



Christ Church Cathedral School Newsletter

November 30, 2017

Dear CCCS Parents & Guardians,

When people ask what makes Cathedral School so special, I often refer to the strong sense of community here. Perhaps the best embodiment of that spirit is seen at the Christmas Potluck Dinner put on annually (with the rare exception of last year due to snow) by our hardworking Parent Support Group. It takes a whole community to execute this event and we are very appreciative of those parents who make this come together for the enjoyment of the whole community.

The Christmas season always inspires giving and this selflessness is also seen in many of our students through initiatives such as the Community Club's shoebox gifts, and the Green Team's efforts to keep our world clean, green and sustainable. In this newsletter you'll read about "*The Golden Lunch Bag*", an inspiring motivator for our students to bring waste-free lunches. Way to go Grace, for "up cycling" used items to make that beautiful bag!

Last Friday we had a very successful Open House, with many families touring the school, led by a group of about a dozen student volunteers whose pride for CCCS came shining through. We received a lot of compliments about the great job our students did. I would also like to thank the group of parent volunteers, many of whom stayed for the entire 3 hours, for extolling the virtues of our wonderful school with such passion and enthusiasm. Thank you: Saskia Wald, James Morley, Phen Bryan, and Diana Hurschler.

As you can see, we have an amazing community here at Cathedral School: students, parents and staff. Every small act of kindness and generosity adds to the greater whole, creating that "certain something" which makes our school such a special place.

With gratitude,

Stuart Hall

News & Upcoming Events:

Please refer to the School Calendar on the website for Sports Practices and other events:
<http://cathedralschool.ca/school-calendar/>

PSG Website: The Cathedral School Parents Association (AKA The PSG) has its own website. It will be added as a link on the school's website soon, but in the meantime, bookmark this site:
<https://sites.google.com/cathedralschool.ca/psg/home>

Poinsettias Arrive Today: If you have ordered a poinsettia (or several) please pick them up today or tomorrow at the latest. Thank you.

Staff vs. Students Basketball Game: Friday, December 1st @ lunch in the gym. This exciting showdown will take place starting at 12:30pm tomorrow. Younger students and those not on the basketball teams will be there to cheer everyone on. Will the students break the teachers' winning streak?

PSG Christmas Potluck Dinner - Friday, December 1: The two year wait is over! Thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated to sponsor the turkeys and hams. We will begin with saying Grace so please arrive by 5:00pm (or earlier for volunteers).

Early Dismissal: Wednesday, December 6th at 2:00pm.

Scholastic Book Fair: A BIG thank you to Jennifer White, Todd Fitzsimmons, and all the volunteers for helping to run another successful book fair. The school was able to earn \$1,244 in resources from the purchases at the fair!



THE GOLDEN LUNCH BAG: During the month of December, the Green Team will be coming around to the Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday to check for waste free lunches. The student with a zero-waste lunch will have the honour of carrying their lunch kit in the golden lunch bag. In January we will move on to Grade 3, 4 and 5. And February will be the middle school.

About the golden lunch bag . . .

It was made by Grade 6 student, Grace out of dinner napkins and a belt found at a thrift store.

Thrifty Foods Smile Cards Fundraising: Please stop by the office to pick up a Thrifty's Smile Card. Load it up and use it to do your holiday shopping. 5% of your purchases go back to the school. We use these funds to provide the outdoor education experience at Camp Thunderbird. A video of this year's adventure at Camp is included in the email with this newsletter.

Chorister Program Update: The Cathedral, in partnership with Christ Church Cathedral School, is offering a new chorister training program, modeled on English Cathedral choirs. A number of Cathedral school children have already auditioned and been granted places for this exciting and intensive educational experience. Successful applicants will benefit from daily music tuition, vocal training and team-building.

How much does it cost? Absolutely nothing. In fact, we are providing \$1000 annual tuition discount for successful applicants.

There are still two places left for students in grades 3 or 4, and one place left for grade 5. For further details, please contact the school office or Donald Hunt, Cathedral Director of Music.

dhunt@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

Free Parent Information Session:

Managing Emotions & Increasing Mental Focus for Children

Using Essential Oils & Crystals



When: Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00pm

Where: CCCS (classroom)

***RSVP by Monday, Dec. 4:** Sign up on the sheet on the Parent bulletin board or email Liisa: office@cathedralschool.ca

Learn about some safe, natural and effective tools you can use to help manage emotions and increase mental focus for children (and adults).

*If there is not sufficient registration, this class will be postponed to the New Year.



Lux Mundi Christmas – Registration forms for Lux Mundi child care during the Christmas Break are available from the office or [online on our website](#). The **FINAL** deadline for registration is December 6th. Lux Mundi is not able to run on any days with fewer than 10 children registered.



Christmas Spirit Week at CCCS

The Community Club invites students to participate in Christmas Spirit Week, December 11-15th. There will be lots of fun activities to get everyone in the Christmas spirit!

Monday, December 11th- Creative Christmas crafting at lunch

Tuesday, December 12th- Make a merry statement and wear your (best?) Christmas sweater over your uniform!

Wednesday, December 13th- Join us for a joyful Christmas carol sing-along at lunch.

Thursday, December 14th- Fun winter themed activities outside at lunch.

Friday, December 15th- Christmas door and wreath decorating afternoon. Mufti day too! Be sure to wear Christmas colours!

Shoebox Gifts for Those in Need

Starting Monday, December 4th, the Community 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- Gloves (adult size)

Grade 1- Pens (*no pencils*) & notepads/puzzle book + sweet treat

Grade 2- Toothpaste & toothbrushes

Grade 3- Hats/toques (adult size)

Grade 4- Hair products - including brushes/combs

Grade 5- Socks (warm, adult size)

Grade 6- Lip balms, small tissue packs + sweet treat

Grade 7- Socks (warm, adult size)

Grade 8- Deodorant, Soaps & Lotions (e.g. hand lotion) + sweet treat



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 18th.

Thank you for bringing a smile to someone in need! And Merry Christmas from the Community Club.

Christmas Performance: Wednesday, December 20th at 6:00pm. There will also be a matinee performance for those unable to attend in the evening. We encourage grandparents and friends of Cathedral School to join us at the matinee. Time to be announced once confirmed.

Christmas Concert Costume Requirements

Kindergarten/Grade 1 Angel Choir:

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

Boys: Long gown or white pants (could be karate pants?) and long sleeved shirt/tunic (which a lot of boys prefer!), angel wings and halo as for the girls.

Grades 2 - 5

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

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

Grades 6 - 8

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

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



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