

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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December 2016

Principal's Message

The staff of St. Mary's Catholic School would like to wish each and every one of you a joy filled Advent and a Blessed and Holy Christmas season. May this blessed and joyous season be filled with happiness and good health. Remember that the best gift you can give your child(ren) this Christmas is to celebrate the Jesus side of Christmas and celebrate His birth by going to Mass as a family. Jesus is truly the reason for the season! St. Mary's Catholic School will be reaching out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves in our school community through our Christmas Cheer program. I hope that in the hustle and bustle that usually accompanies this time of year that you find peace and enjoyment during the upcoming holiday season. Enjoy those exceptional Christmas moments with your children during the winter break. For those who are traveling over the holidays, may God bless your travels and return you to the safety of your home. Have a Blessed Advent, a joy-filled Christmas, and a hopeful New Year! God Bless, Mrs. Penrose



Advent Prayer

God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

St. Mary's School is reaching out to those who are less fortunate in our community. The social justice club is running the 12 days of Christmas food drive! Students are asked to bring in a different food item each day.

Monday Nov 28 ~ Macaroni & Cheese

Tuesday Nov 29 ~ Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Wednesday Nov 30 ~ Cereal

Thursday Dec 1 ~ Canned Meat & Fish

Friday Dec 2 ~ Pasta & Rice

Monday Dec 5 ~ Canned tomatoes & Pasta sauce

Tuesday Dec 6 ~ Ravioli, Stews, etc.

Wednesday Dec 7 ~ Soups

Thursday Dec 8 ~ Cake mix, jello, cookie mixes

Friday Dec 9 ~ New Mittens, Hats, Scarves

Monday Dec 12 ~ Canadian Tire Money

Tuesday Dec 13 ~ New unwrapped toy



A BIG THANKS FROM CSCC

St Mary's Catholic School Community Council would like to thank all the families who helped to make our Little Caesar Pizza Kit and Wendy's night campaigns a great successes. Thank you also for your donations of time and items for Candle Light Liturgy. We are looking forward to all the fun events we have planned in the New Year. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Mark Wednesday Dec. 8th on your calendar! The Candle Light Service is a liturgy held at St. Mary's School at 6:00pm. Please join us for a bake sale, craft sale and raffle. Admission is a donation of food or a new toy to Christmas Cheer.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On November 26th the students from Ms. Levesques 3/4 and Mrs. Schellings 2/3 performed the song "The 12 Days of Christmas" at the Church concert. All of our 5 Barrie North Catholic Schools were represented there, and a little bird told me St. Mary's was the BEST! Great job!!

PREPARING FOR HIGHSCHOOL

Mark your calendars. Grade 8 parent information night at SJO ~ Tuesday, January 17th @ 6:30-8:00pm



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC H.S BAND

St. Mary's students were treated to a special performance by the grade 10, 11 & 12 St. Joe's band. It was a great opportunity to show off the many programs available to our students at high school. Our grade 8 students who are transitioning to St. Joe's were offered this special opportunity and may now choose band as an option in high school.

Congratulations to the junior girls volleyball team. You made St. Mary's proud by winning an area banner for our school. We came in second for our region. Our team consisted of Selena, Ally, Presley, Julianna in grade 4. The grade 5's were Mya, Sammi, Sam, Reilly, Brook, Carol. The grade 6's were Monica and Campbell. Way to go girls! You made Mrs. Schelling and St. Mary's so proud.



ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

~THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE WARMTH~ St. Mary's School collected gently used coats for the month of November. All coats have been donated to those in need in our community. Thank you to everyone for participating in this social action project. Thank you to Mrs. Schelling & Mlle. Basky for organizing.

UP-COMING DATES

- ~ Candle Light Dec 8
- ~ Christmas Break Begins Dec 23-Jan 8
- ~ Back to school Jan 9
- ~ Grade 8 orientation (students) Feb 1
- ~ PA Day Feb 3



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