



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 15th. 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!



Winter Wonderland

We are pleased to let you know that we will be hosting our school community Winter Wonderland on Thursday, December 14. Families are invited to come to the school for a variety of Christmas crafts and activities, as well as the opportunity to have some pizza and enjoy family time together. Pizza and juice boxes are available for purchase through School Cash Online, so that we have an idea of how many items to order. We look forward to seeing our families on this fun night!

Christmas Message

Over the last few years, many of our Christmas traditions have changed. For many in our world, 2023 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 2024!



McMillan's Order Pick-Up

Thank you again for your support for our McMillan's fundraiser. The fundraiser raised over \$2300, which we will use for technology purchases and to help with transportation costs. The items that were ordered will be available for pick up on Friday, December 15 from two until six PM. Thank you in advance for ensuring that items are picked up on that day, as we do not have the capacity to store items that are not picked up.

French Immersion Registration

On-line open pre-registration window for students new to French Immersion in September 2024 begins on Monday, January 15th, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. and continues through to Friday, February 2nd, 2024 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.