



# St. Mary's School

*Together we grow in Faith, Hope and Love.*

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**DECEMBER 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

Dear St. Mary's Families,

Advent is a time for joyful expectation of the many good things to come during this Christmas season. We can prepare by doing something extra for someone else, living a simpler life, and giving to charity (prayer, fasting and good works).

The four weeks of Advent remind us that we can be a light to others through hope, faith, joy and peace. Then our hearts will be ready for the birth of our Lord and the real celebration will begin. Let's try to teach one another the importance of love during this time.

Please join us for our Christmas Celebration!  
Families are welcome to join us any advent celebration and especially for Christmas mass on Dec. 18.

Many thanks to the supporters of our school to our Nutrition Program.

- Kinsmen Club of Yorkton
- St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. May the light of your love always shine in our hearts. Amen.

Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Klemetski

## Christmas Concert Celebration Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023 at 7 p.m.

We invite all the families to gather  
as a school community to  
celebrate the Advent &  
Christmas seasons.

Students are asked to be at  
St. Mary's School no earlier than  
6:30 p.m. and no later than  
6:45 p.m.

Come and celebrate with us!



Please let the school know when your child will be absent. Please call 306-782-2889 or email our [saint.marys@cttcs.ca](mailto:saint.marys@cttcs.ca) .

Our System will contact you via email or phone call if your child is not at school.



School success starts  
with attendance



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# DECEMBER 2023



- Dec.21-Jan.3 Christmas Holidays, NO SCHOOL

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4 Advent colours- wear something purple, pink or green -Grade 7&8 Christmas Dance at SHHS 7-10pm Advent week 1 celebration at 215pm	5 BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT SHHS AT 7 PM	6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT FAMILY CELEBRATION AT 7PM-GYM  Candy Cane-wear something red, white or green	7	8
11 Advent week 2 celebration at 9am	12 Holiday cheer-wear a christmas shirt or a holiday head wear, santa hat, antlers,elf hat, headband	13	14	15 Mad about Plaid- wear plaid or flannel -SHHS Band Christmas Tour 12:30-1:15
18 Christmas Mass at 9am-GYM Pre-K Family Day At the Gym Advent week 3 celebration at 9am	19 -SCC Meeting at 5pm  -Winter Solstice Feast at Dream Builders 11- 2pm	20 2 n 1 wear a word Wednesday PJ Day  Advent week 4 celebration at 10am	21 NO SCHOOL  CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	22 
25	26	27	28	29
Merry Christmas!	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>			
1 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	2 	3	4 CLASSES RESUME For PRE-K , Grade 1-8  DAY2	5 CLASSES RESUME For Kindergarten  DAY3

- January 4 Classes Resume ( Pre-K , Grade 1-8) Da Day
- January 5 Classes Resume for Kindergarten
- January 31 NO SCHOOL ( In-Service )
- February 19-23 NO SCHOOL ( Winter Break )





**ST. MARY'S CRUSADER OF THE WEEK**

A crusader is a person who makes a determined effort to achieve something that they believe to be right or to stop something they believe to be wrong.

**TALYN**

**Virtue-** Sharing

**Action-** he gave his piece of bannock to a student who didn't get one

**JUSTINE**

**Virtue-**hardworking

**Action-** working well at finishing assignments

**YOHAN**

**Virtue-** Helpful

**Action-** Helped clean-up after Feast

**CASSADEE**

**Virtue-** service

**Action-** volunteer to change Oct.calendar to Nov. calendar

**SAWYER**

**Virtue-** Listening/cooperative

**Action-** explain expectations of classroom

**ZEDRIC**

**Virtue-** courage

**Action-** Being a good example to others

**BAND:**

**Band Classes:**

- Day 4 (pm)
- Day 6 (am)
- \* Filipino Band: rehearsals and performances are in your group chat: Nov. 26, Dec. 2, 11, 17
- Tues. Dec. 5:
  - Gr. 6 last Full Band: **7:30 AM** set up the stage and rehearse in the Theatre.
  - **All** band students are expected to arrive at **6:35 PM**, or contact Mrs. Karapita
  - 7 PM: Band Christmas **concert** @ SHHS Theatre.
- **Wed.** Dec. 13, 8 AM: **Gr. 8-12** Full Band
- **Fri.** Dec. 15, 8 AM: **Gr. 8-12** Full Band & 4-school concert tour
- Dec. 6 - Jan. 10: No regular Full Band classes



