



## **SPX BULLETIN #12**

**November 26, 2020**

### **HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION:**

The students of St. Pius X School will be supporting the Holy Childhood Association. HCA is a worldwide club that connects elementary school children in Canada with children and youth in developing countries. The motto is, "Children Helping Children". Students in K to Grade Seven will receive a collection box for their offerings by the end of this week. Children are encouraged to make their own small monetary contributions and sacrifices. Boxes are to be returned to school by **January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

### **ADVENT PRAYERS:**

The season of Advent begins Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Each Monday thereafter, a prayer will be led by the Grades 5-7 (Grade 5: November 30<sup>th</sup>, Grade 6: December 7<sup>th</sup>, and Grade 7: December 14<sup>th</sup>) to help us prepare for the coming of Jesus. Every classroom will also have an Advent Wreath which reminds us of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.

### **SECOND SESSION HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:**

The second hot lunch program session will open for ordering on **Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** and the ordering will be closed on **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please go on our school website and go to the "*St. Pius X Life*" tab and down to hot lunch to access your Munchalunch account.

\* **No late additions will be accepted.** You will need to submit a cheque (**due Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**) in your child's agenda.

*Please note all PHO guidelines are being followed by both the vendors and our Hot Lunch Team.*

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES, DEC. 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Your scheduled Zoom Conference time was sent home earlier this week. If you did not receive your scheduled zoom time, please contact your classroom teacher. The invite link will be sent out closer to the date.

## **UNDER CONSTRUCTION:**

The creation of an outdoor fairy garden near the primary playground is in the planning stages. We are looking for donations of river rocks, bricks, decorative concrete blocks, small artificial flowers, coloured glass beads (especially blue), mulch, non-invasive species of ferns, periwinkle plants, and any figurines, doll furniture, birdhouses, or accent pieces etc. that could be added to the layout of our garden. Please contact Madame at [mbyrne@saintpius.ca](mailto:mbyrne@saintpius.ca) if you have items that you are interested in contributing to the first of our many exciting outdoor education projects.

\*Tree Pruning: We are looking for a parent who can prune the small Maple tree on the primary playground. Please contact Madame at [mbyrne@saintpius.ca](mailto:mbyrne@saintpius.ca) if you can be of assistance.

## **WET & COLD WEATHER-JACKETS REQUIRED:**

Now that the wet & cold weather has arrived, please ensure your child brings a warm jacket to school each day. Students will go outside to play during morning and lunch recess periods and therefore, it is important that they are properly equipped to handle the colder temperature. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## **LABEL, LABEL, LABEL:**

Please take some time to ensure that all items (uniform, jackets, water bottles, shoes) are clearly labeled with a permanent marker or label. We have many new uniform items (pants, shirts, sweaters) that are not labeled and therefore, it makes it very difficult to return these to the original owner.

## **PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE:**

COBBS BREAD: Mention our school name when you make purchases at Cobb's Bread in Parkgate Shopping Center and the school receives 5%. The school has received a cheque for \$382.75 so far, thank you!

MABELS LABELS: The school earns 20% of all sales when you purchase your labels through Mabel's Labels.

To access the fundraising account:

1. Go to the Mabel's Labels website: [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com) 2. Click the "Support a Fundraiser" button on the top right of the page 3. Find "St. Pius X" in the "Select your school" drop box.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT UPDATE:**

Kindly note that this year due to Covid-19 Restrictions and to continue with the tradition of a Christmas Concert, SPX will be presenting it virtually. A link will be sent home the last week of school before Christmas break for you to view at home with your family.

## **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:**

St. Pius X School will be closed for Christmas holidays at NOON on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, and school will re-open on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:50 a.m.

## **HOT LUNCH:**

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>- Well Fed

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>- Arka

## **ST. PIUS X PARISH CHRISTMAS HAMPER PROJECT:**

In the spirit and tradition of giving we again this year are collecting new books, kitchen/bathroom towels, adult/children pj's, gifts for families such as gift certificates to our local grocery stores. (E.g.: Shoppers, Winners, Canadian Tire, Safeway) This year when many of us cannot regularly attend mass because of Covid-19 guidelines it is difficult to make everyone aware of that Covid-19 has affected some of us in the Parish more than others so this year it is important that we share a little something of our gifts with others. You may drop your donation at the Parish Office between 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. daily or there will be a labelled box at the front door of the school. Thank you again for your generosity. No used toys, clothing or household items, please.

**Thank you letter to our school community from the Elizabeth Fry Society, please click here to read.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS, MS. LECCE!**

We have a published author amongst us! Ms. Stephanie Lecce our Grade 3 teacher, has written a children's book entitled, *Amelia the Not-So-Small Superhero*. The main character is based on our very own Amelia King in Grade 6, and features her real life brother Aidan. Thank you to the King family who have generously donated a copy of the book to all of our CISVA schools. See here for a photo of the book cover.

For more information go to: [www.notsosmallsuperhero.com](http://www.notsosmallsuperhero.com) or email Ms. Lecce directly at [slecce@saintpius.ca](mailto:slecce@saintpius.ca) .