

LE MESSENGER



ÉCOLE ST-SACREMENT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2022



Principal's Message:

À nos chères familles d'ESS,

During this Advent season, let us "take time to be aware in the midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives." As Edward Hays says it best, "take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present."

I encourage you to treat this Christmas like the birthday of a family member remembering and thinking of the child Jesus. Decorate your house for Him. While cooking, bake him a birthday cake. While opening presents, recall, He is the best of all. During this time, we often reflect on what are some of our family traditions and let singing happy birthday Jesus be our new family tradition. If it is a tradition you already do, involve the children by having them do acts of charity: write a card or sing a carol for an elderly person, buy a present for a younger neighbourly child, make a donation to an organization in need, cook a dish for a new parent, prepare a food hamper bag to bring to church, make a fresh wreath and leave it at someone's door with a ribbon.

Most importantly, let us all **Act Christmas**: "It is easy to think of Christmas, and it is easy to believe Christmas, but it is hard to act Christmas."
(Anonymous)

Advent Blessings to all,
Mme Mykyte

THIS MONTH

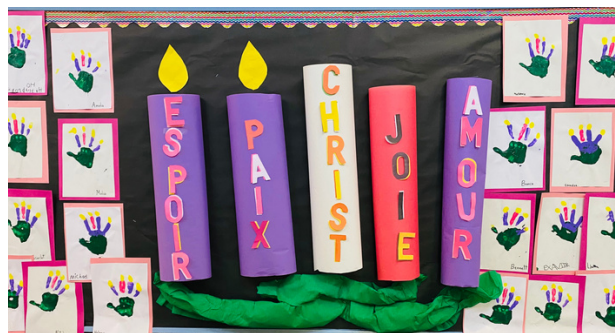
December 13: Report cards posted on MyEd - *please download your child(ren)'s report card(s)*

December 13: ESS Christmas Concert at 1:00pm in the gym parents welcome! **All students wear: uniform with Christmas festive headwear**

December 15: ESS Advent Mass at 5:30pm in the church ,everyone welcome! **All students wear: their Christmas best!**

December 16: Last day of classes, noon dismissal, no After School Care. **All students wear: Christmas sweaters**

January 4: School Re-opens



ADVENT CALENDARS

Advent has just begun and may God's blessings be yours during this season. You must have received the Advent Calendars with the students. We are hoping that these calendars will accompany them in this season of preparation plus, they can participate in the contest opportunity. Each day in the calendar, parents or adults can read with their child the short Scripture passage for the day and then encourage the child to do the task for the day. The tasks and Bible readings are classified into two age-appropriate categories: K-4 (primary) and grades 5 -7 (intermediate).



STUDENT RE-REGISTRATIONS

Re-registration Packages will be available on our website on Friday, December 9th. **Please note:**

- Due back by March 1, 2023
- New fillable forms! Download & fill out electronically
- Re-reg Fee (\$50) payable by EFT
- Email completed + signed forms to registrations@ess.vancouver.bc.ca, or submit in person
- **New:** Parish Information Form: each family must make an appointment with Fr. Gilbert to sign off on the form (no dropping off at the parish office)

More information in the Re-registration Package



ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

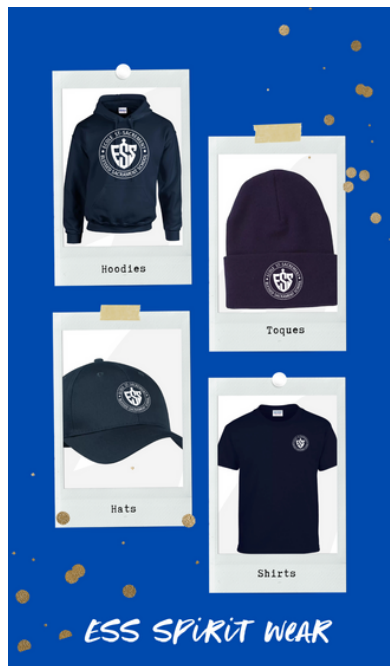
Working together as a school, we want to share the warm spirit of Advent with those in need. We are looking for an Elites push to bring in non-perishable food items, and we know our community is ready to rise to the challenge! Here are some guidelines: any food that is "shelf-stable" or nonperishable – 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 outside each classroom door. Students can bring their food donations in their backpacks and place them in their respective class box.**



\$1 RAFFLE!

\$1 raffle tickets for the **games + snacks basket**. Winner to be **announced on Dec 13th**, at the Christmas Concert. Students can buy tickets from their teachers or at the office.

Please take a moment to ensure that your child's name is on their uniform - please check for items coming home that may belong to other students.



ESS SPIRIT WEAR	
Hoodies, Adult	\$55
Hoodies, Youth	\$45
Shirts, Adult	\$30
Shirts, Youth	\$25
Hats	\$25
Toques	\$20

ESS SPIRIT WEAR SIZING

- Adult + youth hoodies
- Adult + youth shirts
- One size baseball hats
- One size toques

WHEN CAN WE WEAR SPIRIT WEAR

Wear the "Spirit Wear" to PE, on special days (such as walkathon, spirit days, etc), or on top of uniform (hoodies cannot be worn in place of school sweater).

HOW TO PURCHASE

For any questions or to place an order contact Barb, imackenzie000@gmail.com



ESS PANTS FOR GIRLS

NEAT Uniforms now carries pants for girls, and we have samples at the office! Feel free to stop by after school (after 3:05pm) to size-on a pair. Pants can be purchased in store or online.

WINTER UNIFORM

Girls' pants are a part of the winter uniform and can be worn from Thanksgiving until March (or after spring break - once the summer uniform comes into effect)

SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls can wear the skort or the regular tunic or kilt. Boys can wear shorts or pants. Summer Uniform starts after Spring Break.



SNOW DAYS AT SCHOOL

The days are cold, please remember to pack extra socks, gloves, hats and scarves! Students should have outdoor shoes that are able to withstand the weather. **Snow Day Closure:** a message will be sent out by 7am if school is closed - check your emails!

MERCI ! THANK YOU!

TO PARENT VOLUNTEERS **Merci!**



We would like to thank everyone who took part in our Christmas Market, [Marché de Noël](#). Thank you to all our volunteers for your time and dedication, the beautiful decorations and donations! Thank you also to everyone for coming out to support our community! *Congratulations* to all our raffle prize winners! [And, Santa Photos are available with your QR code! It will be sent this Friday.](#)



OPEN HOUSE VIDEO

We would like also like to extend heartfelt THANK YOU to the parents who recorded their testimonies for our Open House video! Thank You to Priya and Lily DeSilva, Marta Desta, Margaret Kotarska, Hudson, and Paulina Prokop. Your testimonies were well loved and appreciated by new parents who came out to our Kindergarten Open House.



SNOW SHOVELLING

We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to the parent volunteers who helped during the snow days! Merci a Mark Aleong, Marvin deCauwer, Mary Salaysay, Patrick Miranda, Ian Mykyte and Paolo & Xiang Davarda Gao.

If you're interested in helping out, please sign up on the volunteers portal. We would love to have 6 more volunteers!

WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS!

Back by popular demand is our
**'From the Heart' Silent
Auction!**

Save those unopened
Christmas gifts and get
a head start on
collecting items for
our ESS auction!

*More information
coming in early 2023.*

