

LE MESSENGER



ÉCOLE ST-SACREMENT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2023



SCHOOL MASS TOMORROW DEC 1ST WITH ARCHBISHOP MILLER AT 10:45

Please join us tomorrow for mass at 10:45 as we welcome Archbishop Miller to Blessed Sacrament Parish and School. Mass will be led by the grade 4 class and a spiritual bouquet will be presented on behalf of our students and staff. Archbishop Miller will also reside at the 5pm mass on Saturday.



FATHER GILBERT'S INSTALLATION MASS

On Sunday, December 3rd, at 10:30am, you are invited to the installation mass of Fr. Gilbert as our official parish pastor. We will be presenting Father Gilbert with his Official School Pastor Gear at that mass.



*God bless you and we look forward to gathering together.
Mme Mykyte, ESS staff and Parish Team*

MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE:

Please note there will be only one mass time on Sunday, Dec 3 at 10:30 am followed by a potluck reception in the gym. We ask for your help to put on a feast for all by bringing a dish to share (including serving utensils). All food items can be brought directly to the school gym. Kindly label all serving ware, so that these items can be returned upon pickup from the Parish. We are still in need of helping hands and volunteers to assist with a number of tasks on Dec 2nd & 3rd. Please log onto the [onvolunteer portal](#) for available positions. For families who are unable to attend but are interested in providing a food dish, please contact our Parish office 604-874-3636 or email: info@blessedsacramentvancouver.com

*Thank you to the families who have generously volunteered this weekend.
We appreciate your service and dedication to our parish and school.*



ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

NOW COLLECTING

Working together as a school, we want to share the warm spirit of Advent with those in need. We are looking for non-perishable food items, and we know our community is ready to rise to the challenge! Here are some guidelines: any food that is "shelf-stable" or non-perishable – you can keep it in your pantry and it won't go bad. And remember, only donate food that hasn't reached its "sell-by" date yet. Specifically, items like canned soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned stew, canned fish, canned beans, pasta and rice. **Christmas-wrapped boxes will be placed in each classroom.** Students can bring their food donations in their backpacks and place them in their respective class box. Thank you for supporting those in our community and in our city.



ADVENT BEGINS!

DECEMBER 3 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Remember to light your first candle this Sunday, December 3rd! [Read more](#) bout the Advent Wreath and the meaning of each candle at the end of this newsletter where you can find family prayers in English and French.



SAVE THE DATES!

December 3: First Sunday of Advent

December 5: Pick up Purdy's orders from the office at 3:00pm

December 7: Christmas-spirit wear (students can wear Christmas colours/outfits)

December 14: Pizza + PJs + hot coco day!

December 17: Student Choir at 11am mass and Seniors Luncheon @BSP

December 19: ESS Christmas Concert at 1:00pm in the gym (parents and family welcome)

December 21: Last day of school (Full day) + ASC, followed by the Advent Mass

December 21: Advent Mass 5:30pm @BSP

January 7: Epiphany play at BSP (practice starts in December!)



Check the parish website for the Christmas schedule, upcoming events & information about our parish and our community.



READ MORE 



SENIORS
Christmas Brunch

• **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17** •
• AFTER THE 11AM MASS •

All seniors are welcome to come for a luncheon served by the Parishioners, youth from Confirmation. Join us for a fun brunch with entertainment, music and a raffle!

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!!

SENIORS LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 17 - 11AM MASS

Inviting all grandparents and elderly friends to the annual Seniors Christmas Brunch at Blessed Sacrament Parish!



Christmas Winter Drive

Blessed Sacrament & Baby Go Round

Mon Dec 4 - Fri Dec 15

- Snowsuits
- Winter Jackets
- Snow Pants
- Fleece Jumpsuits
- Stroller Bags
- Baby Blankets

*all outerwear 0-24 months please
*new or gently used



VOLUNTEER CALL OUT!

