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CCS NEWS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2011

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Advent is definitely my favourite time of year. It is so rich with meaning and opportunities for learning.

This Advent we have, of course, the very unique opportunity to develop a new appreciation for the Mass through the new translation of the Roman Missal. After this past Sunday I realized how hard it will be for me to change! One thing that really impressed me was how easy it has been for my kids to learn the new responses. I think we can all learn a lot from our kids in this regard.

Our kids can learn something very important from us during this Advent season: the virtue of patience.

Advent is all about waiting. Learning to wait is something that is too often missed in our society. Everything is instant: instant messaging, apps, Youtube, iTunes... All of these things (which are not bad things in and of themselves) promote a culture of instant gratification. Advent is an excellent time to teach the kids to wait. When our children grow up we want them to be people who can delay gratification. Short term pain for long term gain builds character and work ethic. Instant gratification creates selfishness, pettiness, and jealousy. Let us pray and work together to teach our kids to learn to wait this Advent season.



This newsletter contains loads of important information to help you make the most of this exciting month of December. Please don't forget to check our website often to get the latest information.

May God bless us and help us grow closer to Him as we await His coming this Advent season!

Jason Borowski

Upcoming Important Dates to Remember

For a full and updated calendar please visit our website ccsunit-ed.com

- Thursday, December 1
Scholastic Book Fair
9:00am Assembly - G1
3:00pm 3-Way Conferences
- Friday, December 2
Scholastic Book Fair NO
REGULAR CLASSES 3-
Way Conferences
- Saturday, December 3
Poinsettia Pick-Up
9:00am Parish Bazaar
9:00am Work Bee
- Thursday, December 8
9:00am Mass - G3/4
- Friday, December 9
Assembly - G3
- Saturday, December 10
4:30pm Feast of Our
Lady of Guadalupe
- Tuesday, December 13
Christmas Concert
- Wednesday, December
14 Non-Uniform Day
- Thursday, December 15
9:00am Advent Assembly
- Friday, December 16
Noon Dismissal
9:00am Food Bank
Mass - G7
- Monday, December 19
Christmas Break

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

Our fundraising theme this year is "technology". We are proud and excited to announce that 3 significant purchases have been made. We have purchased two I-pads for use by our Learning Support team. We have purchased two more digital document cameras for classroom use. Most significantly, we have purchased six SMART boards for classrooms throughout the school. This investment assures that our school will be leading the way in helping kids learn and grow in an increasingly technological connected world.



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FAMILY SERVICE HOURS 3 WAY CONFERENCES

Family Service Hours forms are due to the office by December 8th. Please have your form in on time and make sure the family name on your deposit cheque matches the name on your form. If your form is not in on time your cheque will have to be cashed.

3 Way Conferences take place this Thursday and Friday. Thursday is a regular school day with conferences beginning after school. There is no regular class on Friday, as appointments run throughout the morning. Childcare will be available.

BASKETBALL

Basketball season has begun. Athletes will be coming home with contracts and permission forms over the next few days. Please be sure to read the forms carefully, as they outline new expectations for the safe arrangement of transportation to and from games.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

You are invited to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Sat. Dec. 10. Bilingual Mass at 4:30 PM with a fiesta to follow. Tickets are available at the Parish Office. \$15/adults, \$10/children 6-12 yrs old, 5 & under FREE. Please join us!

WORK BEE

Our final work bee for this current "Family Service Hours" period is on Saturday, December 3rd. Please remember that all families are required to do at least 3 "maintenance" hours, so this may be your last, best chance to get them done. Thanks for your help!

BOOK FAIR

Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place from November 30th to December 2nd. Please stop by the library to find some early Christmas gifts. Every dollar you spend helps to buy new books for the school.

PRO-LIFE MOVIE DAY

Bring your children and grandchildren to the Surrey-Delta Pro-Life FAMILY MOVIE EVENT on Tuesday, December 27th at 10.30am at The Clova Cinema - 5732 176 Street, Cloverdale. Bring your own popcorn and beverage containers and only pay the re-fill price! Movie tickets are \$5 each and we will know one week in advance which family movie we will be watching. Tickets are limited, so please call our office at 604-574-0225 or email us at sdpro-life@telus.net to get yours today! Support your local pro-life group to raise funds to help spread the message of LIFE!

PARISH BAZAAR

Join us on Saturday, December 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm for a great community event for the whole family! Returning this year is our pancake breakfast hosted by our Knights of Columbus, the White Elephant tables, St. Theresa's Circle's bake table, CWL raffle, Prayer Group used book table, CCS student crafts, children's games, charity tree, craft tables & performances from our CCS band class & choir. St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepting nonperishable food items in lieu of admission. See you there!

DRESS REHEARSAL

Monday, December 12 will be a dress rehearsal for the Christmas concert. Your child's teacher will send home information about what they are to wear.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Our school is once again continuing with the tradition of Christmas Shoe Boxes. You will already have received a notice outlining what each class is contributing. Please send in those items as time is running out before Christmas.

RC CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our RC Challenge Team. The "Dragon Slayers" finished 3rd at the recent championship held in Coquitlam. Thank you to Noah, Juliana, Niamh, Jaden, Mr. Walters, Mrs. Squires and all parents for their participation.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Christmas Concert this year promises to warm your heart. The classes have been preparing for weeks already and the band is ready to go. We will have two performances on Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30pm and 7pm.

CARNIVALE

The CCS Staff are excited to announce our Carnivale! On Tuesday, February 21st we will have a fun evening of French activities including a performance by world famous children's performer... Better not spoil the surprise (ask Miss V. if you are curious).