

December Newsletter

St. Alfred School Giving Tree

During Advent we are once again reminded of all the wonderful things we have to be thankful for... food, shelter and good friends and family. In an effort to brighten the Christmas of some of our local families, the Grade One students have begun to collect new hats, mittens and toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soaps, lip balm, deodorant, lotions etc... Items can be placed under the Christmas



Tree in the front foyer until December 13th. Our efforts have been generously supported in the past and help to reinforce the true spirit of Christmas... that the joy is in the giving rather than the receiving. We thank you in advance for your help!

Festive Family Fun Night

We are pleased to let you know that we will be hosting our school community Festive Family Fun Night on Thursday, December 12 from 3:30 to 5:30. Families are invited to come to the school for a variety of Christmas crafts and activities. You will need a ticket to enter the event, and this can be done through School Cash Online. Please also note that any children who attend the event must be accompanied by and adult. We look forward to seeing our families on this fun night!

Christmas Message

For many in our world, 2024 has been particularly challenging and stressful, especially with the economic pressure of inflation. What has not changed, however, is that Christmas is an opportunity to focus our attention on the story of a baby, born in a manger, and His message of peace and love. During challenging times such as these, we are reminded that we as humans need each other, and that we need to love one another as God loves us. We hope that you



will have time over the holidays to enjoy the company of your family, and to celebrate the birth of Christ in some new and unique ways. On behalf of the staff of St. Alfred, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2025!

Winter Clothing

St. Alfred has been the fortunate recipient of donations of winter coats, gloves and hats. If your child is in need of a coat, hat or gloves, please let school staff know and we will do what we can to ensure that your child stays warm outside during these cold winter days.

French Immersion Registration

On-line open pre-registration window for students new to French Immersion in September 2025 begins on Monday, January 13th, 2025 at 7:30 a.m. and continues through to Friday, January 31st at 4:00 p.m. Pre-registrations outside of this window will not be considered. There are a limited number of spots available for students wishing to enter the French Immersion Program. An account must be created first through easyRegister.ca to access the pre-registration forms. Pre-registrations are on a first come, first served basis. Each pre-registration will receive a time-stamp. Please visit www.niagaracatholic.ca and click "Register Now—Join Our Family".

Then, click the French Immersion tab for information about the program. Additional pre-registration details will be posted on this site as they become available. Please check the site before the pre-registration window opens.