

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you for continuing to follow all parent advisories and being aware of the upcoming issues with parking and road closures! Also, a great big thank you to our drop-off and pick-up parent volunteers who continue to keep our students safe. PLEASE continue to drive SLOW, and be careful entering the drop-off zones, as the heavy rains and poor visibility makes it more difficult to see children and cars moving.

***Again, we ask that parents move students quickly behind the safety cones and refrain from allowing students to run between cars or through the parking lot when dropping off.**

Also, a reminder that dogs and pets are **NOT** allowed on the playground or on the school lot. We all love dogs, however, due to the many public health restrictions, dogs must remain either in your cars or outside the gates. Our school children are automatically drawn to dogs; therefore, we have had increased security and safety issues around students running to the fenced areas to pet them. This also causes the dogs more stress. Please keep your dogs outside the grounds when picking up or dropping off. Thank you for your consideration.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT (HOPE)

This week marks the first week of Advent as we lit the first candle in our Parish Advent Wreath (the candle of HOPE). We ask all families to follow the Advent Calendars our students received last week, daily, so to prepare for our yearly spiritual renewal and following our Christian traditions. If your family would like another ADVENT Calendar, please let our office know. Let us continue to celebrate our faith and be “**Hopeful**” in these difficult times.

FUNDRAISING - READATHON AND RAFFLE NEWS!

What a success! We have raised over \$12,000 for the school. Thank you to the generous individuals and families who supported this schoolwide fundraising event through their donations. Thank you for supporting our students and continuing to make our community stronger! Thank you to Mrs. Bortignon and Mrs Radford for coordinating!

Also, thank you to Mirella Gargiulo, our amazing Parent Fundraising Committee, and for all your parent support for raising \$5,300 in the student raffles. All monies will be used to improve and support our outside play spaces for our students!

DECEMBER 1, 2021 – VIRTUAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, December 1st**. Each conference will be 10 minutes long. Further details to follow. Please remember there will be no school on **Wednesday, December 1st** for students. Teachers have sent their meeting times inside your child(s) report card. If you have not received your times or your link for the meeting, please send a message to your classroom teacher.

- PLEASE NOTE! – If you are receiving a call, the teachers may be calling from their personal phones and the number will be as “unknown” call or may be flagged as spam. Please answer all calls received at the scheduled time. Calls may be 5 minutes later, so please try to keep your phone on ring and in sight. Thank you!

DECEMBER 6, 2021 – ADVENT PARALITURGY

Our second Advent Paraliturg will take place on **Monday, December 6th** at 9:00 a.m. in the church led by Gr. 3 & 4. The Gr. 3 & 4 classes will be receiving confession on this day.

DECEMBER 13, 2021 – ADVENT PARALITURGY

Our third Advent Paraliturg will take place on **Monday, December 13th** at 9:00 a.m. in the church led by Gr. 7. The Gr. 7 class will also be receiving confession on this day.

DECEMBER 15, 2021 – CHRISTMAS CONCERT - “A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER”

This year’s Christmas Concert will return in person and be held in our OLS CHURCH. To make the performances accessible for all parents and families who wish to attend in person, we will only have two tickets per family per performance. ONLY Ticketed visitors will be allowed into the church at that time. Our first performance will be held on **Wednesday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m.** (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) and our second performance will be **Wednesday, December 15th at 1:30 p.m.** (doors open at 1 p.m.). The performances will be only offered during the school day as to avoid the pick-up and drop-off of children in the evenings, and to coincide with the regular pick-up and drop-off times. Both performances will be live-streamed on the Parish website and recorded for later viewing for those who are unable to attend the performances in person. **All spectators**, as with the regular Sunday Masses, **must** wear a mask during the shows. Teachers will be sending out more information later this week!

DECEMBER 16, 2021 – PAJAMA DAY, PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & DESK CLEAN UP

On **Thursday, December 16th** students may come dressed in their favorite pajamas. Further information regarding ***“Pancake Breakfast with Santa”*** will be sent home soon!

Clean up for Christmas break will take place this week. Please have your child bring a large garbage bag to school to clean out their desks by **Thursday, December 16th**.

DECEMBER 17, 2021 – GREEN/RED COLOUR DAY & 12:00 P.M. DISMISSAL

On **Friday, December 17th** students may dress in green, red, or other Christmas colours. If your child is participating in colour day, please bring a \$2 donation which will go to Holy Childhood Association.

This is the last day of school before Christmas vacation. **Dismissal is at 12:00 p.m.**

JANUARY 4, 2022 – SCHOOL RE-OPENS

School resumes on **Monday, January 4th** at 8:45 am.

DECEMBER 2021 HOT LUNCH DATES

December 2, 2021 (Thursday)	Subway
December 3, 2021 (Friday – Gr. 7)	McDonald's Hamburger
December 10, 2021 (Friday – Gr. 7)	McDonald's Junior Chicken

REMINDERS**COVID UPDATE- TRAVEL ADVISORY!!- URGENT!**

As many families are contemplating traveling to the US or internationally in the coming months, we wish to advise ALL families that all kids under 12, whether traveling with vaccinated, or unvaccinated adults, must stay away from school upon return for 14 days! These are Federal Government Regulations and any family who does not follow the Federal Travel Advisories and Restrictions may be reported and fined. Please notify the office via e-mail if your child will be not attending school for 14 days post travel. Please see the links below:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid/travel-restrictions/exemptions#unvaccinated>

We wish to thank our parents for continuing to follow 5 basic steps for COVID SAFETY and keeping each other safe!

- 1) Not attending school if ill (cough, colds, fever).
- 2) Washing hands frequently.
- 3) Wearing a mask indoors.
- 4) Respecting everyone's personal space and practicing safe distancing.
- 5) Continuing to support each other by being kind and respecting each other's needs for safety!