

November 30, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of November was a time for celebrating many things at our school. We are proud of our school community's involvement and generosity with our Giving Tree. We have asked for \$25 gift cards (Bower Mall and Walmart) and through your generosity and belief in helping others we have already collected 20, these gift cards will be distributed this Christmas season through Catholic Social Services. Last year, we were able to collect 77 gift cards and we are hoping we can match this.

We were very pleased with the support and connections made during our phone parent teacher conferences in November. These conferences provided an opportunity for all families to connect with their child's teacher. We would like to thank parents for the amazing attendance we had at the parent-teacher conferences. Teachers commented on the number and interest shown by our parents in their child's education. We know when a strong school-home relationship exists our children will be happier and achieve well at school, thank you for sharing your children with us every day.

As we approach the end of November teachers have entered more into Edsby including a comment on your child's growth as a learner. These comments were shared with you on November 29th after school.

We have had incredible support from parents on the School Council as they work on the return of hot lunches this fall, students are enjoying the lunches and parents are loving having a break from making lunches. Last year, we had extremely positive feedback on the virtual read-a-thon and Council is planning on this to continue in the spring....stay tuned for information. A huge thanks to the School Council for purchasing craft supplies for the upcoming virtual family craft night.

November 28th was the First Sunday of Advent. As we celebrate the season of Advent, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent is a time of hopeful waiting; a time when we answer the call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." May our prayerful observance of this season of Advent draw us nearer to our loving and merciful God. During the Advent season, we are looking forward to coming together as a prayerful community. We welcome you to join us in solidarity as a school community for our Virtual Advent Celebrations on

- **December 1st a liturgy will be led by 4P** (video will be shared with parents following),
- **December 16th 1S and 4W** (video will be shared with parents following).

We would also like to invite families to participate in a **Family Virtual Christmas Craft Night, Tuesday, December 7**, an evening of fun and opportunity to connect as a family in the comfort and safety of your own home. Your child will come home that day with supplies to make a craft. A video from your child's teacher will be sent to you guiding you and your family through the craft. Each grade level will have their own craft to create; a link that contains instructions for each grade level craft will be shared with you. This will provide you with an additional 5 craft ideas, supply lists and instructional videos for each of the other grade level crafts. This will provide your family the option to do other crafts at home during the Christmas break.

As we enter the Advent Season, the staff of Holy Family School wishes that much hope, love, joy and peace fills your home in preparation for the birth of our Lord, Jesus. Have a safe and blessed Christmas full of love and best wishes for a joyous New Year.

*Lord Jesus, our brother and our saviour,  
come into our hearts with your hope,  
with your peace, your joy, and your love.  
Help us to reflect your love for all  
by loving and serving all we meet.  
Lord Jesus,  
come into our lives,  
and share your gifts with all people.  
Blessed are you, Lord Jesus,  
forever and ever. Amen!*

God Bless,

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