



SPX BULLETIN #16

January 7, 2021

WELCOME BACK & THANK YOU!

We hope the Christmas holidays were peaceful and joyous for all our families. We look forward to a time of renewal and hope in the New Year, growing and learning together in faith in 2021! We also want to thank you for your tremendous support during the last months. Again, I was so impressed with the generosity that made the Advent season so special. A reminder the Holy Childhood Association cartons were due back Monday.

On behalf of all the staff at St. Pius X, thank you very much for your cards, wishes and gifts at Christmas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were greatly appreciated.

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES:

This year's Open House will be virtual and will take place on **Thursday, January 14th**. Please **click here** for the Open House Poster for more information. We ask that you tell friends and family about this event and if you are able to put up a poster at a nearby preschool, please contact the school office and they will provide you with one.

GRADE TWO REQUESTS:

We need help furnishing our bug hotel. If you have any old terra cotta pots (broken chipped or otherwise) or terra cotta roof tiles, wooden roofing shingles, and red bricks with holes that you would be willing to share so we can "furnish" our hotel, please leave them outside the front doors of the school by **January 11th**.

The many donations we have received for our fairy garden will need to be transported back and forth at recess time. If anyone has a wagon, trolley or utility cart that they are no longer using, please consider donating it to our cause. Contact Madame at mbyrne@saintpius.ca to discuss the details, dimensions, etc.

SPELLING BEE:

Students in Grades 4 to 7 are invited to participate in this year's Spelling Bee. Commitment forms will be distributed on **Monday, January 11th** to all interested students. Word lists will be given to participants at the first meeting which will be held on Thursday, the 14th.

PRIMARY SPEECH ARTS:

Our Primary Speech Arts Festival will be held on **January 18th, 21st and 22nd**. Please remember to send a canned donation with your child on the day they present their poem. Students are reminded to be in full uniform, a schedule will be emailed next week. Due to Covid-19 Protocols there will be no spectators.

SNOW DAYS:

In the event of a school closure due to snow, all families are asked to check their **email**. Every attempt will be made to get this information to you as early as possible in the morning (approximately 7:15 am). This is your most reliable source of information regarding school closures. Please do not phone the school.

APPROPRIATE WINTER CLOTHING:

During this season of winter, we must remind our children to dress in clothing that will keep them warm and dry. The essentials include: a hat, a warm winter coat and boots. It is also a good idea to send an extra pair of school socks in your child's school bag, as these often get wet during the course of recess play activities. During heavy rain or severe weather conditions, children will remain indoors. For the most part, however, they will be going outdoors and will need to be dressed in proper attire.

PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR CALENDAR:

Thursday & Friday, February 11th and 12th: CEC Conference (School Closed)

Monday, February 15th: Family Day (School Closed)

HOT LUNCH DATES FOR JANUARY:

Friday, January 15th Pizza and Lift Juice

Friday, January 22nd Presto and Maxfruit

Friday, January 29th Subway and Lift Juice

SUPERHERO MASK NECKLACES:

The Gr. 3 class are still making “Superhero Mask Holders”, proceeds are going to the EFry Association. [Click here for the order form.](#)