



Christ Church Cathedral School Newsletter

December 8, 2016

Dear CCCS Parents & Guardians,

A snowfall, particularly in Victoria, brings a lot of excitement. Our students have been enjoying their "new playground surface" and the beauty of snow on the rooftops and branches is something we can all enjoy. Weather forecasts are predicting another snowfall tonight, so we are including information regarding how we communicate about school closure on page 2, just in case.

We are halfway through Advent and there is much enthusiasm and anticipation seen in the halls, classrooms and on the festively decorated doors of Christ Church Cathedral School. Students and staff are busily preparing for celebrations and our upcoming Christmas performances. Once again we will be actively discouraging the practice of reserving seats with coats or other items. Leaving one person to guard more than one seat will also be disallowed. We understand the excitement and enthusiasm that our Christmas performance generates. It is for this reason that we are offering both a matinee performance at 10:30am and the evening performance at 6:00pm to allow more people to enjoy the show comfortably. See important information about the concert, including costume requirements, on page 3.

Our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner is tentatively scheduled for tomorrow evening at 5:00pm. With reports of a potential snow storm, we find ourselves in a bit of a holding pattern. In the event that the school closes due to snow, the dinner will be postponed. If the school is open but weather is predicted to worsen, the dinner will be postponed. See the PSG Post for further details. Updates will be posted on the school's website: <http://cathedralschool.ca/> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchCathedralSchool>. Although the students are all praying for a snow day, I am hoping it will hold off until Saturday so we can enjoy a fabulous dinner together tomorrow evening. Stay tuned.

I hope to see all of you at one of the Christmas performances next Wednesday.

Yours,
Stuart Hall

Weekly Calendar: For up to date calendar information, see the school's website: <http://cathedralschool.ca/school-calendar/>

Thursday, December 8	Spirit Week: Door Decorating
Friday, December 9	Spirit Week: Wear a Santa hat. PSG Potluck Dinner 5:00pm
Monday, December 12	Dress rehearsal 10:30am
Tuesday, December 13	Report Cards go home
Wednesday, December 14	Chapel at 9:00am/Christmas Performance 10:30am + 6:00pm
Thursday, December 15	Last day of school (1/2 day) . Lux Mundi care is available



Thrifty Food Smile Cards: Please pick up a Thrifty Foods Smile Card from the office if you don't have one already. By loading up the card and using it to pay for your regular grocery shopping, you will help raise funds for the school. Thank you!

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

In the event of a school closure due to snow, a power outage, an emergency, or any other unforeseen event, it is very important to communicate effectively to parents, students and staff. We consult various data points to gain an overall picture about road conditions or other considerations. Our primary criteria will be keeping people safe. We do not want our families or our staff venturing in to school if the conditions are not safe. We will do our very best to deliver the information to you by 6:45 AM on a school closure day. We will notify local radio stations as soon as possible. We will also post a notice of School closure on our website, www.cathedralschool.ca.

Please listen to the following radio stations for an announcement. They will specifically mention Christ Church Cathedral School.

CFAX 1070 AM The Q 100.3 FM The Ocean 98.5 FM CBC 90.5 FM

News & Upcoming Events:

Bake Sale Report: The grade 8 bake sale was a great success. We raised \$240.50 and this money will be our contribution towards the cost of our We Day field trip to Vancouver last November. Thank you for supporting us! ~The Grade 8 Class



Staff vs. Students Basketball Game: It was a great atmosphere in the CCCS gym last Friday, with most of the grade 4s - 8s coming out to cheer on the two teams. The student team came out flying with a lot of energy, however, the experience and determination of the staff team pushed on throughout the game. The staff came out with the victory, but were very impressed with how all the boys and girls came together and put up a great fight. The staff is already looking forward to a rematch on the volleyball court.

Reminder for basketball teams: Please return your Oregano's gift cards to Bev or Liisa in the office.

Christmas Potluck – Friday, Dec. 9th: See more details in the PSG Post.

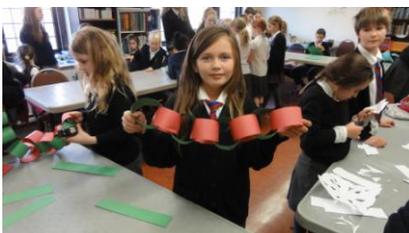
Lunch Day Change: There will be no hot lunch on Thursday, December 15th as this is a half day of school. Instead, this lunch will be a day early on Wednesday, December 14th.

Dress Rehearsal: There will be a dress rehearsal for the Christmas Performance on **Monday, December 12th from 10:30am - 12:00pm.**

Report Cards: Term One Report Cards will be going home with students on Tue, December 13th.

Lux Mundi Christmas Break Dates :

Lux Mundi will be running on the following dates: December 16 (until 5:00 pm), 19, 20, 21, 22 & January 3. If you need childcare during this time and have not pre-registered, please get in touch with Todd to see if there is any space available. *Additional days may be added if enough students are registered in time.*



Christmas Crafts during CCCS Christmas Spirit Week

Christmas Piano Camp

4 spots left!



This December Mrs Erickson will be holding a Christmas piano mini-camp at the school. The camp is suitable for ages 5 - 10 and is open to beginners and to students who are already learning piano. Each fun-filled morning will include learning Christmas piano music as well as lots of music games and crafts. The camp is limited to 10 students, so be sure to register early...

December 19 - 22 (M - Th) 9am - 10:30am \$90 (4 mornings).

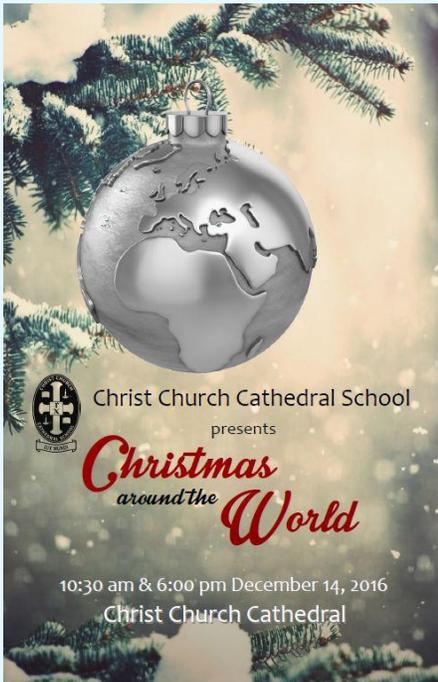
To register please email Mrs Erickson at

kathy.erickson@cathedralschool.ca to request a registration package.

Christmas Break: Friday, December 16 – Tuesday, January 3.

Tuesday, January 3: Curriculum Implementation Day. No school for students.

An Invitation to This Year's Christmas Production: *Christmas Around the World*



The performance will be at 6:00 pm in the Cathedral on Wednesday, December 16th. An additional performance will take place at 10:30 am on the same day (see details below, and invitation postcard attached)

Costume Requirements

Kindergarten and Grade 1 Angel Choir:

Girls: Long white dress/gown, angel wings in white, silver or gold and a halo (or circle of silver/gold garland)

Boys: Long gown or white pants (could be karate pants?) and long sleeved shirt/tunic, angel wings and halo

Grades 2 to 5

Girls: Long sleeved white button up school blouse (no polo/golf shirts), black pants or black skirt and tights, school shoes (no gym shoes), red satin neck scarf (supplied by the school)

Boys: Long sleeved white button up school shirt (no polo/golf shirts), black pants, school shoes (no gym shoes), red satin bow tie (provided by the school)

Grades 6, 7, 8

Girls: Red blouse/top (not a t-shirt) and black skirt or pants

Boys: Red shirt (not a t-shirt), black pants

All students are to wear their black school shoes.

On the night of the performance, students will need to meet teachers in their classrooms by 5:30 pm to get organized. Kindergarten and Grade One students will put on their costumes when they arrive in the evening, while the rest of students in grades 2-8 will come dressed in their costumes.

Morning Matinee Open to Guests

In order to welcome more audience members to our performance, we are opening our dress rehearsal to those who will not be able to attend our evening performance. Parishioners, grandparents, neighbours, and friends or family with young children are invited to watch on **Wednesday, December 14th at 10:30am** in the Cathedral.

Reception to Follow Evening Performance

After the evening performance, we invite you to join us in the gym for a short reception. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided courtesy of the PSG. Please be aware that parents are responsible for their own children during this time.



Click the link to read Christ Church Cathedral's weekly e-newsletter:
<http://eepurl.com/crof8j>

Shoebox Gifts for Those in Need

Starting Thursday, December 1st, the Outreach Club will be collecting donations for shoeboxes to benefit women and men on our streets who are in need this Christmas. Each class is being asked to contribute the following items:

- Kindergarten-** Socks (warm, adult size)
- Grade 1-** Lip Balms, small tissue packs + sweet treat
- Grade 2-** Hats/Toques (adult size)
- Grade 3-** Soaps and Creams (e.g. hand lotion) + sweet treat
- Grade 4-** Deodorant, pens (*no pencils*) & notepads/puzzle book
- Grade 5-** Gloves (adult size)
- Grade 6-** Toothpaste and Toothbrushes + sweet treat
- Grade 7-** Hair Products-including brushes/combs
- Grade 8-** Socks (warm, adult size)



Gift cards in small denominations for restaurants like Tim Horton's or McDonald's would also be appreciated.
All donations must be in by **Monday, December 12th.**

Thank you! And Merry Christmas from the Outreach Club.