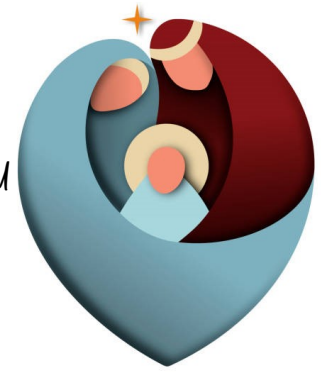




Christmas 2023



And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for I bring to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10-11



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that the Christmas season is already upon us. While in the midst of the holiday hustle and bustle, it is important to remember the reason for the season—the birth of our Lord, Jesus. To continue following in his footsteps, check out the list below for ways we will be giving back to our local community.

- * Once again, we have partnered with St. Margaret Mary Church to collect gift cards to local retailers (Fortino's Wal-Mart, Shopper's Drug Mart, etc) for families in our community. Please note that in addition to the gift cards mentioned, we are also collecting for specific gender/age groups: adult parents, teenage girl; 14 and 7 year old boys; 9 and 7 year old girls.
- * We will also be collecting donations for the York Region Police Holiday Heroes campaign. Possible donations include: a new unwrapped toy, hats, mittens, scarves, toiletries, and non-perishable food items. YRP also accepts gift cards.

As an added incentive, every time you bring in a donation, your name will be entered in a raffle for your chance to win great prizes ranging from an additional civvies day, a sweet treat or a gift card to McDonald's! The raffles will take place daily from December 18th-22nd. We will be collecting donations beginning

Monday December 4th through to Friday December 15th.

Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Spirit Days

Our annual Teacher vs. Student Volleyball Festive Classic is back! On Tuesday December 5th, you can cheer on the teachers or the Boys' and Girls' Intermediate volleyball teams in this classic event.

Holiday themed vanilla cookies will be on sale every Friday in December. Get yours while they last!

Check out the calendar on the next page for activities and themes on select days in December.



Sweet Treats

Beginning Monday December 4th, we have some treats for you! Send someone special a Santa Gram; they're only \$1 and on sale for a limited time. Don't delay and purchase your Santa Gram by Friday December 15th.

Once again, a jar full of holly jolly candy will be making its way around the school. Each guess is \$0.25—guess the closest without going over and the candy is yours! Deliveries will be made Tuesday December 19th.



Calendar of Events



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>4</p> <p>* Donation Drive begins this week!</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>* Student vs. Teacher Volleyball Game—Junior and Intermediate students only (\$2 donation)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>CONTINUE TO BRING IN DONATIONS FOR ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH AND YORK REGION POLICE. WE CAN DO IT! SMM HAS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>* Last day to bring donations</p>	<p>15</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>* Advent Mass (10 am—gym)</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>* Holly Jolly or Warm PJs Day</p> <p>* Story Time With Santa (Primary Classes only)</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>* Holiday/Winter Hat Day</p> <p>* Jingle Your Bells at the Christmas Sing Along (10 am—gym)</p> <p>* Santa Grams Delivered</p>	<p>21</p> <p>* Ugly/Warm Sweater Day</p> <p>* Movie Day</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>* Snowball Dance (Grades 6-8)</p> 

