



Firebird Free Press

December 9th-13th, 2024

Week at a Glance

Monday December 9th:

- *All day Christmas musical dress rehearsal with all classes, actors & dancers
- *Crochet Club 10:50-11:30- resource room-Olesen

Tuesday December 10th:

- *Christmas musical dress rehearsal for Cast 1 (AM)
- *Christmas Musical "Straight Outta Bethlehem: 1pm and 6pm @ SJHN
- *Tuck Shop is closed this week: It returns on December 17th.
- *Pokémon club 10:50am-11:10am-Olesen
- *Choir @ 12:50pm-1:10pm music portable-Pietrangelo and Olesen

Wednesday December 11th:

- *Christmas musical dress rehearsal for Cast 2 (AM)
- *Christmas Musical "Straight Outta Bethlehem: 1pm and 6pm @ SJHN
- *Advanced Dance Team @ 7:50 am: Cuiello

Thursday December 12th:

Friday December 13th:

- *Grade 8 Day @ St. Paul High School

***SJHN Parents,

The "Straight Outta Bethlehem" Christmas Concert tickets have been sent home with your child, please check their backpack!!

NCDSB Christmas Card Art

At the December 17th Board Meeting, NCDSB will be acknowledging those students whose artwork has been selected for this year's Board Christmas cards with a plaque of their artwork. SJHN is very proud to announce that Patricia Prusynski's artwork was selected to be recognized.

Congratulations Patricia, we are very proud of you.

OLOS Parish Update

Families are invited to join the Our Lady of Scapular community for 9:30 am Sunday mass on December 8th and then participate in the special **Family Advent Adventure** taking place in the church hall. This *Family Faith & Fun* event will feature special refreshments and activities children and their parents/guardians that will remind all involved that the birth of the baby Jesus. Jesus is the reason for this Season!

A special **Parish Family Skate** will take place on Monday, December 30th from 2:30 -3:30 pm at the Gale's Centre (4171 Fourth Ave, Niagara Falls). Non-obligatory cash donations for the Our Lady of the Scapular's Society of St. Vincent De Paul will be collected at the event, should you choose. So, mark the date on your Christmas Break calendars!

Christmas at Our Lady of the Scapular

Christmas Masses

Children's Mass - Dec. 24 @ 5pm

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24 @ 7:30pm

Midnight Mass - Dec. 25 @ 12am

Christmas Mass - Dec. 25 @ 9:00am & 11:00am

New Years Masses

New Years Eve - Dec. 31 @ 5pm

New Years Day

9:00am & 11:00am

Prayer for Advent

1st Week of Advent

Prayer for Hope: Almighty God, grant us the grace to hope in you with unwavering trust. As we begin this season of Advent, may our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing your promises are true. Amen.

2nd Week of Advent

Prayer for Peace: Prince of Peace, in a world filled with turmoil, grant us the tranquility that only your peace can bring. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and harmony in our relationships and communities. Amen.

3rd Week of Advent

Prayer for Joy: Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with the joy that comes from knowing your love. May we rejoice in the good news of salvation and share that joy with others during this season of Advent. Amen.

4th Week of Advent

Prayer for Love: God of love, as we approach the celebration of the birth of your Son, help us to embody the love that He brought into the world. Teach us to [love one another](#) as you have loved

us. Amen.

The Purse Project

The primary focus of The Purse Project Network will always be the annual fall campaign to collect top-quality new or gently used purses filled with new personal care items and a Card of Blessing.

These purses are then donated to various local organizations that distribute them to the women they serve at Christmas time.

We are excited to observe the impact and ripple effects of this Project as it continues to expand and bless more & more women in need in a growing number of communities.

We would like to thank Mrs. McDonald for all of her efforts in bringing the Purse Project to SJHN.





Emergency School Closing

Emergency School Closings In the event of severe weather conditions, announcements to close the schools or to cancel buses will be made on all local radio stations at 7:00 a.m. and on the NCDSB website at www.niagaracatholic.ca. and the NCDSB Facebook Page. You will also be notified by e-mail. During bad weather, when the school remains open, parents must decide whether or not their children will attend. If a student remains at home you STILL must call the absence into the Safe Arrival System. Thank you for your co-operation!!!