ON DEC. 14, HELP US HAND OUT PIZZA & HOT CHOCOLATE TO OUR STUDENTS 12:00-1PM

SIGN UP ON THE PORTAL



EPIPHANY PLAY

JANUARY 7, 2023

Does your child wish to participate in this year's Epiphany performance at Blessed Sacrament Parish? All kids welcome! To register your child(ren) and for more information contact Vincent Tourvieille (parishioner + organizer) at jv@tourvieille.org or 604-366-5440.

Our ESS Choir will also be performing!

ESS PRESENTS
**A
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

December 19th, 2023 - 1:00pm
in the school gym

PARENTS WELCOME!



**ENTRANCE BY DONATION:
CASH OR CANS**



ADVENT MASS

**DECEMBER 21, 5:30PM - BLESSED SACRAMENT
PARISH**

Join us for our annual school Advent Mass on the last day of school, December 21 at 5:30pm. This is a beautiful community event. Please invite all family members!



CHESS CLUB

STARTING JANUARY 2024

More information about the club and how to sign up coming soon!



Thank you so much to each & every person who took part in the Festival d'Étoiles. It wouldn't have been a success without you!

And a special shout out to

The Planning Team

Cherrie, Christine H, Jewel, Marisol,
Priya, Sher, Pam S & Barb

The Adolfo Family

For making the ESS Bar + Cafe extra special

Sombilon Photography

+ All the volunteer photographers



THANK YOU
SO MUCH



FOR ORDERING PURDY'S CHOCOLATES
AND SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL - WE
SURPASSED OUR GOAL!

REMNINDER



The front of the school is a DROP-OFF ONLY zone in the morning. Please **park in the courtyard** if you wish to walk with your child.



It is crucial students arrive on time to school for their learning. They should **be in line** to come in before the 8:40am bell.



There is **no idling** in the courtyard. Kindly turn off your engine. Merci!



BLESSED SACRAMENT
SPIRIT WEAR



\$25 HAT



**\$60 ADULT SWEATSHIRT
\$50 YOUTH SWEATSHIRT**



\$20 TOQUE



\$20 SOCKS



**\$5 WATER
BOTTLE**

**Keep warm
in ESS gear!**

**AVAILABLE AT
THE OFFICE**

**WE ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS
AND CASH**



FREE THROW (9 - 14 YEAR OLDS)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please refer to the registration for the Free Throw competition **attached** in Mme Mykyte's email.

Knights of Columbus **COUNCIL #18018**

Free Throw Championship

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: **BLESSED SACRAMENT GYM**

Date: **JAN 12 - 12 PM** Time: _____

Sponsor: **COUNCIL #18018**

Contact: **NELSON BALITAAN**
604-809-5784

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

 **th In Action**  **Community**





À la bibliothèque ESS

Library News

The library has received a large number of donated books that will be shared with students before the Christmas break. Joyeux Noël et Bonne Lecture! ***Please check at home for overdue books. A current overdue list has been given to the classroom teachers.***

A total of 1310 books were circulated in November and 3634 books have been circulated since the start of the school year. Bravo!

What's Been Happening in the Library

Maternelle: We read J'aime les livres by Anthony Browne and talked about different book genres that are in the library. We did a survey of which is our favorite genre and comic books had the most votes!

1^{er} année: We read Cher Père Noël by Mary Packard and practiced our letter writing skills by sharing with Santa what we'd like this year.

2^e année: We wrapped up our author study of Robert Munsch by writing him letters and letting him know how much we love his books. These letters were sent by mail and we're all hoping to get a response.

