



Christ Church Cathedral School Newsletter

December 19, 2018

Dear CCCS Parents & Guardians,

I have just seen the matinée showing of *Christmas Magic* and it was fantastic! We had an appreciative audience of about 80 family and friends who encouraged our young performers to reach new heights. I want to thank all the teachers and EAs for their contributions and patience over the past couple weeks of rehearsals. It really is a team effort, but a special note of thanks goes to Kathy Erickson who was recently asked to take on the additional responsibility of directing the bands. Well done Kathy! Also, well done to all our students! It will be a full Cathedral for this evening's celebration and I hope to see you there.

I know you will join me as I thank all of our teachers, educational assistants and support staff for their kind, thoughtful, and compassionate teaching in 2018. Everyone here at the school works together on behalf of you and your children; together we are a strong community of learners.

As you head out into the Christmas Season, may you find comfort, joy and renewal in the love of family and friends.

"Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient, and always to be kind."
~ Helen Steiner-Rice

Wishing you a blessed Christmas,

Stuart Hall



Photo: Conrad Gair

News & Upcoming Events:



Care Packages for Oak Bay First Responders:

Thank you to the many families, students and staff who contributed to the care packages of cards, baked goods and other thoughtful items to warm the hearts of the Fire, Police and Paramedic departments in Oak Bay. Thanks once again to Mlle Gair for creating this initiative and distributing the items yesterday, along with Brett Macdonald and the Hurschler family. It was greatly appreciated.

Shoebox Gifts: The Community Club would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone in the CCCS community who contributed such thoughtful and practical gifts of personal care items and Christmas treats! The wrapped boxes will be delivered tomorrow to St. Vincent de Paul. This organization will in turn distribute the gifts to those in need in our community.

Wishing all of our families a very Merry Christmas!

~ from The Community Club

SKI TRIP Permission Forms will be coming home with your Middle School student today.



Smile Cards: Christmas is in one week! A loaded Smile card makes a great stocking stuffer or thank you gift for your friends, family, or students in college or university!



Bottle Drive: Remember, you can bring in your empty cans and bottles anytime over the holidays to the big blue bin beside the playground entrance. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Break: Friday, December 21 – Monday, January 7, 2018.

Monday, January 7: Curriculum Implementation Day. No school for students.

First day back at school is Tuesday, January 8.

Wednesday, January 9: School dismissed at 3:00pm. No early dismissal in January.

Parent Education Event – Thursday, January 17th Helping Parents To Proactively Understand The Enabling Power Of Digital Technology and Mobile Communications

Topics Covered Include:

- 1: Safety, Security, and Privacy
- 2: Ethics, Empathy, and Judgment
- 3: Consumer/User Awareness and Self Image Identity
- 4: Emotional, Psychological and Physical Health
- 5: Information Search and Verification
- 6: Etiquette, Community Engagement, and Relationships
- 7: Content Collection, Remixing, and Publishing
- 8: Reputation
- 9: Digital Peer Aggression and Sexting
- 10: Laws, Rights and Responsibilities



We are pleased to present this very important and informative presentation for parents from Darren Laur. We strongly encourage all parents to attend. You may even want to bring a friend or extended family along as we feel this information is so important for all parents.

Learn more about what will be covered by viewing this link: <https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/internet-safety-parents>

To give us an idea of attendance, please RSVP to: office@cathedralschool.ca. Thank you.

In addition to spending time with their families, kids likely will spend a lot of time with media. To help parents and caregivers manage media balance and negotiate expectations around new devices, we've put together some additional resources you can share. Check out the articles and videos below:

[Parent Guide to Fortnite \(a popular game\)](#)

[5 Steps to a Healthy Media Diet](#)



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