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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día



Advent 2022

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

Isaiah 2.2-3

Advent is a time when our eyes are set to the future, and we are filled with hope. We know that Jesus, the Messiah, is coming very soon, and that his presence is a gift of love for us from God, our Father. This passage from the prophet Isaiah, the first reading of our Advent journey, shows us the promise of a world that will see us coming together to learn and walk in peace and joy.

May this Advent season be filled with abundant opportunities for you to not only reflect on the presence of hope, faith, joy, and peace in your lives,

but to also share those gifts with those around you!

Acontecerá en los postreros días, Que el monte de la casa del SEÑOR Será establecido como cabeza de los montes. Se alzará sobre los collados, Y confluirán a él todas las naciones. Vendrán muchos pueblos, y dirán: "Vengan, subamos al monte del SEÑOR, A la casa del Dios de Jacob, Para que nos enseñe acerca de Sus caminos, Y andemos en Sus sendas." Isaías 2. 2-3

El Adviento es un tiempo en el que nuestros ojos están puestos en el futuro y estamos llenos de esperanza. Sabemos que Jesús, el Mesías, viene muy pronto, y que su presencia es para nosotros un don de amor de Dios, nuestro Padre. Este pasaje del profeta Isaías, la primera lectura de nuestro camino de Adviento, nos muestra la promesa de un mundo que nos verá reunidos para aprender y caminar en paz y alegría.

Que esta temporada de Adviento esté llena de abundantes oportunidades para que no solo reflexionen sobre la presencia de esperanza, fe, alegría y paz en sus vidas, pero también para compartir esos dones con quienes te rodean.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and many blessing for the New Year!

Señora Zelada
Principal/Directora

Mrs. Saccomanno
Assistant Principal

In-line Skating



Alien In-line Skating has returned again this year. Our gym will be turned into a roller rink for two weeks starting November 21st and rolling on through until December 6th. The cost of in-line skating was included in your child's school fees.

Transportation

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 Hamper Information



As per tradition, St. Teresa will be preparing Christmas Hampers for families in need within our school community. We know that 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 15th.

In addition to the food item your child has been asked to contribute, you will also be able to make a monetary donation which will be used to purchase grocery gift cards.

Gift cards 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 20th.

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

We appreciate any, and all donations.

Thank you for your generosity.

Merry Christmas!

St. Teresa Christmas Hamper Committee.



Christmas Hamper Grocery List 2022

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 liter 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	

Purdys Chocolates Pick up



Pick up day to be determined once delivery date is confirmed.

Growing Smiles Pick up

Please follow the pickup schedule made upon ordering.



Dress-Up Days in December

Monday, December 19th – wear **red** or **green** or **BOTH** to show your Christmas spirit.

Tuesday, December 20th- wear your favourite Christmas sweater.

Wednesday, December 21st – wear your holiday gear! A Santa hat, elf hat, reindeer antlers, or any other Christmas themed gear you might have.

Thursday, December 22nd- it's a Winter wonderland at St. Teresa! Dress up in **blue** and **white** – sparkles optional.

Friday, December 17th- Pajama Day!! Wear your cozy jammies!

Don't forget!!

Please remember that **Thursday, December 22nd** is a **FULL DAY**, and the **HALF DAY** is **Friday, December 23rd**.

To all **Kindergarten parents**, please remember that there will be bussing for the kinder students on Thursday December 22nd, and **NO SCHOOL** for kinders on Friday December 23rd.

SAVE-ON-FOODS MAGRATH

Thank You to Save On Foods in Magrath for their extremely generous gift of helping provide healthy snacks for our students for the school year. Our school community is truly blessed. Next time your grocery shopping at Save on Foods please make sure to say thank you from St. Teresa.



Dates to remember in January 2023

January 1st- January 8th- Christmas Break

January 6th – Epiphany

January 7th- Orthodox Christmas

January 9th- Back to School

January 10th- Grade 6 Immunizations (2nd round)

