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Christmas Greetings from the Staff of St. Edward

In the month of December, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Just as our love often seems to grow as we await the arrival of a loved one after a time apart, during Advent we likewise have an opportunity to grow in love for Jesus, the celebration of Whose birth we await this month.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning." (Psalm 130: 5-6)

May Advent be a reminder to us that, though Jesus came to us over 2,000 years ago, He continues to come to us in the Eucharist. May we be always eager to imitate Christ, who served us in the most extraordinary way when He took on our human nature. Let us this Advent, renew our commitment to serve Jesus in prayer and service to

our neighbour.



On behalf of the entire staff at St. Edward Catholic Elementary School, we extend to you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New

Year!



Advent Liturgies

The weekly Advent Liturgies are scheduled for the following dates. Family & friends are invited to attend these liturgies:

Monday December 2nd 9:30am lead by grade 3 Monday, December 9th 9:30am lead by grade 4/5 Monday, December 16th 9:30am lead by grade 5/6 Friday, December 20th 9:30am lead by grade 1/2



Daily Give a Way Calendar Fundraiser

Instagram

In the month of January we will have a daily giveaway of gift card prizes. Each

day the calendar has a specific prize that one winner will get each day. Your name will go back into the draw for additional prizes for the entire month. A big thank you goes out to all the doantors that generously gave for this calendar.

All calendars have come accompanied with directions on how to submit, deadlines for the draw and as always if you have any questions please call the school

Thanks

~~~ <u>Mission Statement</u> ~~~

"The Niagara Catholic District School Board, through the charisms of faith, social justice, support and leadership, nurtures an enriching Catholic learning community for all to reach their full potential and become living witnesses of Christ"

### **Christmas Concert**

On Wednesday December 11th our Kings will be performing several Christmas songs for our families. There will be two show times. Dress rehearsal will be at 12:30 in the afternoon and parents can join us for this as well and the nighttime performance will be at 6:30pm. Can't wait to see everyone there.



### **Christmas Break**

Friday, December 20th will be the last day for classes before the Christmas Break. We begin classes on Monday January 6th. Take this time to enjoy the time off with friends and family.



# Paying it Forward

In the upcoming months, our King family will be collecting toiletries for those in our communities that are vulnerable and in need of our support.

Below is a list of items we are collecting <u>For moms</u> Bath and body works items like lotion, body sprays, hand soaps, Chapstick and Lip gloss, body wash, slippers size 7-9, hats, gloves scarfs, water bottles like Stanley or Starbuck

types, Shampoo and conditioners, antiperspirant.

<u>For Babies</u> diapers, size 2 and up, Pull ups, wipes, shampoo, body wash, hats mitts, socks, snacks for toddlers, toys ages up to 3, pjs for 6 months to 4 years old, little books

We thank your generosity and support in supporting others.

#### **Dress Code**

As the colder weather approaches, we are seeing more students out of dress code. We have items here at the school that students will be asked to wear when they do come in non dress code clothing. In an effort to continue to respect the dress code policy, we ask that all students continue to come in dress code items or Kings spirit wear. If families are experiencing difficulties with purchasing dress code wear, please contact the school for assistance. We thank you for your support.

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

This year we were lucky enough to secure a date that Santa can join us for breakfast (brunch). On Thursday December 19th our King family will sit down for a great breakfast of bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns and pancakes. Santa himself will be joining us and taking some time off his busy schedule to take some great photos with our students and staff. There will be no cost for this breakfast thanks to the generous donations from the Fulton, Voskamp and Chindemi families.

We look forward to a great day.



#### Emergency School Closure

With the approach of inclement weather it is a good time to review the routines and expectations concerning school closings. If you are unsure whether there are to be changes in the operations of the school, please listen to the local radio stations or access our board website for updates. We will try to keep parents informed through school messenger as well. Check local radio and news stations for updates during inclement weather (105.1 / 105.7).



**School Messenger** With so many events happening at our school we find it vital to inform you of what is happening so you do not miss out on an event or opportunity. Monthly calendars, emails and messages are sent home regularly to keep you in the know. Please continue to check the calendar, open the emails and listen to the messages so you are aware of any changes, upcoming events or opportunities for your children. Thanks