



SPX BULLETIN #13

December 3, 2020

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.

FYI: below are the recording days for each grade. Please note students must be in full school uniform (sweaters and black shoes) and girls must have their hair tied up.

Monday, December 7th: Grade 7 Narrators and HOPE readers (selected students)

Tuesday, December 8th: Grade 7, 3, and K

Wednesday, December 9th: Grades 1, 5 and 4

Thursday, December 10th: Grades 2, 6 and retakes if necessary

ADVENT PRAYERS:

The season of Advent began Sunday, November 29th. Each Monday thereafter, a prayer will be led by the Grades 5-7 (Grade 6: December 7th and Grade 7: December 14th) to help us prepare for the coming of Jesus. Every classroom also has an Advent Wreath which reminds us of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy. Thank you to the Grade 5's who led our first Advent prayer over the PA on Monday. Well done!

SECOND SESSION HOT LUNCH PROGRAM:

The second hot lunch program session opened for ordering on **Monday, November 30th** and the ordering will be closed on **Monday, December 14th**. 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 16th**) in your child's agenda.

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

PARENT TEACHER ZOOM CONFERENCES TOMORROW:

Your scheduled Zoom Conference time and link were sent home earlier this week. If you did not receive your scheduled Zoom time and invite link please contact your classroom teacher.

Some tips to ensure a successful virtual meeting include:

-Finding a quiet room in the house with strong WIFI connection.

-Raising webcam to eye-level and using neutral backgrounds.

-Displaying professional and respectful dress attire, words and actions at all times. For Intermediate students (Grades 4-7) who are part of the Zoom Conference, it is suggested that they wear their school uniform, and if not please ensure appropriate attire.

READERS ARE LEADERS:

Readers are Leaders Challenge: I am so happy to advise that the Readers are Leaders Challenge will be held this year! Letters of intent were given out yesterday to students who expressed an interest in participating in the Challenge. Parents, please review the Challenge expectations with your child (they are not onerous, but need to be adhered to), sign the form, and return by **Monday, Dec. 7th** at the latest. Readers are Leaders books may be kept for reading over the Christmas holidays.

LIFETOUCH PHOTOS:

Orders are due back to the school on **Tuesday, December 8th**. You will be responsible for mailing them directly to Lifetouch if they are not handed in on this day. You also have the option of placing your order directly online.

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 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 if you can be of assistance.

LIBRARY:

Book Return: Mrs. Fischer wishes to remind parents and students that next week (Dec. 8/9, depending on your library day) will be the last opportunity to borrow books prior to the Christmas holidays. All books are to be returned no later than **Tuesday, Dec. 15TH**.

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 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.

LEGENDS HAUL: Please check out their website at <https://shop.legendshaul.com/> And click here for more information.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

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

HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION:

The students of St. Pius X School are 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 received a collection box for their offerings. Children are encouraged to make their own small monetary contributions and sacrifices. Boxes are to be returned to school by **January 4th**.

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.

SPX SPIRIT WEEK:

Thank you to our Student Council who are busy preparing for our first-ever Spirit Week from **December 14th-18th**. Information regarding this week was sent home via both email and hard copy on Tuesday. Two days (Monday=books and Wednesday =toys) of the initiative support our Parish Christmas Hamper.

HOT LUNCH:

Friday, December 11th- Arka