

St. Joseph Catholic School

Week at a Glance: December 10th - 14th

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 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
<p>Sub Day</p>  	<p>School Mass at St. Michael's Church beginning at 9:00 am</p> 	<p>Christmas Bazaar in the gym 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, hosted by the Grade 1 / 2 class</p> 	<p>Christmas Concert 6 - 7pm (please bring non perishable food items)</p>  <p>Dress rehearsal at 10:30 am - parents are invited. (Please bring non perishable food items)</p>  <p>St. Mary Secondary School Christmas Band Concert 1pm - 2pm - all grades</p>	<p>Last Day of Breakfast Club, Resumes January 7th, 2019</p>  <p>Grade 3 / 4 to Rosewood Estates for Christmas Party 9 am - 11:30 am</p> 

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items each day for the Cram-the-Cruiser pick up which will take place on December 17th at 8:45 AM. If you are unable to send food items during the day, please feel free to bring them when you attend the Christmas Concert on December 13th from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Because our parking is so limited, we have been given permission to use Lions Community Centre parking lot which is located just West of the school on Elgin Street. I look forward to seeing each of your families at the Christmas Concert.

On behalf of all of the St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School staff, we wish all of our families a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mr. R Citro

Looking Ahead...

- December 17 - Cram the Cruiser 8:45, Pizza Day
- December 19 - Ganaraska Forest Centre - Mrs. Simpson and Ms. Landry, Christmas Lunch in the Grade 8 class
- December 21 - last day of classes before Christmas Holidays
- January 7 - School Resumes
- January 14th - milk and hot lunches will be posted online for February, pizza day
- January 21st - sub day
- January 22nd - Catholic School Council mtg.
- January 25th - Volleyball

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

December 2018

The Season of Advent begins December 2nd. 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.



'Keep Christ in Christmas'

Take a moment with your children, and visit the crèche displayed outside the Church....in anticipation....hope...and joy!

Sacramental Program: Our lessons for First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation sacraments are in full swing. Upcoming dates: **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist, Session 3:** Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 6:00 pm **OR** Saturday, December 15 at 9:30 am **Confirmation:** Session 5: Dec. 4 at 7:00 pm or Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's School (A full schedule of 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

Penitential Service—Sunday, December 16th at 2:00 pm in St. Michael's Church **NOTE: Four priests available for private confessions.**

Confession Times

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

Monday, December 24th: 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

Tuesday, December 25th 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Feast of Mary the Mother of God

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

New Year's Day Mass—Tuesday, January 1st, 2019—9:00 & 11:00 am

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