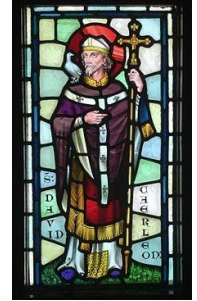




ST. DAVID'S

CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



December 2020

Where Students Become Leaders

DECEMBER 2020

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: DECEMBER- HOPE

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

With your child's Progress Report Card and Parent-Teacher Interviews complete, it is now time to work with your child to celebrate their successes and to develop a plan to address any next steps for ongoing success identified by you and your child's teachers. The plan is greatly augmented through strong two-way communication between home and school and it may take the form of :

- Curriculum-based newsletters / calendars / website
- Notes / Checking of the Agenda
- Phone Calls / Emails
- Signing of rubrics, tests, assignments, etc.
- Ongoing Parent-teacher communication

Let's help our children grow, not only as learners, but as well-rounded, character-focused individuals.



We begin the season of Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year. This is a time of patient and prayerful waiting. As Catholics, we know that the Advent season is about preparing our hearts and souls for the birth of Jesus our Saviour. During the month of December, the students and staff will be preparing for the coming of the Lord Jesus through prayer. We pray that you and your

family are able to hold onto the true spirit of Christmas: to work together to prepare for the coming of the Light of the World and to make it a season of love, joy, and hope.

On behalf of all of the staff of St. David CES, we would like to extend warmest wishes for a peaceful and joyous Christmas. May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace and the warmth of Christmas grant you love. We look forward to seeing your child back at school, ready to learn on **Monday January 4th, 2021.**

Mission Statement

Guided by Gospel values and Catholic Virtues, in partnership with home and Church, we educate and inspire all students to reach their full potential in a safe and caring environment.

Vision Statement

Our students will become creative and critical thinkers who integrate Catholic Values into their daily lives, as socially responsible global citizens.

Core Values



Strategic Commitments



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ST DAVID CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DONATIONS:

May this Christmas fill your heart with the joy of giving. St. David's School would like to once again support The St. Vincent de Paul Society, run by volunteers from St. David's Church to provide aid for local families. The donations provide more than the necessities of daily life; they give the gifts of kindness, dignity, and hope to the recipients. Our St. David's school community would like to continue to give generously and we are asking families to give what they can. The smallest contribution can make a big difference. **We are requesting gift card donations to help make the Christmas season special for these families.** For Covid 19 safety, please send your gift card donation in a sealed envelope to your child's classroom teacher by **Wednesday December 16, 2020.**

We thank you in advance for your generosity!

DECEMBER VIRTUE: HOPE

During the month of December, we will be focusing on the virtue of "HOPE". God fills us with living hope. Advent is a time of waiting and hoping. We await the coming of our Saviour with hope. Our school community is actively embracing the virtue of everlasting hope; living the moments of Advent in preparation for Christmas through prayer, song and charitable deeds.

- With God's Grace, I will never give up hope
- I will maintain a positive attitude and look for the brighter side of situations
- I will make peace with those around me



DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER



The cold winds of Winter may be soon upon us. Students need coats/jackets, mitts/gloves, a hat, a scarf and boots. Please label each item. Students are

expected to go outside for all recesses. Please ensure that your child(ren) have a pair of indoor shoes and an extra pair of socks in their knapsacks.

Christmas Holiday:

December 21st, 2020 - January 1st, 2021

Students Resume school:

January 4th, 2021

**Wishing You and Your Families
A Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous
New Year!**

May St. David Pray for us always

ADVENT CELEBRATIONS:

This year our classes will be provided weekly Advent Liturgies that they will engage in as a community of believers in their own classrooms. On **Thursday December 16, 2020**, we will gather as a school community, as Ms. Tonietti and Ms. Di Palma's classes will be leading the school Advent liturgy via Google Meet as we light the purple candle of Joy.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

By: Mother Teresa

Lord Jesus,

Help me to welcome you this Christmas,

Not in the cold manger of my heart,

But in a Heart full of love and humility,

A heart warm with the love for others.

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St. David Christmas Spirit Week



We would encourage all students and staff to enjoy the spirit of Christmas through participation in the following themed days.

Monday December 14	Tuesday December 15	Wednesday December 16	Thursday December 17	Friday December 18
<p>Christmas Colour Day</p>  <p>Wear your favourite Christmas colours</p>	<p>Christmas Hat Day</p>  <p>Wear your favourite Christmas hat</p>	<p>Christmas Sock Day</p>  <p>Wear your favourite Christmas Socks Day</p>	<p>Pyjama Day</p>  <p>Wear your favourite Christmas Pyjamas</p>	<p>Ugly Christmas Sweater Day</p>  <p>Wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater</p>



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"We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta



Dear Families,

It is that time of year again where we in the Catholic community begin preparing for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This time of year is always special because it is a time for all of us to share in the excitement of this joyous celebration. It is an important celebration because God sent his one and only Son to Earth to spread the Word of God and bring us all to salvation.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal once said, *"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."* During this unprecedented time in our world today, it is important for all of us to be reminded of these words. So long as our faith in Him remains strong, our love for each other will continue to prevail. Our students, families and staff have demonstrated this time and time again.

This Christmas season and always, I pray that you will have everlasting happiness, joy and hope. I pray that you will be reminded of all the goodness in your life that makes your heart full and happy. I pray that you will always find joy and beauty in all of God's creation. And lastly, I pray that you will always remain hopeful in your faith and relationship with the Lord, Our Saviour.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish you a blessed and safe Merry Christmas.

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Cantisano".

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