



SPX BULLETIN #14

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MORE THANK YOU'S!

I am very proud of the SPX students and their incredible sense of giving back, especially during this Advent season. Several classes made cards for various recipients. The Gr. 4's decorated envelopes for the families spending Christmas in the Surrey Hospital NICU. The Gr. 5 and 7's made cards for the Prison Ministry and the Gr. 6's made cards for the Parkgate Seniors Program.

The Gr. 2 and 3 classes are also giving back through purchasing food for SVDP and selling mask necklaces with proceeds going to the EFry Association. [Click here for the order form.](#)

See below for more information regarding the Gr. 2 initiative.

Also, please [click here](#) to view a thank you from Covenant House.

THE GRADE 2 CLASS GIVES BACK:

The Grade 2 class earned money and then went grocery shopping to purchase food for people in need. They were filled with joy to be able to give this food to the St. Vincent De Paul Society to distribute to the community as they are learning to practice "we before me". Please [click here](#) for the beautiful picture of our grade 2's.

SPX ALUMNI 2020:

I am also very proud of our last year's Grade 7 Class. STA's monthly newsletter listed all 19 of our SPX student alumni as being on the Grade 8 Honour Roll! We have also been informed that our other 9 alumni are performing very well at their respective schools. We wish them continued success in their high school lives and hope that what they have learned academically, physically, socially, and spiritually transfers into all they do.

ADVENT PRAYERS:

The season of Advent began Sunday, November 29th. Each Monday thereafter, a prayer will be led by the Grades 5-7 (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 6's who led our second Advent prayer over the PA on Monday. Well done!

HOT LUNCH PAYMENT DUE:

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 Munch lunch 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.

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**.

HELP WANTED:

We are in need of a work crew to help clear shrubbery from a small area on the primary playground. Please contact Madame at mbyrne@saintpius.ca

Madame is also looking for someone with a chop saw who can cut some bamboo poles for our fairy garden.

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. Two days (Monday=books and Wednesday =toys) of the initiative support our Parish Christmas Hamper.

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.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT UPDATE:

The recording of our concert, *Hope Was Born This Night* has been going very well. Keep a look out for the link next week.

3D VIRTUAL TOUR:

We are pleased to announce that we now have a virtual tour link up and running on our school website. The link is under the admissions tab: <https://www.saintpius.ca/st-pius-x-life/#admissions>
Thank you to the Hogarth's for their generous donation of time and work put into the creation of our 3D Virtual Tour. It is so appreciated. We will be incorporating this into our "Open House" in January.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

As we near a much needed and anticipated Christmas break, I want to express my gratitude for the dedication and efforts I have witnessed from the whole SPX Community in effectively implementing the Covid-19 school health and safety plans. These efforts have helped to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff.

During Dr. Bonnie Henry's December 7th news conference, she shared information on the expected second wave increase in provincial Covid-19 exposures but also reinforced that school transmissions are extremely low and that there are no plans to extend the K-12 Christmas break at this time. The extension of the Covid-19 restrictions do not affect or change our school safety plans, except to ensure that we continue to:

1. Perform daily health checks and stay home when sick
2. Wash hands regularly
3. Minimize physical contact
4. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces