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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Awaken us, O Lord God, with your grace for the future.

As you graciously forgive our sins, protect and strengthen us from all danger of future sins, so that we may serve you with a clear conscience, and joyfully receive our Lord Jesus Christ when he comes again in glory; he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.
Amen.

UNA ORACION PARA EL ADVIENTO

Oh María, danos un corazón
tan bello, puro, e inmaculado como el tuyo.
Un corazón como el tuyo tan lleno de amor y
humildad.

Que podamos recibir a Jesús como el pan de vida,
Para amarlo como tú lo amaste,
para servirle tras el rostro maltratado de los pobres.
Te lo pedimos por medio
de Jesucristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

-Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND ALL THE BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

Many Blessing to everyone!

**Señora Zelada
Principal/Directora**

**Ms. Coulombe
Assistant Principal**

INLINE SKATING



Alien Inline Skating has returned for another year. Our gym will be turned into a roller rink for two weeks starting **November 29th** and rolling on through **December 10th**. The cost of participating in this event was included in your child's school fees.

TRANSPORTATION

Please be advised that the following Radio and TV Stations will carry announcements with respect to transportation cancellations due to inclement weather conditions.

RADIO STATIONS

630 CHED AM	930 The Light CJCA	CBC
CISN FM 103.9	SHINE 105.9 FM	CHFA (CBC Fr.)
THE CHUCK FM 92.5	TSN 1260	CFCW 840
INEWS 880 AM	95.7 CRUZ	The Breeze 96.3
KISS 91.7	The Bear 100.3 FM	K97 97.3
UP! 99.3 FM	SONIC 102.9 FM	102.3 NOW!
PLAY 107	104.9 VIRGIN Radio FM	

TV STATIONS

CITYTV CTV Edmonton GLOBAL Edmonton CBC TV

Every effort will be made to have messages broadcast commencing no later than 6:30 a.m.

NOTE: The following link will provide instructions on how to download the BusPlanner bus delay app.

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/34228/transportation-services-bus-delay-notifications>

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As per tradition, Escuela St. Teresa will be preparing Christmas Hampers for families in need within our school community. We know the gift of a Christmas Hamper will bring a sense of hope, joy, and peace to each receiving family. Each class will be creating a hamper, and each student in our school will be asked to contribute a particular non-perishable food item for the hamper. Your child's teacher will let you know what

your child has been asked to bring. Food items are requested by **Thursday, December 9th.**

In addition to the food item your child has been asked to contribute, this year you will be able to contribute in two additional ways!

- We are collecting monetary donations to put towards grocery gift cards that will be added to each hamper so recipients can purchase supplementary perishable items. Monetary donations can be made through PowerSchool under the heading Christmas Hampers. Monetary donations will be accepted until **Tuesday, December 14th.**

- This year we have also decided to collect new mittens, toques, and scarfs for the Bissell Centre. Your donations will provide warmth and comfort to individuals and families who are living in poverty this holiday season. Donations will be placed inside a box located in the school's foyer until **Friday, December 17th.**

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Social Justice initiatives. We hope to bring Christmas Cheer and God's Blessings to many families.



Christmas Hamper Grocery List 2021

Rice - 1 box or 1 bag	Peanut butter - 1 kg
Dried beans - 1 bag	Stove Top stuffing - 2 boxes
Canned vegetables (peas, corn, carrots) - 2 cans	Jam or honey - 500 ml
Diced tomatoes - 2 cans	Pancake mix - 1 box
Beans - 2 cans	Biscuit Mix (ie Red Lobster, Bisquick) - 1 box
Vegetable Broth - 2 x 1 Litre containers	Syrup - 1 bottle
Soup - 4 cans	Cereal - 1 box
Canned fruit - 2 cans	Parmesan Cheese - 1 container
Tuna or Salmon - 4 cans	Instant Mashed Potatoes - 1 box
Dried pasta - 2 boxes	Christmas cookies or chocolates - 1 box
Spaghetti sauce - 2 jars or cans	

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATION

On the morning of **Wednesday, December 1st** the Grade 6s will be having the first of their three rounds of immunizations.

SCHOLASTICS ON-LINE BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastics Book Fair will be held online over the dates of **Monday, November 22nd to Sunday, December 5th**. This is the individual link for our school's Book Fair: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166216>. Our families can then shop the Fair as they would any other e-commerce site. Pick up for Scholastics order should be on **Friday, December 10th**. Any questions regarding pickup please email Mrs. MacArthur at marian.macarthur@ecsd.net.

PURDY'S PICK-UP AFTERNOON



Just a reminder that Purdy's orders can be picked up **Friday, December 10th**. Please ensure that you have made an appointment for pick up.

POINSETTA PICK UP AFTERNOON

Just a reminder that Poinsettias can be picked up **Friday, December 10th**. Please ensure that you follow the pickup schedule made upon ordering.

SANTA'S WORKSHOP DAY

Monday, December 13th is the day to wear your Christmas gear! Wear your Santa hat, elf hat, reindeer antlers, or any Christmas wear that you have.

RED/GREEN DAY

On **Tuesday, December 14th** we will be wearing red or green, or both to celebrate the season.

CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY

On **Wednesday, December 15th**, wear your favourite Christmas sweater. It does not need to be an ugly Christmas sweater!

PAJAMA DAY

Thursday, December 16th is Pajama Day. Come in your comfy pajamas.

