

# St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School

"Faith, Service & Academic Excellence"

Part of the Lakeshore Catholic Family of Schools

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#### **CELEBRATING OUR FAITH**



St. John Bosco Catholic will be having A Family Advent Mass on December 17<sup>th</sup> at St. John Bosco Catholic School in the gym at 10:00am. All are Welcome!

#### A Blessing of the Advent Wreath

It is wintertime. Days are short and nights are long we need the light of Christ. We need Christ's warmth, love and joy and so we gather around his wreath in hope. By day and by night, and through every season, you watch over us. Lord.

We praise you for this Advent wreath. It is the evergreen crown of your royal people and it shines with the promise of victory.

By the light of this wreath we shall wait in patience for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He will comfort our fear and bring hope to our waiting world. All glory be yours, now and forever. AMEN



#### **CHRISTMAS FOOD**

Our St. John Bosco Catholic School will be collecting food items for Port Cares starting Dec. 6th till December 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

In the event of severe weather conditions, announcements to close the schools or to cancel buses will be made on all local radio stations. During bad weather, when the school remains open, parents can decide whether or not their children will attend. If you keep them home, please remember to put your child's absence in. In the event of an emergency closing during the school day, a Phone Network will be used to confirm a safe destination before a child is dismissed. It is very important that we have your emergency contact telephone numbers on file, as well as any updates or changes in information since your last Student Information Form was submitted to us.

#### WEATHER/KISS AND RIDE

Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. A reminder that morning supervision does not start until 8:40am and students will not be entering the building until then. When you enter the Kiss and Ride, please have your children exit on the right side and walk along the side walk. Please do not park in the bus lane. Thank you for your continued Support!

#### LITURGIES

All parents are welcome to attend any of our school or divisional masses at St. John Bosco Catholic Church. We would love for you to join us!!

## SEAWAY MALL

Our choir will be performing at the Seaway Mall on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:20am! All are welcome to attend and watch!

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our in person Catholic School Council meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

#### JOY DAY

Joy Day is Friday, December 6th. All students will participate in Christmas Activities/Door Decorating! All students will be treated to Milk and Cookies! Red/Green/Accessories Encouraged!

#### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Save the Date: Christmas Concert Grade K to 8. Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Two shows 10:00am and 1:30pm. All are welcome!

## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Encourage Your Child's Social and Emotional Learning.

Teaching children healthy coping strategies when they experience big feelings (mad, sad, scared frustrated etc.) is important for their social and emotional well-being and can help prepare them to manage challenges throughout their lives.

Let your child know all emotions are okay. You can help them find healthy ways to express these by:

• Offering hugs and signs of affection when they are upset

• Pointing out the emotions they are expressing, "It looks like you are mad/sad/frustrated..."

• Being there for them when they are ready to talk

• Listening to your child; gently ask them to tell you what is wrong

• Helping your child think of things to do that will help them feel better (such as: practicing deep breathing, kicking a ball against a wall, listening to music, drawing a picture)

If you are concerned about your child's social and emotional health please discuss your concerns with your child's teacher. Your child may need some extra supports that can be made available within the school or in the community.

# NO JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Since December and January are shorter months for us at the school, there will be no January Newsletter.

#### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Last Day of School is December 20<sup>th</sup>!! See you back on January 6<sup>th</sup>!!

#### ELF PLAY

Students in Grade 1 to 8 will be attending the ELF Play on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten students will remain back and be treated to popcorn and a short movie.

#### MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST

Congratulations to Dallas S, Scarlett W, Atarah Karukuvil, Breeah M, Emma B, and Aubree K for winning the Mayor's Christmas Card Contest!

#### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS AND BOYS VOLLEYBALL

In Junior Triple Ball: Both teams played very well! Congratulations to the Girls Team for placing Second!

In Intermediate Volleyball: Both the girls and boys did a great job! Congratulations to the Girls Team for placing Second!

#### PEACE/ LEGION POSTER WINNER

This year, the grade 6s, 7s and 8s were able to participate in the Peace Poster contest sponsored by the Lions Club. We are very proud to announce that this year's winner is Sophie N in grade 8. Congratulations!

Legion: This year Grade 1 to 8 Students participated in the Legion's Remembrance Day Poster and Poem Contest. Winners are to be announced early December.

OSSD Night and APP Information/Lakeshore Catholic

# **OSSD Night & APP INFORMATION**

for Grade 8 parents and students @

Lakeshore Catholic High School on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6pm

Please note Grade 9 Open House is February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# SKATING

Grade 1 to 8 – Skating Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Details to Follow. Kindergartens are welcome if their parent brings them and skates with them.

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY BLESSEDCHRISTMAS!

