



SPX BULLETIN #12

November 17th, 2022

CHRISTMAS IN THE COURTYARD:

Thursday, December 1, 2022 @ 6:30 pm in the St. Pius X Church Courtyard. Let's gather together – St. Pius X parishioners, students, and families – to celebrate the carols and flavours of Christmas. The school's student choir, under the direction of Dr. Gina and Mr. Varelas, will lead us in the traditional music of Christmas. Everyone is invited to bring Christmas goodies to share a very good reason to begin our Christmas baking early this year. Let's ring in this holy and merry season in each other's good company. Santa Claus has already confirmed his RSVP.

“Christmas in the Courtyard: Please click [here](#) for an invitation from the Parish and the School.

COMMUNICATING STUDENT LEARNING:

Tomorrow, interim progress reports will be sent home for grades 1-7. This first report reflects our ongoing work in assessment, curriculum, competencies and goal setting. The report includes sections on strengths, areas for further growth, proficiency levels in subject areas, and goals that have been set by the student, in collaboration with the classroom teacher. As a staff, we continue to work together to make our communication of student learning meaningful and concise. As parents, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher on Friday, December 2nd at Parent Teacher Conferences, where ways to support your child will be discussed.

Scheduling forms for you to indicate your preferred time will be sent home on Monday, November 21st. Please return these the next day on Tuesday, November 22nd.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT UPDATE:

We are busy preparing for our upcoming Christmas Production, Jingle Bell Beach, which will take place at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8th. If your family will be away on this day, your child's teacher should have been contacted by now. Information regarding the Grandparents' and Seniors' matinee, as well as costumes was sent home yesterday.

SPORTS UPDATE:

Our Fall Sports Programs have come to an end. We had a very successful Cross-Country season, placing **1st overall** in the CISVA Small Schools Category. Our participation in Boys Soccer was also commendable with three teams competing in league play. Congratulations to our Division 1 Senior Boys who placed **5th overall** in the CISVA. All three of our Girls Volleyball teams greatly improved in skill and teamwork as the season progressed. Our Grade 7 Girls made it to the first round of playoffs, and our Grade 6 Girls made it to the Finals at Harry

Jerome. They placed 4th overall in the CISVA!

We are very proud of all our athletes, and we thank them, our parents, and our coaches for their hard work, support and dedication this year. Wrap-up celebrations are being scheduled, and we will inform the students of these dates as soon as they are confirmed. We also ask that all jerseys be washed and returned to the coaches as soon as possible.

PRIMARY SPEECH ARTS K-3:

This year's Primary Speech Arts Festival will be held from Monday, January 16th, 2023-Thursday, January 19th, 2023. It will be held at St. Pius X School. A letter was sent home with all the primary classes. Parents and students may come into the library after school to select a poem. Entry forms are in the library or at the front office.

***Please note: Entry Deadline is Friday, December 5th. No late entries will be accepted.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:

A reminder that our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place from Sunday, November 20th to Thursday, November 24th in the music room. Classes will be given time throughout the week to visit the fair and purchase books. Please send money in a Ziplock bag labeled with your child's name if you are allowing them to purchase books. Thank you for your continued support.

PURDY'S ORDER:

Support the Grade 7 Legacy Gift and spread some Christmas cheer! With Christmas quickly approaching, show your friends, family, and neighbours that you're thinking of them with some Purdy's chocolates. All funds will go toward the Grade 7 Legacy Gift that will benefit the current and future students at St. Pius X School.

There are **two** easy options for ordering:

1. Order directly online: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1595950-100096>
2. Review the attached pdf version of the Purdy's catalogue, complete the attached order form and send it along with your payment to school with your eldest child by Monday, November 28th. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to St. Pius X Elementary.

Thank you very much for supporting our fundraising efforts for the 2023 Grade 7 Class Legacy Gift. Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas!

There will also be catalogues and order forms at the Grade 7 table at the Craft Fair on Sunday.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES DUE:

Online orders placed before Monday, November 21st will be sent to the school for distribution. If orders were placed after the deadline, they will be mailed directly to you.

You can send your paper orders to your classroom teacher by Monday, November 21st. We will mail them for you. Any orders received after this date will be returned to you and you will have to order online.

Retakes are on Wednesday, November 30th.

SICK? STAY HOME & REST UP:

Continue to assess for symptoms of cold/flu. If your child displays symptoms or is not feeling well, they should remain at home. Thank you to our families who have been so diligent in following our safety protocols.

Email the office (office@saintpius.ca) to report any student absences. We require written confirmation (emails suffice) if students are absent from school (dates and reason for absence) for our files. If you called the Office to report your child's absence, a written note needs to be sent with the child when they return.

*It is important that our school records be kept up to date. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please advise the school office. If your child's medical information has changed, please let us know immediately.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

It is the expectation that all parents, guardians or family members who are dropping off or picking up students adhere to and follow the established traffic and parking rules. These are in place for the safety of our entire school community and are only effective when everyone abides by them.

DROP OFF:

- Please stop behind the 2 cones and wait for supervisors to remove them and then proceed to the stop sign.
- If you come earlier than 8:35 a.m. please park in the main lot and walk your child to either the turf or gravel field.
- Once drop off begins, please stay in the line, unless you are parking, then pass on the right.
- Please do not park illegally on Brockton or anywhere else in the neighbourhood.

PICK UP:

- If there are no parking spaces in the lot by the gravel field, please proceed to the main lot or find street parking. (Circle around if needed). Do not form a line waiting to park as this may cause a back-up on Mount Seymour Road.
- Please do not park on the gravel field or use it to turn around. Students and staff are waiting on this lot and their safety is a priority!

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with appropriate clothing. A warm coat or jacket (preferably with a hood) and boots should also be brought to school when it is wet/rainy outside. Students are in need of fresh air throughout the day and therefore we will be going out as much as possible, even if it is raining lightly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please ensure uniform items, including jackets, boots and shoes are clearly labeled with your child's first and last name. Green sweaters MUST be at school each and every day. We have many items in our Lost & Found Bin that have not been claimed.

Severe Weather Conditions & Procedures: In the event of severe weather conditions such as heavy snow, efforts will be made to announce if the school will be closed by **7:00 a.m.** An e-mail will be sent out to all families from the Office.

PARENT STANDING COMMITTEE:

- The Christmas Craft Fair is on Sunday! Join us in the school gym from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. For information on events, sales, Santa photos, please click [here](#).
- Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on Friday, December 2nd in the school library.
- Crossing Guard Duties for November: Please volunteer to assist with Crossing Guard duties after school during the month of November. *We especially need help on Mondays.* Please sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054fadaf2cabf94-november>
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CARDS FOR A CAUSE VISITS THE CRAFT FAIR:

Come and support the Grade 2 class in their endeavour to raise funds to protect the environment. At the Craft Fair on Sunday, November 20th, we will be selling blank, commercial grade notecards. A package of 5 costs \$3.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

HOT LUNCH DATES:

- Thursday, November 24th Subway & TCBY

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Friday, November 18th CSL Interims Out
- Friday, November 25th Professional Day- No School
- Wednesday, November 30th Photo Retakes