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Christmas Concert - December 13th

It's that time of year again. December has come and with it all the joys of Christmas. This is a special time where God shows His great love for us. In the month of December, Pius XII School be presenting a school wide Christmas concert for the first time in 3 years.

We are asking parents and guardians to be considerate of the amount of family members you are bringing to the concert as our capacity only fits roughly 250 people.

All families are invited, but we ask that each family follow the guidelines set out – this way there will be room for everyone.

Parents and guardians, students with the last name starting from **A-L**, you will be invited to the first concert which will be starting promptly at **10:00a.m.**

on **Tuesday, December 13th, 2022.** We are asking our families to arrive between 9:30-9:55a.m. so we can begin promptly at **10:00a.m.** Thank-you in advance for your cooperation. **ALL KINDERGARTEN and LSC CLASSES WILL BE PRESENTING IN THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CONCERT STARTING AT 10:00A.M. ONLY**

Parents and guardians, students with the last name starting from **M-Z** will be invited to the second concert in the afternoon starting at **1:15p.m.** Please arrive between 12:45-1:10p.m. Thank-you again for your cooperation !

Upcoming Dates:

Candy Grams	Dec 12
Dress Rehearsal	Dec 12
Christmas Concert	Dec 13
Last Day of School	Dec 16



During the month of December, Pius XII School is celebrating the virtue of **PATIENCE**. We will prepare for Christmas by **patiently** waiting with hope, faith, joy and love. Teachers will work with students to teach them that without hope our world would be a very sad place. Pope Benedict XVI once said that, *“life is a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Jesus is the true light but to reach him we need lights closer by - people who shine with his light and so guide us along the way”*.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PIUS XII SCHOOL...



EQAO Primary Practice Question:

Wally is using a rule to make the number pattern shown below.

567, 571, 575, 579, . . .

Which of the following patterns could use the same rule?

- a 892, 888, 884, 880
- b 893, 897, 903, 904
- c 894, 898, 902, 906
- d 895, 900, 905, 910

ANSWER: C

All visitors are asked to sign in with Candace before entering the school - this includes parents, volunteers and community helpers - thank you.

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PRINCIPAL: MERRILL SANOWAR

Dress for the Winter Weather:

Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the winter weather. On cold mornings, we encourage students to wear their **winter coats, ski pants, hats and mitts**. All students do have recess breaks during the day where they are required to be outside for 15 - 20 minutes. Please help us promote a healthy, safe school environment by sending your children to school with warm seasonal clothing. *Thank you!*

and patience as we endeavour to try our best satisfy everyone's needs in a timely manner and to the best of our ability.

Christmas Break:

Pius XII School is closed over the Christmas Holidays. The last day of school in December is Friday December **16th, 2022**. The first day back to school in January is **Tuesday January 3rd, 2023**.

We hope all families enjoy a safe and happy holiday -- and return to school filled with good cheer and an eagerness to learn.

Open Communication:

All staff try to make addressing parental questions and concerns a priority at **PIUS XII** School. Because we would like to address issues in the best manner possible, we would ask that parents call to make an appointment with teachers. If you are unable to attend the school for a meeting please call, leave us a message and we will be happy to call you at a mutually convenient time. We thank you in advance for your assistance

Your Brain Needs Zzzzzs:

Your body and your brain need sleep. Experts agree that most children need 10 or 11 hours each night. Sleep is an individual thing and some kids need more than others.

When your body doesn't have enough hours to rest, you may feel tired or cranky, or you may be unable to think clearly. You might have a hard time



following directions. Proper sleep for is very important for child development.

Please check the school out on facebook for up-to-date information on school activities and up coming school events. Please refer to the school's facebook page for up to date pictures of student experiences and activities as well as video clips of student learning.



Check us out at on FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM....

"Pius XII Catholic Elementary School"





December Activities:

As the Christmas season approaches, the staff of **Pius XII** School has planned many special events for your children. If you have any specific questions about upcoming school events please contact your child's teacher. **It is very important that all students come to school on time in order to be prepared for concerts and other special classroom activities teachers have planned.** Please read through this newsletter closely as well as refer to the December school calendar, so families can better prepare and speak with their children about special events in the school.

