

"Imparting the spirit through education"

Believe, love, act - "The greatest among you will be your servant." (Mt. 23:11)

December 2011 Newsletter

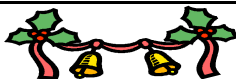
"Patience"



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Merry Christmas Immaculate Conception



During the month of December, in the time of Advent, we will reflect on the virtue of PATIENCE. Patience is the ability to wait calmly without complaining. Patience is a learned and valuable virtue. This month, patience will be reinforced and taught through prayer, reflection, and classroom activities. We are all "plugged in" to the modern fast-paced world - a pace that can be overwhelming. As Christmas nears, the pace of life seems to speed up, presenting us with the perfect opportunity to slow down and be patient. As a school we will build a sense of quiet as we prepare our hearts for the coming of baby Jesus. We will also be reminded of how patient God is with us. This season, make it a point to look for signs of patience as you go about your busy day, the loving mother with a tired toddler, the proud grandfather with a distracted grandchild, a smiling care giver with an elderly resident. These individuals are guideposts, beacons, for us all. The staff and I would like to extend to you our heartfelt wishes to have a blessed, safe, relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday.

Principal - Mrs. Donna Ball
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Trustee - Mrs. Christine Dunn
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Skating dates for January and February (Grades 1-8)

Please mark these dates on your calendars—Friday, January 27th & Friday, February 17th. The Catholic School Council is paying for the ice time and the buses again!



Christmas Holidays

Last day of classes is Friday, Dec. 23 (Regular dismissal)
Classes begin again on Monday, Jan. 9th. Have a great break!

Family Advent Mass - Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Church

Each class will be involved in one aspect of this celebration, whether by active involvement at the liturgy or by contributing art work, etc. to enhance our celebration. We want to create a respectful and reverent atmosphere during Mass therefore we ask you not to take pictures or applaud until the Mass has ended. We hope to see all of you there!



To Grade 8's and Parents: The Grade 8/New Registrant Information Evening for Parents will be held Wednesday, January 18th, 2012 starting at 6:45 pm. in the cafeteria at St. Peter's Secondary School.

Hot Lunch Dates in December

Pizza prices have been lowered!!

Wednesday, Dec 7th—cheese or pepperoni pizza slices—\$1.50 each—milk available for \$1 each

Thursday, December 15th—cheese or pepperoni pizza slices—\$1.50 each & milk available for \$1 each

Thursday, Dec. 22nd—Sub Lunch—\$4

Immaculate Conception School Christmas Food Drive (Dec. 1—Dec. 20)

We will be conducting a food drive during the month of December. This is an opportunity to help those people in our community less fortunate than ourselves. Students are asked to bring non-perishable items to school. All donations are kindly and gratefully accepted. We hope to assemble abundant and beautiful hampers that will make someone's Christmas Season a happier one.



Inclement Weather - Snow Days

Things you need to know:

- * Our bus #'s are 695B, 697 & 634
- * Local radio stations (101.5 FM, 105.1 FM, 980 AM, and 1420 AM) provide cancellation information
- * The Transportation website lists cancellations by school. **Go to www.stsco.ca.**
- * **Busses which do not run in the morning will not run in the afternoon. If you choose to bring your child to school you must also pick him/her up.**
- * Should a "Snow Day" occur on a scheduled "Pizza Day" the hot lunch program will be cancelled. If in doubt - send a lunch.
- * **If your child's bus is cancelled you do not need to call to report absence.**



Cold Weather Clothing



Warm hats and gloves are always recommended as the seasons change and the colder weather arrives. Try to avoid drawstrings, long scarves and long hats which could get caught in playground equipment. Please label coats and boots. Many students in the school have identical items.

If you find clothing at home that does not belong to you, return it to the school as quickly as possible.

Curling—Grade 7 students

The Grade 7 class will be participating in a short term curling program. This program will consist of 4 visits to the Peterborough Curling Club and a single orientation period at the school prior to the on site visits. The dates are all Thursdays - Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2nd, 2012.

New Roman Missal

On November 27th, the First Sunday of Advent, our Catholic Mass sounded a little different. We are now using a newly revised Roman Missal during the Mass. The Roman Missal contains the order of the mass, or the way we celebrate Holy Eucharist, with all its accompanying prayers and responses. The third edition of the Roman Missal contains the same Order of the mass that was promulgated after the Second Vatican Council. For more information on the changes to the mass, visit:

<http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/newmissal.php> or The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.CCCB.ca

Youth Sports Concussion Program (YSCP)

Our school has been chosen to be one of the initial PVNCCDSB participants in this groundbreaking program. The program has been created to develop and implement best practices in the assessment, treatment and prevention of concussions in youth from the ages of 10 right through until high school graduation. An essential part of the YSCP is the on-line Computerized Cognitive Assessment Tool (CCAT). This will create a baseline measurement which captures cognitive functioning. Repeating the same tasks after injury identifies any cognitive changes which will assist healthcare providers in clinical diagnosis and treatment plans.

In order for your child to participate in this program an email address will be required for on-line registration purposes.

On Monday, December 5th at 1:15 pm we will have an information meeting in the gym. You are welcome to attend. Consent forms will be going home that day and the actual screening tool will be used on Friday, December 16th.

If you would like to preview the CCAT, please visit www.yscp.ca for your free trial.


News from Immaculate Conception Church **Keep Christ in Christmas**—We will be lighting the crib at Immaculate Conception Church on Dec. 6th at 7 pm. Everyone is invited, bring your family & friends. Coffee and cake will be served in the hall after. Knights of Columbus around the world will be lighting cribs on this date.

Christmas Bake Sale—After all the Masses and before the Polish Mass on Dec. 3rd and 4th—come out & stock up on your Christmas Baking!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>Nov 28</i></p> <p>Advent Ceremony at 9:05 am</p>			<p>1 Christmas Food Drive begins -</p> 	2	3
4	<p>5 Advent Ceremony at 9:05 am; Confessions —10 am</p>	<p>6 Gr 8 trip to SPSS (AM); Set up for Santa Shop after school</p>	<p>7 Rosary Apostolate (AM); Santa Shop in gym ; Pizza \$1.50 / slice; milk— \$1 ea</p>	<p>8 Santa Shop in gym; <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i></p>	9	10
11	<p>12 Advent Ceremony at 9:05 am</p>	<p>13 Gr 1 –3 (Beauty and the Beast)</p>	<p>14 Popcorn for sale—\$1</p>	<p>15 Pizza Day— \$1.50 per slice & milk available—\$1 ; (Gr 4-7) (Beauty & the Beast)</p>	<p>16 <i>CCAT in Library—AM</i></p>	17
18	<p>19 Advent Ceremony at 9:05 am</p>	<p>20 Food Drive ends; Family Advent Mass - 7pm at Immac Conception Church</p>	<p>21 Popcorn for sale—\$1; Gr 8 Potluck Luncheon</p>	<p>22 Last day for Breakfast Club; Sub Lunch</p>	<p>23 Last Day of Classes! Regular Dismissal</p>	24
<p>25</p> 	<p>26 Christmas Holidays</p>	<p>27 Christmas Holidays</p>	<p>28 Christmas Holidays</p>	<p>29 Christmas Holidays</p>	<p>30 Classes begin again on Monday January 9th!</p>	31