



Christ Church Cathedral School Newsletter

November 14, 2018

Dear CCCS Parents & Guardians,

This Saturday is the Cathedral Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar. It is a great opportunity to get some early Christmas shopping in as there is a great selection of toys, books, records, CDs, collectibles, jewelry, and more. The silent auction is a very popular attraction as is the baking sale. Some of our students will be helping to serve a delicious lunch prepared by the Parishioners. This is a lovely community event and a nice way to start your Saturday.

On November 23rd we are hosting an Open House between 9:00a.m. and 12:00p.m. for families who might be interested in finding out more about our school. I am still hoping you might be interested in showing potential families around and answering their questions about your child's experience at CCCS so contact the office if you able to volunteer.

Make sure you mark your calendars so you can attend the annual PSG Christmas Potluck on November 30. Also, be sure to RSVP soon via the sign up link found later in this newsletter. Every grade is responsible for one 'food group' so the more people who sign up the better. We usually pack the gym! I hope to see you there.

As you know, this month the citizens of British Columbia are voting to decide which voting system they will be using going forward. Did you also know that your ballot must be received by November 30? This means dropping it in the mail very soon! Some of our students have examined the choices in front of us and although it can seem somewhat confusing at first, there is a lot of good information out there. I have included a few links at the bottom of this newsletter that clearly explain the options. What an interesting opportunity we have – we are participating in a democracy that enables us to have a say in how that democracy will work. It is worth thinking about.

Yours,

Stuart Hall

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

Thursday, November 15	Gr. 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice @ Lunch Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Practice After School
Friday, November 16	Gr. 6-8 Girls Basketball Practice @ Lunch
Saturday, November 17	Cathedral Bazaar in the School Gym 11:00am - 3:00pm
Monday, November 19	Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Practice @ Lunch Gr. 7/8 Boys Basketball Games @ SMUS Back at 6 pm*
Tuesday, November 20	Gr. 6-8 Girls Basketball Practice @ Lunch Gr. 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice After School
Wednesday, November 21	Gr. 6-8 Girls Basketball Games @ Lansdowne Back @ 6 pm* Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Practice After School
Thursday, November 22	Gr. 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice @ Lunch Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Games @ Cedar Hill Back at 5:15 pm*

*All Game time returns are an estimation!

News & Upcoming Events:

Christ Church Cathedral's Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 17th at CCCS from 11am to 3pm. There will be a luncheon, silent auction, homemade baking, books, jewelry, crafts, Christmas decorations & Attic Treasures. See attached poster.



Scholastic's *Enchanted Forest of Books* Book Fair is coming to our school! We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us and get a start on some holiday shopping!

For every dollar spent at the Book Fair, we receive a credit with Scholastic which allows teachers to purchase educational resources and equipment for the classrooms.

Look for the **Classroom Wish List!** By purchasing books and donating them to your child's teacher, you give students greater access to books in their classrooms.

Also don't forget to enter our **Family Event Draw**. You could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom! The winning ticket will be drawn after the book fair closes on Nov. 23rd and your child will be notified on Monday, November 26th.

If you are unable to visit the Fair, look over the Scholastic flyer that was sent home with your child and use the Student Wish List form to select books. Then, simply send it and the correct amount of money or a cheque to school with your child.

Book Fair Dates & Times: Thursday, November 22nd from 3:00 - 5:30pm
Friday, November 23rd - 3:00 - 5:00pm

Location: Cathedral School Gym or Auditorium

We accept cash, Debit, Visa, MasterCard & American Express

URGENT: CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! Please get in touch with the office or Todd if you can help with setup, takedown or selling books during the hours of the Book Fair. Thank you!