Fill a Crib Campaign

We need your help!

This Christmas season the Pius XII community is pleased to once again be participating in the "Fill A Crib" campaign to support the Infant Food Bank in Sudbury and our community's most vulnerable: babies and toddlers.

There is a crib located in the front lobby of our school where new and gently used items can be donated and used to help over 800 families in need in our community.



Tuesday December 12th, 2022

9:30 am – school wide Christmas concert **dress rehearsal** in the gymnasium. Students must have all props and/or costumes at school in preparation for the dress rehearsal. Students will have the opportunity to watch other class performances during the dress rehearsal.

Tuesday December 13th, 2022

The school wide **Christmas Concerts** will be held for families and community in the school gymnasium. **All guests are asked to be in the gymnasium at the start of each concert. They will start promptly at 10:00 am and 1:15 pm.**

DRIVE SAFELY PLEASE

Pius XII school reminds all drivers that the speed limit on 2nd Avenue near Pius XII is 40 km / hour. Please remember to obey all the traffic laws. All motorists must yield to pedestrians waiting to cross the roadway. Motorists must always be prepared to stop when approaching a cross walk. We remind all motorists to drive defensively, courteously, obey school zone speed limits and crossing guards. Watch for children who may not be paying attention to traffic. Parents are also asked to reinforce traffic and roadway safety rules with their children.

Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility.



School Mass and Father Sam visits:

We thank the school community, Father Sam for leading us in our school mass last Friday November 25th at the school. Advent is the period of four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent means 'coming'. Father Sam will be speaking to the grade 2 and 3 classes on Friday Dec. 9th



POTENTIAL

BUS CANCELLATIONS

No one wants to think about it, but the white stuff (snow) is here. Each year, school bus routes are cancelled due to adverse weather or road conditions. The decision is made by the Sudbury Student Transportation Consortium, and the procedure used for decisions is as follows: between 5 and 6 a.m., Sudbury Student Services Consortium staff assess weather and road conditions. If weather or road conditions are deemed unsafe, the bus operators and Manager of Transportation Services decide by 6 a.m. whether buses will be cancelled system-wide.

The decision to cancel or alter transportation services will be broadcast on local radio and TV stations.



- Rewind
- Hot 93.5
- 95.5 FM
- Q92
- MIX 105.3
- CBC

You can now also check bus cancellation status by logging on to the consortium's website: businfo.ca

A direct link to this website is also available on our school website.



Parents should be aware that morning inclement weather cancellations may not be for the remainder of the day, therefore please listen to the morning broadcasts closely. Pius XII School will remain open for students on inclement weather days except in the case where there is an entire system wide shutdown.

When all Sudbury Catholic District School Board schools are closed due to weather conditions, schools and the board office are closed to all students and staff. All activities in schools are also cancelled including after school programming, and sports and clubs.



Bully Prevention Week was Celebrated at Pius XII School

The students and staff at Pius XII celebrated "Bully Prevention Week" by organizing activities as a whole school community as well as by participating in individual class activities and lessons. *Thank you to all students, parents and staff members who work to build our school into a safe and accepting community!*

Thank-you to **Catrina Miller**, our youth safety coordinator from GSPS for spending time with our primary and junior students in the last two weeks. Students in Ms. Minor's class got to read and share their buddy stories and how important it is to help others out when they don't feel included.

Christmas Schedule at Holy Redeemer Church

Do you know that Holy Redeemer church live streams their masses? Check out their Facebook page to tune in. Mass time each Sunday is at 9:00 am, 11:00a.m. live streamed and 7:00p.m. Saturday evening at 7 pm.



Christmas Raffle baskets

\$1.00 each or 3 for 5.00

Tickets sold during recess at the main office starting on December 13th, and before and after the Christmas Concert. All funds raised will go directly to paying for new sports equipment and Christmas concert decorating costs.