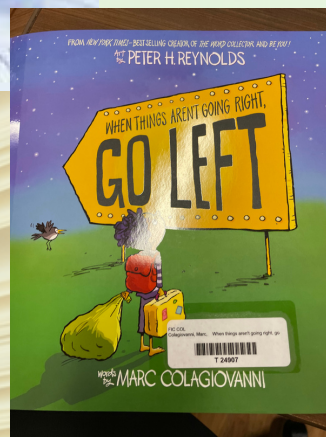
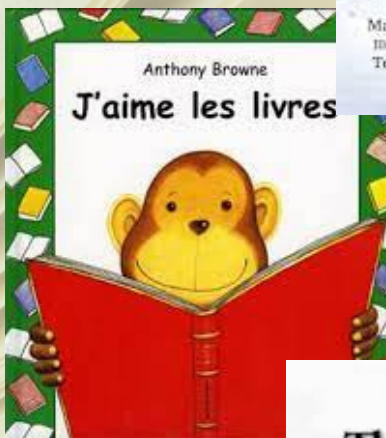
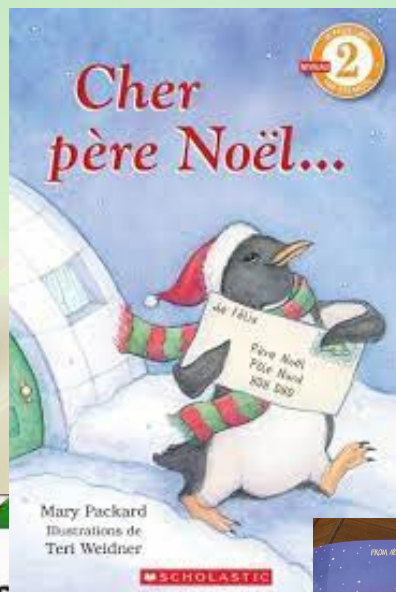
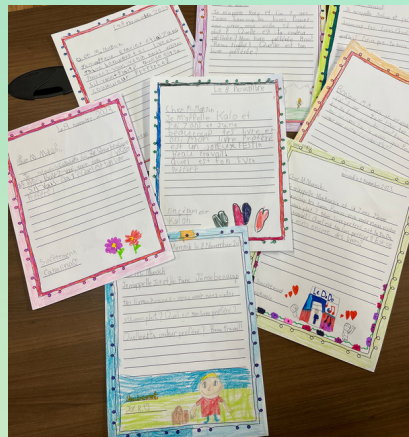
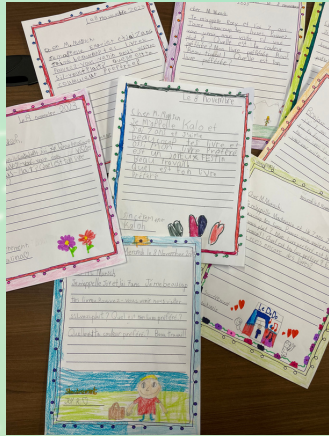
3^e année: We began exploring nonfiction books and observing how they are organized and how we can easily find information by using the table of contents, the index and the glossary.

4^e année: Our love of reading continues to be our focus as we continue writing and sharing our book reviews for French and English books.

5^e année: We reviewed how the library is organized, learned about the Dewey Decimal System, began discussing plagiarism and the importance of putting information in our own words.

6^e année: We began discussing the importance of the BC Core Competencies and connecting them with BC Coast Salish animals. This term the focus is on Communication. To help us better understand this competency we made connections with the wolf "who reminds us to listen to each other and work together as a team. Also that each member of the pack is important and has a role to play for the greater good. Strength comes from cooperating, listening with respect and sharing ideas." (The Six Cedar Trees by Margot Landahl and Celestine Aleck) Students will complete a self-evaluation which will go home when report cards are posted online.

7^e année: We worked on Social Emotional Learning by reading When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left by Marc Colagiovanni and Peter H. Reynolds. Our focus was on identifying our worries, doubts, fears, frustrations and reflecting on some positive strategies that will help us continue our journey and not give up when these feelings get too heavy.



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ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

Opening Prayer:

O GOD, BLESS THIS ADVENT WREATH.
MAY IT HELP US PREPARE TO WELCOME JESUS, YOUR SON,
INTO OUR LIVES.
MAY THE LIGHT OF HIS LOVE SHINE THROUGH US. AMEN.