DON'T FORGET!

Please remember that **Thursday, December 16th** is a **FULL DAY Thursday**, and that the **HALF DAY is Friday, December 17th**. Please ensure that your child has a lunch for that Thursday, and that they will be done on Friday at 11:30am.

To all **Kindergarten parents**, please remember that there will be bussing for the kinder students on the Thursday, and no school for kinders on **Friday, December 17th**.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our virtual Christmas Concert will be posted online at **on Thursday December 16th**. Thank you to Mrs. MacGregor and Mr. Lucas for all the time and effort that went into producing a virtual event. Thank you to all the staff and students for making this event possible!

Merry Christmas! Here is a sneak Peek!!



SANTA'S BREAKFAST

On the morning of **Thursday, December 16th**, we will be having a pancake breakfast beginning at 9:00 am for all the children in the school. Our pancake breakfast has been subsidized compliments of our School Council. We ask that your child/ren still eat a little something before coming to school.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Our Christmas Celebration will be held virtually on **Friday, December 17th at 8:30am**. Thank you to the Grade 6s for hosting this celebration.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Please remember that we are back to school in the new year on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022. Happy New Year to everyone!!

REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION





December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Grade 6 Immunization	2	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Advent	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9 *All food items for the Hampers to be at school	10 *Poinsettia & Purdy Pickup Day *Spanish Mass@10am *Last Day of Inline Skating	11
12 Third Sunday of Advent	13 *Santa's Workshop Dress Day	14 *Red & Green Day *Last Day for PowerSchool Hamper Donations	15 *Christmas Sweater Day	16 *Switch Full Day *Pajama Day *Santa's Breakfast *Virtual Christmas Concert	17 Switch Day Half Day done at 11:30am *Christmas Celebration 8:30am	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
	26	27	28	29	30	31

Christmas Break is from December 18th-January 3rd

Happening in January 2022

January 1st-3rd-Christmas Break

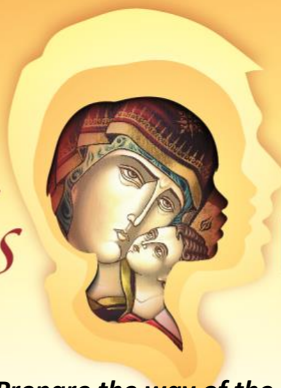
January 4th-Back to School

January 6th-Epiphany

January 7th- Orthodox Christmas

January 27th-Family Literacy Day

God Calls Us



EACH BY NAME

December 2021

Prepare the way of the Lord...

Luke 3:4

These words from the Gospel on the Second Sunday of Advent are those of John the Baptist spoken in fulfilment of the prophesy of Isaiah. As we begin our journey through Advent, we are all feeling excitement, anticipation, and watchfulness. We prepare the way of the Lord within ourselves and our homes, knowing that the ultimate gift of love, our salvation, is soon to arrive in this world. There are so many things that we can do in preparation for Christmas. Edmonton Catholic Schools is pleased to host our second annual [The Art of Advent A Virtual Arts Advent Calendar](#), a celebration of the sacred beauty of this season. The calendar will go live on November 28 and will include a weekly Advent message from Father Glenn McDonald, weekly prayers, and Advent-themed activities. Students will share Advent-themed arts performances and pieces to be showcased on this online platform. Each day a new square will become live, highlighting student artists throughout the Division. It is truly an exquisite way to celebrate this special liturgical time!

There were many noteworthy items on the [agenda for the Public Meeting of our Board of Trustees](#) on November 24. The Division's Audited Financial Statements for the 2020-21 school year were released. They can be found on www.ecsd.net or directly by [clicking here](#). The Board voted to commence the formal process to consider the closure of St. Basil Catholic Elementary/Junior High School. Information about this process, as well as a report outlining the closure proposal can be found under *News and Announcements* on www.ecsd.net or directly by [clicking here](#). The Board also voted to commence the formal process to consider the closure of the Grade 7-9 programming at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary/Junior High School. This would result in the relocation of the junior high programs of choice that are currently offered there. Information about this process, as well as a report outlining the closure proposal can be found under *News and Announcements* on www.ecsd.net or directly by [clicking here](#).

Alberta Education requires all school jurisdictions to submit an Annual Education Results Report (AERR) by November 30 of each year. Alberta Education implemented a new [Assurance Framework](#) replacing the previous Accountability Framework. The Edmonton Catholic School Division's 2020-2021 AERR Report provides an analysis of results, compares provincial and local performance measures, and develops strategies as part of the guidelines and outcomes set by Alberta Education's new Assurance Measures for each of the following domains: Local and Societal Context, Student Growth and Achievement, Teaching and Leading, Learning Supports, and Governance. You can read the AERR by [clicking here](#).

As I write this final newsletter for 2021, I would like to leave you with the words of Pope Francis from his [Homily on the First Sunday of Advent](#) last year:

Dear brothers and sisters, praying and loving: that is what it means to be watchful. When the Church worships God and serves our neighbour, she does not live in the night. However weak and weary, she journeys towards the Lord. Let us now call out to him. Come, Lord Jesus, we need you! Draw close to us. You are the light. Rouse us from the slumber of mediocrity; awaken us from the darkness of indifference. Come, Lord Jesus, take our distracted hearts and make them watchful. Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.

Have a blessed Advent and a glorious Christmas!

Robert Martin, Chief Superintendent



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