



Christ Church Cathedral School Newsletter

November 28, 2018

Dear CCCS Parents & Guardians,

It is the time of year when we think about gatherings with family, giving to those in need and coming together as a community. Perhaps the best embodiment of that spirit is seen at the Christmas Potluck Dinner put on annually 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 CCCS community. This year it looks like we will have a record turnout!

There are many opportunities for us to give back to the larger community that we are a part of. The Community Club will be letting you know the details for the Shoebox Gift donations and Spirit Week activities in next week's newsletter. The Community Club would also like to introduce you to our new sponsor child, Camila. She is three years old and lives in Paraguay. Have a look at the bulletin board to see her photo and updates. You will also see the photos of our previous sponsor child, Tokho, who we supported for eleven years.

If you are looking for a chance to do some Christmas shopping or get out for dinner without the kids, the PSG is offering you an opportunity with the Movie Night Fundraiser on December 13th.

The highlight of the season here at the school is the Christmas Performance. I know you won't want to miss it so mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 19th. Information about costume requirements will be coming next week. Mrs. Erickson is busy planning all the details for this spectacular event.

We would like to acknowledge all the parent volunteers who have been contributing lately. We had a strong crew at the Scholastic Book Fair, led by Jennifer White last week. Our library volunteers continue to diligently come in each week and keep our library organized and running smoothly for the students, and the Parent Support Group has seen some new recruits making great contributions. A sincere thank you to you all.

News & Upcoming Events:

For up to date calendar information, see the calendar on the school's website:

<http://cathedralschool.ca/school-calendar/>

Thursday, November 29	Gr. 6/7 Boys Basketball Games @ Rockheights. Estimated return 5:30
Friday, November 30	Bottle Drive Student Vs. Staff Basketball Game @ Lunch PSG Potluck Dinner for all families
Wednesday, December 5	Early Dismissal at 2:00pm (1 st Wednesday of each month) Evensong performed by the Choristers 4:30pm in the Cathedral

BOTTLE DRIVE: We will be collecting your empty bottles and cans this Friday morning for our continuing French trip fundraising efforts. Thank you for helping us make this a success.

Staff vs. Students Basketball Game: Friday, November 30th @ lunch in the gym. This exciting showdown will take place starting at 12:30pm on Friday. Younger students and those not on the basketball teams will be there to cheer everyone on.

Parking: The Cathedral has informed us that cars have recently been parked in spots designated for Cathedral staff. If you are parking in the lot to visit the school, make sure you are in an unmarked spot. Thank you.

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.

Early Dismissal: Wednesday, December 5th at 2:00pm.

Evensong December 5 at 4:30pm upstairs in the Cathedral: Our Choristers have been working hard and would love an audience to share their beautiful voices with. This is open to the public.



Movie Night Party on December 13 from 6:00 - 8:30pm

Parents are welcome to watch with their children, but this is a drop off party. Looking for a date night? Want to get some Christmas shopping done? This is your opportunity!

The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. The showcase movie is ELF. Kids are encouraged to come in their PJs and perhaps bring a blanket to get cozy!

Scholastic Book Fair: A BIG thank you to Jennifer White, Todd Fitzsimmons, and all the volunteers for helping to run another successful book fair!

Congratulations to our Beaver Computing Challenge participants!



The challenge is divided by grade with a grade 5/6 contest and a grade 7/8 contest. Nationwide, there were over 4,500 participants in the grade 5/6 challenge and over 6,700 participants in the grade 7/8 challenge. At CCCS we had 45 participants, which is over 3/4 of the middle school, including the entire grade 7 class (which is totally awesome!). Students who rank in the top 25% of all contestants receive a certificate of distinction. This year we received 12 certificates of distinction - 3 in grade 6, 5 in grade 7, and 4 in grade 8.

A special recognition was achieved by Katharine and Kiara who were placed on the Beaver Computing Challenge honour roll and will have their names officially published on the CEMC website. Well done everyone!

Peer Helpers: The Peer Helpers program has started up again with an enthusiastic group of student leaders. Twenty-two applications were submitted for this important role, each with a personal statement of why they would make a good Peer Helper. The applications were so strong that all 22 were accepted! Our younger students look up to these role models for guidance, friendship and assistance each day on the playground. Way to go Peer Helpers!

Poinsettias arrive tomorrow! If you ordered a poinsettia, please collect it at the end of the day tomorrow or by Friday at the very latest. Thank you.

Grade 3 Knitting Project:

Grade three is knitting scarves for the homeless. We are needing **chunky or super chunky** weights of yarn. If you have any, please send it into the school for our grade 3 class to work with. Thank you!

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.

PSG NEWS:



LAST DAY TO ORDER! Remember to order your Christmas chocolates via the Purdy's fundraiser by November 28!

[Place your order here.](#)

We are looking forward to a great potluck dinner. 200 + people will be in attendance! Thanks to all the volunteers and a special shout out to the families that donated for this year's Christmas turkeys and hams.

If anyone is able to cook one of the turkeys at home and bring it carved, please email us at: psq@cathedralschool.ca.

Cathedral Nativity Play December 16th at 9:15am: Please see the attachment for details. If your child would like to be a part of the Nativity play in the Cathedral, please get in touch with Kate Newman: kate.newman@cathedralschool.ca. There will be a required rehearsal on Saturday, December 15th.

CCCS Christmas Performance - Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00pm. There will also be a matinee performance at 10:30am for those unable to attend in the evening. We encourage grandparents and friends of Cathedral School to join us at the matinee.



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