



St. Mary's School

Together we grow in Faith, Hope and Love.

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December, 2020

Dear St. Mary's Families,

Advent is a time of joyful expectation. We prepare as we wait by baking cookies and thinking about gifts for those we love as well as giving a little more to the poor. We hear Christmas music in the stores and on the radio. We put up lights outside and set up the Christmas tree. We decorate with a nativity scene or a wreath on our door. Many of these traditions help us connect with keeping Christ in Christmas.

The wreath has a round shape to show us God's love has no beginning and no end; the pine branches never lose their leaves or color just as God's love for us never dies. Candles symbolize Christ being the light of the world. We buy and wrap presents just as the magi honored baby Jesus.

The four weeks of Advent are a great spiritual gift that helps us grow in hope, peace, joy and love. May your preparations be filled with love and patience. Make traditions with your family. Remember the reason for the season is JESUS!

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. L. Klemetski

Health and Safety Measures

Thank you for practicing the enhanced safety and health measures and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

- Before coming to school please complete the Daily Screening Check for COVID-19 symptoms (attached)
- Each student please bring their own water bottle (labeled with name)
- Bring your own mask if you have or we have available
- Discuss physical distancing with your child
- Do your part to follow public health advice (wash your hands, follow physical distancing, wear a mask in public, don't touch your face with unclean hands, stay home when unwell) to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Virtual Advent Celebrations

Week 1 of Advent – *Hope*

Week 2 of Advent – *Peace*

Week 3 of Advent – *Joy*

Week 4 of Advent – *Love*

Advent celebrations will be celebrated in each classroom this year as we are not able to gather in the gymnasium like in past years.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov 29	Advent Week 1 – Hope
Dec 6	Advent Week 2 – Peace
Dec 13	Advent Week 3 – Joy
Dec 18	Last day of classes before Christmas Break
Dec 20	Advent Week 4 – Love
Jan 4	Classes resume. Day 2
Jan 29	Inservice – NO SCHOOL!
Feb 1	Inservice – NO SCHOOL!
Feb 15-19	Winter Break – NO SCHOOL!

ST. MARY'S STAFF UPDATE

Please welcome....

School Counsellor - Ms. H. Frankfurt
 Educational Assistant- Ms. L. Villeneuve
 Speech Assistant- Ms. K. Ostapovich



BAND INFORMATION

- ♪ Christmas theory exams will be scheduled in Dec. Playing exams may be recorded at home, provided they are turned in BEFORE test day.
- ♪ Google Classroom: Check for updates before exams, when we start new music, and to request more challenging music!
- ♪ Yorkton Music Festival: let Mrs. Karapita know ASAP if you are interested in performing a possible (pre-recorded) solo or family duet.



SRC – NEWS!

Friday, December 4th, 11th, and 18th – Hot Chocolate Sale \$2; chips \$1; bubblegum 50¢
 Monday, December 14th – “Wear Your Sunday-Best”
 Wednesday, December 16th – “Red and Green” Day
 Friday, December 18th – “Pajama” Day



COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES

(Including Wind-chill Factor)

The following guidelines apply to cold weather days:

Temperatures of –29 and above: Students are expected to be outdoors at recesses.

Temperatures of –30 to –35: Students are encouraged to get fresh air, however, going outside is optional.

Temperatures of –36 and below: Students will NOT be allowed outdoors.



DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Parents are reminded to be certain that your children arrive at school properly dressed for the weather conditions each day.

Planning for jackets,

headgear, boots, and gloves is essential for this time of year, as well as, an indoor pair of sneakers. As all students are expected to be outdoors at recesses and noon hours, appropriate clothing may assist the students in enjoying the fresh air and exercise.

St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church

Father Louis Kim Nguyen

125 – 3rd Avenue North

Phone: 306-782-2449 Fax: 306-782-8566

www.stgerard.ca

Saturday Mass: 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Mass: 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

NOTE: Sunday Mass is on the "Filipiino Catholic Community in Yorkton" Facebook page at 10:00 am Sundays until further notice.

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

Father Leonid Malkov, CSsR

Fr. Yevhen Zadorozhnyi, CSsR

155 Catherine Street

Phone: 306-783-4594 Fax: 306-782-4214

www.stmarysyorkton.com

Saturday Divine Liturgy: 5:00 P.M. (English)

Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:00 A.M. (Ukrainian) & 11:00 A.M. (English)

Thank you "AGAIN" to...

Mrs. Edna Popowich for the generous donation to our Nutrition Program – In Memory of Ron Popowich.

Thank you to... our safety patrollers this past month: Cheveyo, Sean, Tristin, Noah, Rap-Rap, Trenna, Prince, Semiah, Chelsea M, Isabelle, Chelsea L, Sydney

Congratulations to ...

Ainsley Ecklund on winning 2nd in the Junior Poem and Jazlyn Wozniak on winning 2nd in the Intermediate Poem for Remembrance Day Poster/Literary Contest, General Alexander Ross Branch #77. Thank you to Mr. Whitehead for encouraging student participation.



Progress Reports and Student Sharing Conferences

Thank you parents and families, for the great phone calls, google meets and notes to the teachers to share your children's learning. We are so happy that 75% of families were able to connect with us. Thank you for your support and time.

Thank you to our St. Mary's families for continuing to complete the daily health check below and for limiting visits to the school; these efforts help us to keep our space as safe as possible. A reminder that **mandatory** non-medical masking now applies to all staff, students and visitors to the school at all times when present in the building. If you have any questions about your Daily Health Check, please call the Healthline 811 for further information.

Daily Health Checklist



Parents/caregivers/visitors must use this questionnaire daily.

1.	Do you, or your child attending school, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore Throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful Swelling	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle / Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Have you, or anyone in your household, returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you or your children attending school had close unprotected* contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters) of someone who is ill** with cough and/or fever?	YES	NO
4.	Have you or anyone in your household been in close unprotected contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

***unprotected** means close contact without a mask or other appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
 ****ill** means someone with COVID-19 symptoms listed above.

- If you have answered "No" to all the above questions, you may attend school.
- If you have answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** attend the school at this time. You should stay home and use the Saskatchewan COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool or call Healthline 811. You are encouraged to seek testing as soon as possible if you have any symptoms.

Please notify the school at 306-782-2889 or email the office at saint.marys@ctics.ca



Virtual Toy BINGO – Sunday, December 20 @ 1pm via Zoom.

To register go to Kinette Club of Yorkton on Facebook & complete the registration form. Forms and payment can be submitted by email to yorktonkinettes@hotmail.com or dropped off at PetValu.

For more information please call or text Chris @ 306-814-7280.

Gratefully yours,
Chris Fisher
Past President
Yorkton Kinette Club

KID'S TOY BINGO
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
VIA ZOOM

WIN PRIZES!!

YOU MUST REGISTER!!

LINK WILL OPEN @ 1:45 PM
BINGO STARTS @ 2:00 PM

3-UP PAC (10 GAMES) \$10.00
6-UP PAC (10 GAMES) \$15.00

REGISTRATION FORM ON FACEBOOK @ KINETTE CLUB OF YORKTON
or BY TEXTING CHRIS @ 306-814-7280

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