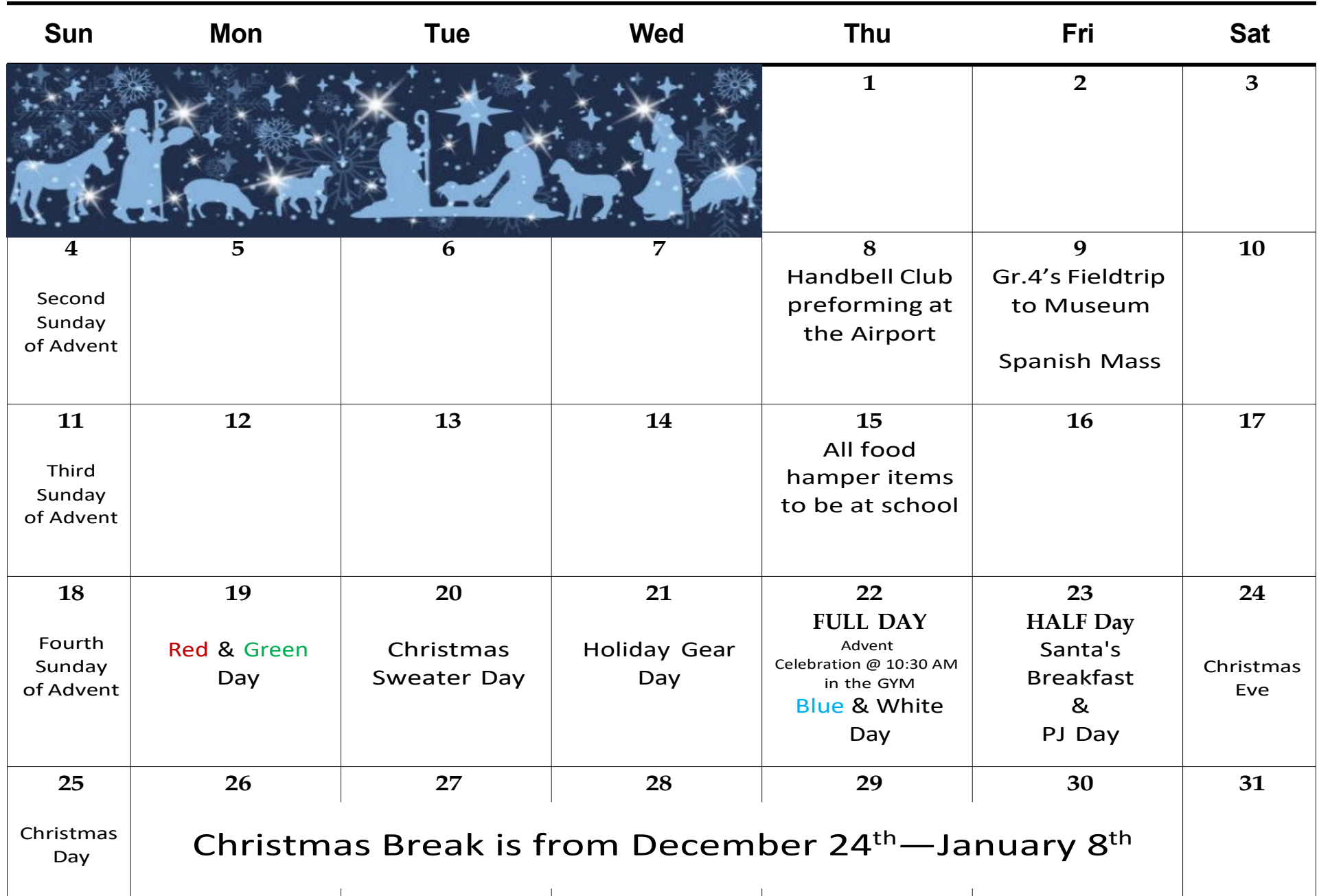
January 13th- Alberta Opera performs Jack and the Beanstalk

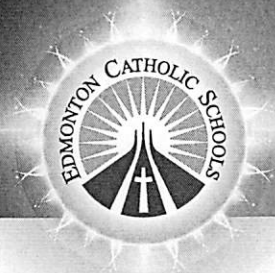
January 18th-January 20th – Dental program visiting Kindergarten- Grade2

January 27th – Hot Lunch – Subway

January 31st- Report Cards







Let Your Light Shine Forth

December 2022

Brothers and sisters, in this Season of Advent, let us be shaken out of our torpor and let us awaken from our slumber! Let's try to ask ourselves: am I aware of what I am living, am I alert, am I awake? Do I try to recognize God's present in daily situations, or am I distracted and a little overwhelmed by things?

(Pope Francis, Angelus, 11/27/22)

So often, as we prepare for Christmas, time gets away from us and we become even busier than usual. In his Angelus on the first Sunday of Advent, our Holy Father reminds us that busy-ness can distract us from what is truly important; recognizing God in the ordinariness of our daily lives. Let us take time throughout these next weeks to slow down, look around, and listen to the whispers of God that are all around us.

There are so many opportunities for us to join in the spirit of the sacred that comes with the Advent Season. At schools, students are participating in liturgies and celebrations as we prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child. At the Division level, our All-City programs, which consist of four unique choral and band programs involving over 200 junior high and high school students from across ECSD, will hold their Christmas concerts. The All-City Choirs' concert will take place at McDougall United Church on December 5th at 7pm. This concert will also include special guests the Concordia University Concert Choir performing with our All-City High School Choir as part of our dual credit program. The All-City Bands' concert will also take place at McDougall United Church on December 13th at 7pm.

Our Annual ECSD Survey will launch on December 5. We ask all parents and guardians to complete one survey for each of their children. This allows us to evaluate how we are meeting the unique needs of all students. You can access the survey through your PowerSchool parent account. Click on each child to access their survey in the left navigation menu.

The Board of Trustees voted to rename John Paul I Catholic Elementary School at the November 30 Public Meeting. He was beatified by Pope Francis on September 4, and the school will now be known as Blessed John Paul I Catholic Elementary School. Archbishop Smith will join the school community in January to celebrate this momentous occasion.

I leave you with a final thought from Pope Francis, reflecting upon the Advent season: "God conceals himself in the most ordinary situations of our lives. He does not come in extraordinary events, but in everyday things: our daily work, a chance encounter, someone in need... That's where the Lord is, who calls to us and inspires our actions." (11/29/22)

Have a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Robert Martin, Chief Superintendent

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16)