to collect and sell gently used toys from within our school community. This pre Christmas initiative will allow students the opportunity to give, think of others and gift shop. Parents can also donate gently used items for this sale so that their children have the opportunity to buy presents for their parents. Please see attached flyer.

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.

## Christmas Travel: Do you plan to travel during Christmas?

### COVID Update – International Travel

The opening of the U.S./Canada border and the upcoming Winter Break may have families considering international travel. Families should be aware of the [federal travel guidance around COVID-19](#), especially the restriction in attending school for unvaccinated students for 14 days following international travel, including travel to the U.S. Unvaccinated students ages 12-17 are required to follow all quarantine requirements. Unvaccinated students under the age of 12 who are accompanied by someone who qualifies for the fully vaccinated traveler exemption are not required to quarantine, however, these students have the [following restrictions](#):

For the next 14 days, the children must:

- not attend school, camp or daycare
- not attend large or crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event
- not take buses, subways, trains or other crowded transportation
- not attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g. long term care facility)
- stay in a place that allows the child to avoid all contact with any person that:
  - has an underlying medical condition that makes the person susceptible to complications related to COVID-19
  - has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment;or
- is 65 years of age or older
- limit contact with others:
  - remain with their fully vaccinated parent or guardian, as much as possible
- wear a mask and physically distance when in contact with non-household members

There is no allowance for unvaccinated students to return to school within 14 days following international travel, regardless of who they travel with or if they receive a negative PCR test

result. If your family plans to travel internationally this Christmas, please follow all guidelines and let us know in the office. Thank you.

## **PSG - Parent Support Group**

## **Christmas Fundraising**

**Vernon Teach & Learn** - December 3, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

20% of proceeds will be gifted back to St James School

Please drop in to purchase any needed Christmas gifts or supplies.

## **News from St. James & OLOV Church:**

**Mandatory mask requirements** at all indoor events at Parish facilities including Mass. Attached is a letter from Bishop Joseph.

## **News from the Kitchen:**

**Hot Lunch - December - payment due Monday, November 29th**

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

**December's Take Home Supper** Chef JP will offer, on **alternate Wednesdays** up until Christmas, a "**one dish meal**" in either small (feeds 2-4) or large (feeds 6-8). These meals are a great opportunity to stock up the freezer or enjoy that night as usual. As always, the one dish meal will be fresh and packaged appropriately, should you decide to freeze it.

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

**December 1st THS** order is **due by noon on Monday, November 29**

## **Upcoming events:**

December 6: Reconciliation - Advent

December 6: Toy sale

December 6: Grade 2 visit Public Library

December 6: Synod Coffee House 7-8:15pm at The SJ Parish Centre

December 9: Break the Rule Day - Hot chocolate/cookie fundraiser

December 10: Spirit Day - Christmas Colours Day

December 17: Virtual Christmas Concert Release

**Noon Dismissal** Christmas Break

January 4: School reopens

## **Attachments**

Hot Lunch menu - December

Take Home Supper menu - December

The Spirit of Giving - Toy Sale flyer