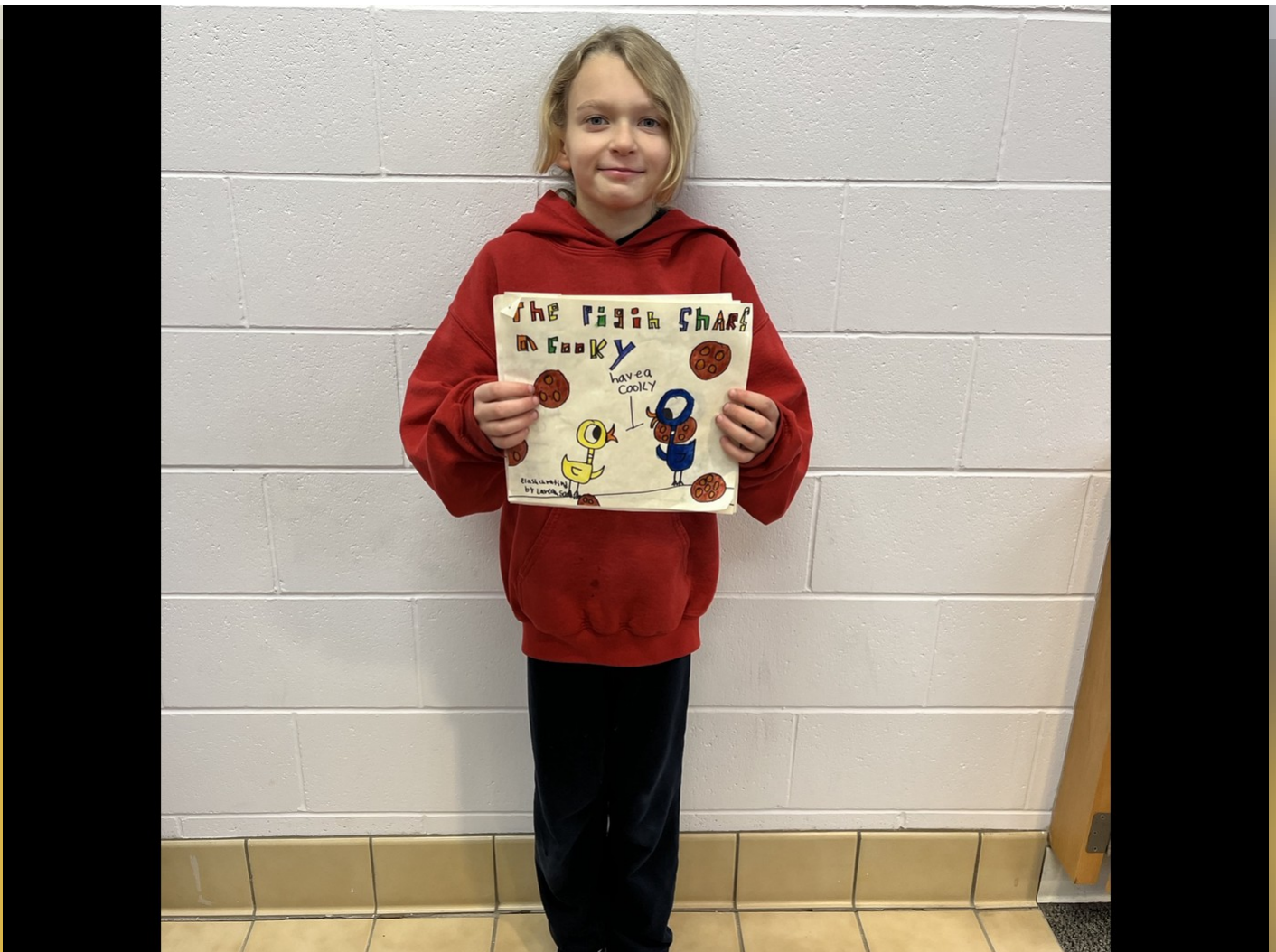
Dress for the Weather

With the arrival of cold weather, families are reminded to provide their child(ren) with indoor shoes for health and safety reasons. Thank you to all parents who have already provided indoor shoes!!! As well, it might be a good idea to send in a spare change of clothes. Many students need reminders to wear a coat, hat and gloves. Please ensure your child brings items appropriate for the winter weather to wear for outdoor recess.

Student Spotlight

Laveah S. has been working very hard this school year and put her artistic talents to the test and created her very own book.

Her book has a great message about sharing and her illustrations are outstanding. Keep up the GREAT work Laveah and we look forward to reading your next creation.



Staff vs Student Volleyball Game

Our Staff vs Student Volleyball Game took place on November 28th. The staff had a challenging task as both the girls and boys team were crowned champions at each of their tournaments. The game was a back and forth affair but with doughnuts on the line the staff team pulled out a victory in the end.

We caught up with the staff team captain Mr. Tham and he complimented the student teams on their teamwork and never give up attitude. He also wanted to remind everyone that the staff team is on an undefeated 20 year streak and they have no plans on ending that streak anytime soon.

The student team were devastated after their loss and reviewed the video footage and have claimed that not all of their points made it on the scoreboard. It was also discovered that Mr. Tham personally selects the scorekeepers and referees each year. More details of this investigation as they become available.

A BIG thank you to Rocky and Mrs. Sacco for providing the staff team with their championship doughnuts.







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