

# SCHOOL NEWS

ST FRANCIS

December 2018

## Principal's Message:

December is upon us! It is a very special and sacred month. Advent, is a time of waiting, is filled with many activities and events that lead us to our most precious day, the birth of Jesus. Christmas Day is a day to celebrate and enjoy family and friends. The warmth of the season, as well as the hustle and bustle has begun! I hope that you will join us for our Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Parish on December 6th at 10:30 a.m. and for our Christmas concert on December 21 at 1:30 p.m.. in our gymnasium. We are excited to highlight the talents of our students during these events! Let us remember the true meaning of Christmas and reflect on the spirit of giving. We will be supporting the local Food Bank at our evening with Santa. Kindly bring a non perishable item. When we return in the New Year, I hope we will be all rested and rejuvenated. Thank you for your continued support at St.Francis Catholic School and I wish all of you a Happy and Holy Christmas.

## Advent Mass

Advent mass will take place at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Parish on December 6th followed by a turkey luncheon for our students at 11:30 p.m.

## Dismissal for the Christmas Break

Students will be dismissed at the regular time (3:05 pm) on Friday, December 21, 2018. School will resume at the regular time (8:40 am) on Monday, January 7, 2019.

## Visitor Sign-In

*To ensure the safety and security of our students, we all visitors to adhere to the sign-in protocol. Please stop by the office upon arrival and sign yourself into our **Visitor Registry Book**, don't forget to sign out on your departure.*

## Save the Dates

- Mass and Turkey Luncheon - Dec 6th Holy Name of Jesus
- Holeyfest - Dec 5th - 7 pm Capital Centre
- Dec 12th - 5 pm StoryTime with Santa. Bring non perishable item for food bank
- Dec10th - Movie The Grinch at Galaxy Cinemas
- Dec 14th - Elf Day - dress as your favourite elf
- Dec 21st - 1.30 pm - Annual Christmas concert



## Remembrance Day Celebration 2018

### Haleyfest

Haleyfest is an annual event organized to raise money for the North Bay and area Santa fund. Choirs from schools in the area will be performing to a sold out audience, so be sure to get there early! Hayleyfest will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Capitol Centre. More information for choir members will be sent home in a letter.

### Inclement Weather

If the buses have been cancelled due to inclement weather and you bring your child to school, please ensure that there is a teacher or staff member at the school to receive your child. If the weather is severe, the teachers may be delayed in arriving at school as well. The staff will make every effort to ensure the safety of your child. As always, if the buses are not running and you send your child to school, you must make arrangements to pick them up at 3:05 p.m. Now that colder weather is upon us, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately with hats, mitts, boots and coats. It may also be a wise idea to send along extra items such as Mittens, Hats, Socks and Pants.

### It Pays to Plan for a Child's Education

To help save for a child's future studies, the Government of Canada provides two education savings incentives, which are deposited into a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP):

- 1) The Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG)
- 2) The Canada Learning Bond (CLB)

For additional information on RESPs, the CESG, and the CLB, please pick-up a poster at your school's office or visit [Canada.ca/education-savings](http://Canada.ca/education-savings)



## St. Francis Skate-A-Thon

### Story Time with Santa:

On December 12th, 5:00-7:00 p.m., the students are welcome to attend an evening with Santa. The children are invited to wear their Christmas pyjamas, listen to a few stories read by Santa sip on some hot chocolate and enjoy some delicious cookies. We will also have a guitarist performing and singing songs. **Please bring a donation of a non perishable food item for the North Bay Food Bank.**

### Annual Christmas Concert:

The students of St. Francis are working diligently on our Annual Christmas Concert! The concert will take place on Friday, December 21st at 1.30 p.m. Make sure to mark your calendar and we hope you can join us.

### Early French Immersion Kindergarten Night:

Parents and guardians interested in learning more about French Immersion for their child entering JK or SK in September 2019 are invited to attend an information session. For North Bay families: Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Cross School, 602 Lakeheights Road, North Bay. For Callander and area families: Thursday, January 18 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Theresa School, 1475 Main Street North, Callander.

**Free childcare and refreshments provided! Kindly RSVP to 705-472-1201 x 31213**

## Virtue of the Month:

### Patience

During the month of December, in the time of Advent, our school will reflect on the virtue of PATIENCE- 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.

### Catholic School Advisory Council

Our next Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) will be identified in the newsletter for January.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 Haleyfest at Capital Centre 	6 10.30 a.m. Mass & Turkey luncheon - Holy Name	7	8
9	10 Movie at Galaxy Cinema At 9:30	11	12. Storytime with Santa at 5:00 p.m. Food bank donation 	13	14 Elf Day 	15
16	17	18	19 	20	21 1.30 p.m. Christmas concert <b>Last Day of School</b>	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26 	27	28	29
30	31					