

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

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

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

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!



COUNTS! School success starts with attendance

DECEMBER 2023



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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4 Advent colours-	5	6	7	8
wear something purple, pink or green -Grade 7&8 Christmas Dance	BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT SHHS AT 7 PM	CHRISTMAS CONCERT FAMILY CELEBRATION AT 7PM-GYM		
at SHHS 7-10pm Advent week 1 celebration at 215pm		Candy Cane-wear something red, white or green		
11	Holiday cheer-wear a christmas shirt or a	13	14	Mad about Plaid- wear plaid or flannel
Advent week 2 celebration at	holiday head wear, santa hat, antlers,elf			-SHHS Band Christmas Tour
9am	hat, headband			12:30-1:15
18 Christmas Mass at 9am-GYM	-SCC Meeting at 5pm	20 2 n 1	NO SCHOOL 21	22
Pre-K Family Day At the Gym	-Winter Solstice Feast at Dream Builders 11-	wear a word Wednesday PJ Day	CHRISTMAS	AS (AS _
Advent week 3 celebration at 9am	2pm	Advent week 4 celebration at 10am	HOLIDAYS	
25	26	27	28	29
Merry Christmas! CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS				
1	2	3	4 CLASSESS RESUME	5 CLASSES RESUME
NO S	CHOOL		For PRE-K, Grade 1-8	For Kindergarten
1100			DAY2	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- hegave 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/coopertive

Action- explain expectations of classroom

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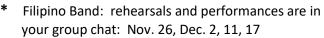
Virtue- courage

Action- Being a good example to others

BAND:

Band Classes:

- Day 4 (pm)
- Day 6 (am)



- 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
 - o 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.





Come play with us

Basketball Saskatchewan & Canada Basketball have



partnered with your community to introduce basketball to children grades 1 - 6. jr. 🕻 nba

> 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

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 under tournaments

Yorkton coordinator Chad McDowell

yorktonbasketball@yahoo.com



Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures

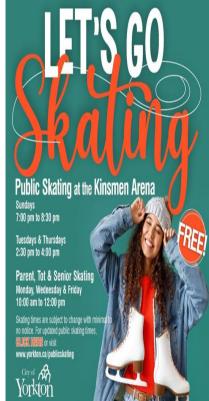
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your order!

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EXPIRES: May 1, 2024





LEAD The BGCY LeadUp 2.0 Youth present... LEAD

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!

All donations will be given to the Community Fridge



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

5pm 1s Sunday of Advent 9am & 11am 1s Sunday of Advent Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2rd Sunday of Advent Saturday 9am & 11am 2rd Sunday of Advent 7pm 9am Wedne Thursday Friday 6:30pm Simbang Gabi 3rd Sunday of Advent 5pm 9am & 11am 3rd Sunday of Advent 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Christmas Mass at St. Mary's School Simbang Gabi 6:30pm Christmas Mass at St. Paul's School Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart High School 6:30pm Simbang Gabi Nursing Home (South Chapel) December 20 10am 2:30pm 6:30pm Simbang Gabi

Christmas Eve 5pm & 9pm Advent Penitential Dec. 14, 7pm

Simbang Gabi 4th Sunday of Advent

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Day 10am

New Years Eve 5pm

New Years Day 10 am

December 23 December 24

Saturday

ST. GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

6:30pm

St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church Father Sathi Antony

125 – 3rd Avenue North Phone: 306-782-2449 Fax: 306-782-8566 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

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

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

NEW YEAR'S GALA - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

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.









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

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

you are braver that you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you



