



Saint Rose School December Newsletter

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The last day of school before the Christmas holiday is Friday, December 18th, which is a full day of school. There is no milk the week of December 14th-18th.

Home & School Christmas Baskets

Each year, our school community surprises us with the wonderful donations for our fund-raising Christmas Baskets. **We ask that all donations are sent in by Friday, December 11th** as volunteers will be wrapping baskets on this date.

This year's themes are:

Kindergarten – Arts & Crafts

Grade Three – Cooking & Baking

Grade One – Movie Night

Grade Four – Game Night

Grade Two - Christmas

Grade Five – Sweet Treats & Holiday Delights

Two booklets will go home with each student. The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. For interested families, complete the ticket information with payment and the tickets will be placed into the corresponding draw. The draw for each basket will take place Wednesday, December 16th. Winners will be notified by the phone number they provided on their ballot. Good luck!

Have you heard of 211?

As Canada navigates the second wave of COVID-19, people are still seeking support and unsure where to turn. Whether it's help accessing food, mental health supports, or other non-emergency programs and services in your community, 211 can help. 211 is a free information and referral service and the phones are answered 24/7 in 170 languages thanks to funding from the Federal government in partnership with GNB and United Way. Community Navigators will talk to callers about their situation and help them find the right solutions. This eliminates the stress of trying to wade through the changing information people are processing each day. Whether they're a senior feeling isolated or anxious about getting their basic necessities, or an individual uncertain about whether there are assistance programs for which they are eligible, or a parent worried about their child's mental health, 211 can help find the answers.

SPCA Pawsgiving



The grade two classes are organizing a school wide community "Pawsgiving" project to donate needed items to the Saint John SPCA. The "pet toy drive" will run through December 4th-16th and we will attempt to "Fill the Crate". Some items for donation can be pet toys, poop bags, leashes, blankets, treats, pet bowls, etc. The items will be placed under our "Pawsgiving" themed tree in the main hall. As well as donations we are encouraging students to make homemade ornaments of their own pets to decorate the tree. These ornaments can begin to arrive December 7th. Get creative at home and showcase your favorite furry friend on our school wide tree!

Merry "Pawsmas" from the Grade Two Classes!

School resumes for students on Monday, January 4th. Happy New Year!

Good Luck and Hello!

We wish Miss Stebbins, our Grade One Teacher, the best of luck with future teaching. We welcome back Mrs. Heffernan from maternity leave for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

Letters to Santa



A Christmas box was delivered by Canada Post for letters to Santa. Please send you letters to school and your child/children can have their letters collected by Canada Post in the coming week.

Jumpstart Program Donation

Many thanks to Canadian Tire for their YMCA partnership allowing one of our grade four classes to attend the Regional YMCA and the Field House twice weekly for five weeks. This program provided wonderful athletic skills and introduction to sports which students might not otherwise have learned. Thanks to Jennifer Yeomans and Tim of the YMCA

Community "Thank you"

Over this course of November, we had many community partners approach us for assistance with Christmas for families in need (Church of the Good Shephard, JTR Services, SRS staff, previous SRS families), tissue donations (Irving Tissue), food donations (Kiwanis), and clothing and school supplies donations (Mark Jackson)
Thanks to everyone for your community spirit!

Door Decorating

SRS is having a door decorating contest to celebrate the festive season. Classes will design their door and make decorations in preparation for the afternoon **Monday, December 14th**. Classes will have one hour to decorate their doors followed by guest judges determining our best K-2 door and our best 3-5 door. Those two classes will receive a gift for their classroom. Students will then walk in their class bubbles for a Candy Cane Walk to enjoy each other's creations.

Holiday Concert

We have decided to postpone our concert due to Orange Phase in which students are not permitted to sing. Our original intention was to record each class, assemble the performances, and post the recorded concert on Microsoft Teams. We will opt for a Christmas In June celebration.

Our classes will be drawing another class for which to do (virtual) kind deeds during the last week of school.



Saint Rose School students were asked to paint "RUDOLPH" for the outdoor Christmas display at Doiron Sports on Greenhead Road.

Students had a lot of fun and the end result is amazing!

Be sure to stop by Doirions to see our students hard work on display!