

December 14, 2020

Dear Parents;

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every family a joyous Advent and Christmas season. We know that Christmas will look very different for many of you this year, and pray that you may continue to find joy and hope at this time.

We thank our parents for their support this school year. The past four months have been filled with uncertainty, and continual updates to guidelines and procedures due to the ever-changing situation we are in with the global COVID-19 pandemic. Each one of you have shown your Holy Family community trust and grace during this time and it has been very much appreciated.

We recognize our students for adapting to the changes and challenges presented to them this year. They continue to work hard and bring our staff great joy! We look forward to the day when we no longer have to wear masks, can see all of the beautiful smiles and can expand our class cohorts.

As we look ahead to 2021 we remain thankful and hopeful. Thank you to the many parents who completed the survey and provided input to assist with our planning for the week of January 4 - January 8. We heard from you that a combination of learning packages and access to the teacher through Google Meets that week would be desirable.

Our planning for that week will follow guidelines outlined by Alberta Education. Content to be delivered for all grades:

- **Early Learning – Grade 3**
  - focus on language and mathematics learning outcomes
  - incorporate wellness
  - average of five hours of work per child or student per week
- **Grades 4-5**
  - focus on language and mathematics learning outcomes
  - incorporate science, social studies and wellness
  - average of six to eight hours of work per student per week

We are thankful that while we will be supporting our students' learning remotely during this week, we will continue to remain connected with them through the use of technology. You will receive communication from your child's teacher outlining the plan including learning packages and/or Google Classroom along with optional opportunities for Google Meets. Our student support team will continue to provide reading intervention groups for identified students via Google Meet. The support team will contact parents individually with the specifics. Our Week at a Glance will include supplemental links to support wellness, physical education and music for families seeking additional opportunities.

On behalf of the staff at Holy Family School we pray that you may know the joy, faith, love and hope of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus this Christmas season.

May you have a safe and blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year.

Yours in Christ,

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Holy Family School Administration Team

*"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flock at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. But the Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."*