

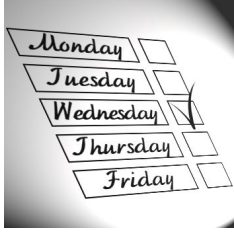



St. Joseph Catholic School

Week at a Glance: December 3 - 7

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 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
<p>Pizza Day</p>  <p>Skills Canada visits Grade 7 & 8 classes</p> 				<p>Grade 8 class visits SMSS</p>  <p>Snack and Share - parents invited to visit JK/SK classroom beginning at 2pm</p>

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are very excited about the upcoming Christmas Concert which is taking place on Thursday, December 13th from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Gymnasium. Classes are already practicing and getting into the Christmas spirit and looking forward to showcasing their talents. We are asking for canned and non-perishable food donations leading up to and including the Christmas Concert evening. Members of the Cobourg Police Service will come to the school to “Cram the Cruiser” with the food donations from St. Joseph. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Mr. R Citro

Looking Ahead...

- **December 2 - 1st Sunday of Advent**
- **December 10 - Sub Day**
- **December 11 - School mass at the St. Michael's Church**
- **December 13 - Christmas Concert 6pm - 7pm - please donate a non perishable food item**
- **December 14th - Cram the Cruiser, last day of breakfast club before Christmas Holidays**
- **December 17 - Pizza Day**
- **January 7 - School Resumes, hot dog day**
- **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