**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.



**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 recess.

**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.

**YORKTON FOOD RESOURCES:**

**Salvation Army Food Bank-** 78 Front St. Yorkton in Parkland Community Church, Tuesday/Thursday 10-2, tel. no. 306-783-4650

**Bruno's Place** -139 Dominion Ave. open 24 hours, breakfast Mon-Fri 8-9:30 a.m., Lunch Tuesday/ Thursday 12-1 pm tel. no. 306-782-7866

**Yorkton Community Fridge** – 345 Broadway St. West, in the SIGN parking lot, open 24/7, take what you need, leave what you can.



# Winter CAMP




AT St. Michael's Camp  
At Madge Lake

For Ages 8-14  
February 19th - 25th

\$300 Per Camper  
Save \$50 Register before Jan. 1, 2024

Cross Country Skiing  
Tobogganing  
Down Hill Skiing  
Skating  
Snow Shoeing

To register visit our website or email us @ [camp@stmichaelscamp.com](mailto:camp@stmichaelscamp.com)

**Come play with us**

Basketball Saskatchewan & Canada Basketball have partnered with your community to introduce basketball to children grades 1 - 6.





**Practices – times & location TBD**  
Sundays January 14 – March 24, 2024  
Grade 1 & 2 mixed  
Grade 3 & 4 boys      Grade 3 & 4 girls  
Grade 5 & 6 boys      Grade 5 & 6 girls

**Tournament in Yorkton for grades 3 - 6**  
April 13 & 14, 2024


**PLAYERS receive**  
• Reversible Jersey  
• Shoe bag  
**Players provide**  
• size 5 basketball  
**Cost**  
\$70 no basketball  
\$80 with basketball

**COACHES are needed, please volunteer.**  
**Coaches receive:**  
• Practice plans  
• Shirt  
• Whistle

**Register at [skybasketball.ca](http://skybasketball.ca)**

Equipment order date is **Dec 10** – if you register after this date equipment will not be available for start of the program.  
**Registration Closes Jan 6**

For more information about grade 5 & 6 3X3 tournaments [www.skybasketball.ca](http://www.skybasketball.ca) under tournaments  
Yorkton coordinator  
Chad McDowell  
[yorktonbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:yorktonbasketball@yahoo.com)



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your order!

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EXPIRES: May 1, 2024



# LET'S GO Skating

Public Skating at the Kinsmen Arena


Sundays  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Parent, Tot & Senior Skating  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Skating times are subject to change with minimal to no notice. For updated public skating times, [CLICK HERE](http://www.yorkton.ca/publicskating) or visit [www.yorkton.ca/publicskating](http://www.yorkton.ca/publicskating)

City of Yorkton



**FREE!**

LEAD UP 2.0 The BGCY LeadUp 2.0 Youth present... **LEAD UP 2.0**

## ART ATTACK

IN SUPPORT OF HOW THE GRINCH STOLE HUNGER

**Saturday December 9th, 2023**  
Come and go between 1 pm and 4 pm  
BGC Yorkton - 54 A Smith Street West


**All ages welcome! Art is for everyone!**  
Children 9 and under must bring a parent or guardian to supervise them!

The BGC Yorkton will supply a large variety of art supplies, mediums and materials for you to craft and create with! This is not instructed art, simply an opportunity to work on whatever art project you want to create while visiting with friends!

To participate you must bring 3+ non-perishable food items  
All donations will be given to the Community Fridge

**bgc** Yorkton

The youth will also be collecting non-perishable food items from December 6th to 13th during any BGC Yorkton Club hours for those who wish to donate but can't participate!






### Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday	December 2	5pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	<i>Hope</i>
Sunday	December 3	9am & 11am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	
Thursday	December 7	9am	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
Friday	December 8	7pm		
Saturday	December 9	5pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<i>Peace</i>
Sunday	December 10	9am & 11am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	
Tuesday	December 12	7pm		
Wednesday	December 13	9am		
Thursday	December 14	9am		
Friday	December 15	6:30pm		
Saturday	December 16	5pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	<i>Joy</i>
Sunday	December 17	9am & 11am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Monday	December 18	9am	Christmas Mass at St. Mary's School	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Tuesday	December 19	9am	Christmas Mass at St. Paul's School	
		1pm	Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart High School	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Wednesday	December 20	10am	Nursing Home (South Chapel)	
Thursday	December 21	2:30pm	Yorkton Crossing Retirement Living	
		6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Friday	December 22	6:30pm	Simbang Gabi	
Saturday	December 23	5pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	<i>Love</i>
Sunday	December 24	10am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	

Christmas Eve	5pm & 9pm	Advent Penitential	Dec. 14, 7pm
Christmas Day	10am		
New Years Eve	5pm		
New Years Day	10 am		

ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

### St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church Father Sathi Antony

125 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North  
 Phone: 306-782-2449 Fax: 306-782-8566  
[www.stgerard.ca/](http://www.stgerard.ca/) email add: office@stgerard.ca  
 Saturday Mass: 5:00 P.M.  
 Sunday Mass: 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.



### St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Father Basil Malowany, Administrator-Pastor

155 Catherine Street  
 Phone: 306-783-4594 Fax: 306-782-4214  
[www.stmarysyorkton.com](http://www.stmarysyorkton.com)  
 Saturday Divine Liturgy: 5:00 P.M. (English)  
 Sunday Divine Liturgy:  
 9:00 A.M. (English & Ukrainian)

## NEW YEAR'S GALA - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>



Happy New Year!

**St. Mary's Cultural Centre**  
 Refreshments 5:00 pm \* Dinner & Dance 6:00 pm **\$50.00**  
 Dance Only Doors Open 8:30 pm **\$ 20.00**  
 Music by The Zayshley Band  
 Silent Auction

**Proceeds to St. Mary's Church Building Fund**

**\*\*Tickets will be sold at the church before and after weekend Divine Liturgies\*\***

Thank you, Kinsmen Club of Yorkton & St. Mary's Ukrainian Brotherhood for your continued support and generous donation for our School Lunch Program.



**Thank You!!!**





# Counsellor's Corner

Miss. Frankfurt



## WISE WORDS FROM DR. BECKY

"Holiday season is upon us and the mental load is real. If you're feeling on edge, you're not alone - and it may be because adding holidays, logistics, and the anticipated stress of being with extended family. Finding ourselves involves coming back to our body. So join me right now and take a moment to place your feet on the ground and a hand on your heart. Remind yourself, "This time of year feels hard because it is hard - not because I'm doing something wrong." And then maybe say that again... and again. The holidays won't be perfect and I know you will get through it. Both are equally true."

## WELLNESS REMINDERS

- ✓ Spend some time outside building a snowman, snow fort or tobogganing.
- ✓ Practice affirmations. "I am loved, I did what I could with what I had and that was enough"
- ✓ Reflect upon your day each evening, and know that tomorrow is a new day

## NEWS

- ✓ The 50 developmental assets team is working on a community calendar to display all of Yorkton's events and activities. Stay tuned!
- ✓ There is a new Yorkton Community Fridge and it is located at 345 Broadway St W in the SIGN parking lot. Anyone is welcome to check it out and take food or donate items. Check out their Facebook page at Yorkton Community Fridge

## QUOTE

Believe in yourself.  
You are braver than  
you think, more  
talented than you  
know, and capable  
of more than you  
imagine