OPEN HOUSE November 23rd: We will be having an Open House from 9am - 12noon on Friday, November 23rd. This is a Professional Development day for the public schools in the district. If you know any families looking for a great school, please let them know to check us out. There will be school tours, refreshments, and an opportunity to talk to Mr. Hall and to meet our wonderful teachers,

Purdy's Chocolates: The deadline for this fundraiser is November 28th. [Place your order here.](#)

Christmas Potluck Dinner: Please use the following link to RSVP for the Christmas Potluck Dinner and Volunteer Sign-Up. RSVP by Nov 24th: [Christmas Potluck RSVP and Volunteer Signup.](#) Your child will also be bringing home a Potluck form this week which lets you know what each grade is responsible for.

Cubby Cleanup / Lost & Found: Parents, please ask your children to start bringing things home from their cubbies. Many of the cubbies are starting to overflow. For younger students, parents may want to come in and assist with this task. Also, please look through the lost and found regularly. Items without name labels cannot be returned to your child when lost, so ensure that all items are clearly labeled.

Lux Mundi Christmas – December 21, 27, 28, Jan 2 - 4, Jan 7 Registration forms for Lux Mundi child care during the Christmas Break are available from the office or [online on our website.](#) Forms are due back by December 5th. PLEASE get your forms in on time so we can make arrangements for staffing. Also note that Lux Mundi will only be open on days that have a minimum of 10 children registered.

Smile Card Update: Together so far we have raised over \$1,200.00 towards our Outdoor education fund for our school. We have about \$1,800.00 to go - please keep loading those cards to ensure we get 5% of the total on your card towards our Programs! Do you need a new card? Please swing by the office or tell your son or daughter to pick up a new card for you.



Christmas is coming, and those loaded Smile cards are a great stocking stuffer or thank you gift for your friends, family or students in college or university!



Bottle Drive – Friday, November 30: Get ready for another bottle drive day! Your donations help raise funds for future French trips: Quebec 2018 & France 2019. **This will be the last chance to contribute toward funds for the Quebec trip.** Thank you for your support! Remember to save up those bottles and cans over the holidays too for the France 2019 fundraising.

Digital Citizenship Safety Presentation – Thursday, January 17: Some advance notice to mark your calendars. We are pleased to present an important and informative presentation for parents from Darren Laur. Learn more about what will be covered by viewing this link: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-parents>



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Click the link to read Christ Church Cathedral's weekly e-newsletter: (Not available at time of publication). Please visit: <https://www.christchurchcathedral.bc.ca/>

Christmas Dinner

Turkey & Ham Sponsor Opportunity

Would you and your family like to sponsor the purchase of a turkey or ham for the CCCS Christmas Potluck Dinner for \$50? We will be serving 5 turkeys and 4 hams on November 30 to feed over 200 people at our Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner.

If so, please email the PSG by Wednesday, November 21: psg@cathedralschool.ca

Thank you!



BC Electoral Reform 2018

Here are four short videos that explain the choices on the ballot. There is a total of 8 minutes and 7 seconds of information in these four videos. They were put together by CBC and are easy to understand -- but keep your bias detectors tuned in.

First Past the Post (FPP): <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/fpp-pr-bc-referendum-explainer-1.4889912>

Dual Member Proportional (DMP): <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/dual-member-proportional-explainer-1.4889621>

Mixed Member Proportional (MMP): <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/mixed-member-proportional-explainer-1.4889743>

Rural-Urban Proportional (RUP): <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/rural-urban-proportional-explainer-1.4889826>

The following link takes you to a YouTube video put together by a group called Double Blind. They do a nice job breaking down complex ideas so students can understand them and have put out science podcasts for years now. I detect a slight bias toward PR in this video, even if it is only conveyed by some voice tone variations and the placement of PR vs FPP in the presentation that is only four and a half minutes long. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GffjXjodeOY>

Finally, and if you have 25 minutes to invest and find humour helpful (even if it does not always hit the mark), *This Here Vancouver* put together a more detailed video. Be warned, some of the visual puns will either generate some dinner time conversation or embarrass you in front of your children. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCRhpVNsBPY&t=705s>.

I hope you find some of this helpful. Happy voting everyone!