WEEK 1- First Sunday of Advent (Light candle # 1) – *HOPE*

WE BELIEVE IN YOU, LORD.
WE KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP US
TO LOVE AND RESPECT EACH OTHER MORE.
YOU ARE OUR LIGHT,
THE LIGHT THAT OVERCOMES DARKNESS.
COME, LORD JESUS!

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 2 – Second Sunday of Advent (Light candles #1 & # 2) – *LOVE*

COME, LORD JESUS.
WARM OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR LOVE.
HELP US TO PREPARE FOR YOUR COMING.
HELP US TO SEE THE GOOD THINGS WE CAN DO.
HELP US TO SEE THE GOOD THINGS OTHERS DO.
COME, LORD JESUS!

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 3 – Gaudete Sunday (Light candles #1, #2, #3) – *JOY*

JESUS, WE WANT YOUR COMING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN HOW WE LIVE AND LOVE.
OPEN OUR HEARTS TO HEAR YOUR TELLING US
HOW WE CAN BRING PEACE AND JOY TO OTHERS.
COME, LORD JESUS!

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)

WEEK 4- Fourth Sunday of Advent (Light candles #1, #2, #3, #4) – *PEACE*

LORD JESUS,
QUIET THE WORRIES AND FEARS IN OUR HEARTS.
GIVE US YOUR PEACE.
THANK YOU FOR THE LIFE YOU SHARE WITH US.
HELP US TO SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH OTHERS.
COME, LORD JESUS!

(Pause for silent prayer. Share your good deeds)



BOUGIES DE L'AVENT

Durant le temps de l'Avent, nous pouvons allumer, chaque dimanche, une bougie.



Premier dimanche de l'Avent

"VEILLONS!"

Dieu peut venir
à notre rencontre
sous les traits
d'un tout petit...
Soyons attentifs!



Second dimanche de l'Avent

"PREPARONS-NOTRE COEUR!"

Dieu peut nous
aider à changer de
vie... Laissons-
nous transformer!



Troisième dimanche de l'Avent

"ACCUEILLONS L'ESPRIT SAINT!"

Il nous aidera à marcher
vers nos frères avec un
cœur tout rempli d'amour,
de paix, de joie,...!



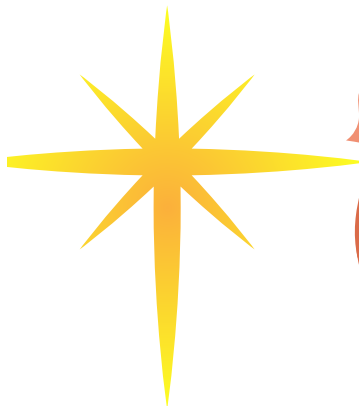
Quatrième dimanche de l'Avent

"AYONS TOUJOURS CONFIANCE!"

Dieu est fort! Nous pouvons toujours
compter sur lui! Osons Lui dire avec
Marie: "Que tout se passe en moi
selon Ta Parole!"



Fête de Noël



-->LA PREMIÈRE BOUGIE EST
SYMBOLE DU PARDON.
«DIEU PARDONNE DEPUIS LE
COMMENCEMENT ... ET
TOUJOURS!»

-->LA SECONDE BOUGIE EST LE
SYMBOLE DE LA FOI.
«DEPUIS LE PREMIER CROYANT,
C'EST UN PEUPLE IMMENSE QUI
NOUS PRÉCÈDE DANS LA FOI!»

-->LA TROISIÈME BOUGIE EST LE
SYMBOLE DE LA JOIE DE
L'ALLIANCE.
«AVEC DAVID, L'ALLIANCE EST
JOIE! AUJOURD'HUI, DIEU DÉSIRE
TOUJOURS NOTRE BONHEUR.»

-->LA QUATRIÈME BOUGIE EST LE
SYMBOLE D'UN RÈGNE DE
JUSTICE ET DE PAIX ANNONCÉ
PAR LES PROPHÈTES.
«JÉSUS VIT CE RÈGNE DE JUSTICE
ET DE PAIX! QUE FAISONS-NOUS
POUR LUI RESSEMBLER?»

