






St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School - WEEK at a GLANCE – December 4th – 8th

During the month of **December**, we will be learning and praying about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit called – “Patience”

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Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8
Pizza Day  <i>Pizza Day</i>	Math with Mr. Mooney! Remember to bring in Non-Perishable Food Items for our Cram the Cruiser Food Drive!!!!	Ms. McCarthy from SMCSS visiting Grade 8 class	Advent Mass at St. Michael's Church – 9:15 – Students will leave on Buses at 9:00  Milk orders for January will be available to order beginning Monday Dec. 11	 **This Weekend is the 1st Weekend of Advent!**

Principal's Message:

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our December Journey! The positive energy in our school is starting to build with our holidays, four short weeks away! It's so inspiring to walk the halls and hear our kids happily learning and singing along, to a few of their well-loved Christmas Carols.

We are a giving and charitable Catholic School Community. Every year our students participate in the “Cram the Cruiser” Campaign, which supports our local food bank. Students can participate by bringing Non-Perishable Food Items to place under our Christmas Tree. During the last week of school, the Cobourg Police Department will visit the school and the students will “Cram a Cruiser” full of these essential items which will be donated to families, throughout Northumberland County!

Thursday morning we will travel to St. Michael Church for our Advent Mass. Please ensure that all students are on-time that morning as we will all be boarding buses to travel across town to celebrate Mass. We look forward to this special time together!

Thank you always, for your support of your child's Catholic Education!
 Blessings, Mrs. Brodie ☺

Looking to Volunteer?

Our numbers in the Breakfast Program have increased dramatically this year. We are currently looking for volunteers who can assist our wonderful team with serving breakfast, even 1 day per week, to our students. Please contact the school if you are interested.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist our Catholic School Council to organize hot lunches. We have 2 hot lunches per month and our small but mighty team needs some assistance. If we do not have these volunteers in place, unfortunately we would not be able to support hot lunches. Please consider volunteering. Thank you!

Looking Ahead...

- **December 15th – Last day of breakfast program till the New Year**
- **December 14th – Christmas Concert at 6PM – SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!!!!**
- **December 18th – St. Mary Secondary School Christmas Concert – please return permission forms to teachers.**
- **December 19th – Cram the Cruiser beginning at 2:00 pm**
- **December 20th – Hockey Hall of Fame Trip for Grades 5,6,7,8**
- **December 25th – Christmas Holidays Begin**
- **January 8th – School resumes**

Mental Health Moment

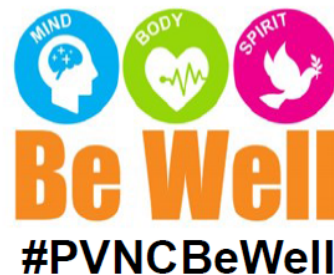
PVNCCDSB is pleased to introduce our 2017-2020 Mind•Body•Spirit: Be Well Strategy for Mental Health and Well-Being.

Here are a few stress strategies to recharge your body:

- Eat Well.
- Move Daily.
- Hydrate Often—H₂O is best!
- Sleep Soundly.
- Repeat for Life!

Learn more at:

pvn.cc/bewell



The Proposed 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

The proposed 2018-2019 school year calendar and survey is now available on the Board's web site under the heading 'Our Board', under the sub-heading 'School Year Calendar'.

<http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca/en/ourboard/schoolCalendar.asp?mid=111>

The following link to the survey may also be included in communications - either print or electronic:

<https://goo.gl/forms/J0e46B6CokMvQmh62>

This information will also be sent to Catholic School Council Chairs and Board Staff with an invitation to participate in the survey. Please include the school year calendar as an agenda item on your upcoming Catholic School Council meeting.

We encourage everyone to give consideration to the draft calendar and participate in the survey prior to December 22, 2017.

St. Joseph CES, Christmas Concert!!! **December 14th, 2017 – 6:00 PM - Gymnasium**

Doors Open at 5:30 – Door Decorating Contest Voting, Bake Sale in Library

Show Starts at 6:00 Promptly

K – Grade 6 – Seated in Gymnasium (in front of the stage)

Intermediate Students– Bake Sale in Library

Guests are asked to bring a Non-Perishable Food Item as a Donation to our Cram the Cruiser Campaign.



† St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church

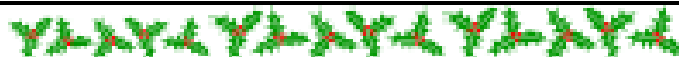
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

December 2017



The Season of Advent begins December 3rd. At this time of year, we can easily be overwhelmed and burdened by the materialism of the holidays. However, we must remember the REASON FOR THE SEASON, which is Jesus. Advent is a special time in which we prepare for Christ to come in to our homes and in to our hearts. We know what we need to do to get ready for when a new baby comes in to our home, but what about the baby Jesus? How do we get ready for Him? And how do we prepare for Him to grow in our hearts? We start by WANTING Him to come in to our lives. When we have Christ in our lives we will experience the True meaning of Joy in our hearts at Christmas.



"An invitation to our 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Concert"

Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's Church

Come out and enjoy the talent. Guest Singer: Fr. Andrew Ayala

St. Mary Secondary School Choir ~ Notre Dame School Choir

Join in for a carol sing along.

Tickets: Children/Students-\$5, Adults-\$10, Families-\$25.

For tickets call Parish Office 905 372-6844. **Also available at the door.**

Sacramental Program: Our lessons for First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation sacraments are in full swing. (Dates for upcoming sessions can be found on our website.) Thank you parents, for your commitment in bringing your children to these classes, and also thank you to the hard working Sacramental Team.

Christmas Schedule

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 pm

Sundays 8:15 am and 10:30 am

Weekdays at 11:45 am or by appointment

Christmas Eve Mass Times

Sunday, December 24: 5:00 pm—8:00 pm & 11:00 pm
(Note that the Church has a limited capacity, so arrive early if you plan to attend at 5:00 pm)

Christmas Day Mass Times

Monday, December 25 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Feast of Mary the Mother of God

New Year's Eve Mass—Sunday, December 31—5:00 & 11:00 pm

New Year's Day Mass—Monday, January 1, 2018—9:00 & 11:00 am

Penitential Service—Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Port Hope



Calendar of Youth Activities

Oratory: 2nd and 4th Saturday: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Workshops, prayer, games, lunch in the Parish Centre (Elementary school ages) **Next Date: Dec. 9**

Youth Group: 2nd and 4th Saturday: 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Parish Centre (ages 13+) Dec.9 ONLY

Altar servers: Every Saturday, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm in Parish Centre

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Advent Season and a very Merry Christmas,
Yours in Christ, Fr. Gerardus & Fr. Jim