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School Mission: Our mission is to provide a quality education which embodies the Catholic Faith principles of nurturing, acceptance, respect, joy, and love.

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Dear Parents,

The beautiful and rich traditions of the Advent and Christmas season are upon us. We focus on the time of waiting and journey along with Mary and Joseph as they learn of the upcoming birth of Jesus and journey towards Bethlehem. The story of the Annunciation matches well with the name of our school dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Mary! As we journey together in the 'Light of Christ', may His light shine bright for all of us in the darkness. May we all unite and celebrate with our families and friends and prepare for His coming. Hopefully the Advent season of "waiting" will bring us to Christmas with a joy in our hearts to share with one another.

We thank our students and staff for their flexibility as the junior high students have moved into online learning and the elementary classes will plan to join them for online for the week of January 4—8. It was sad to see the junior high students all packing up last Friday as they prepared to make the shift.

Many of our traditional events for December will not be happening as usual. Our Christmas play /concert will not be going ahead, but Mr. Lewis (with the Performing arts academy) and Ms. Bulman (our music teacher) will be sharing the work they do virtually with parents. Our Mount Carmel Classic Hockey game will try and go ahead in the spring if restrictions allow at that time. It is such a tradition at this school and the players look forward to that time to play before the whole school. All of the social justice projects and collections we associated with these activities will be delayed until we are all back together at school.

On behalf of all the Our Lady of Mount Carmel staff, we would like to wish all our students and families a very Merry Christmas and Blessed 2021.

Mr. Pat Lema Principal

Mr. Neil Hutchinson Assistant Principal



School Council News

Thanks to Mount Carmel teachers for the quick turn around on the **Art Card Projects!** You have until **December 5** to order. This will ensure they're back before we break for holidays!

Bottle Drive:

We will be collecting bottles, pop cans, and milk jugs over the months of December and January. You can drop these off anytime during school hours at the front entrance. Proceeds will go to support renovations and repairs in the playground.

Thanks for a great start to the entire OLMC family. May God bless and keep you and yours healthy and well throughout the year. Merry Christmas.

Next School Council meeting will be on January 19, 2021

Community News

We are looking for 500 responses to this simple question. "Would you buy an annual membership to Rollie Miles Rec Centre when it is built?"

If you can please spare 2 minutes of your time to **respond before December 3**, you can help us keep important recreation facilities in our neighbourhood! Community volunteers are currently working hard to convince Edmonton City Council to keep Scona Pool open and to get started on building its replacement, the Rollie Miles Rec Centre. On December 3, City Council will decide whether to fund the design of the Rollie Miles Rec Centre (concept has already been approved; construction funding comes later) and continued operations of Scona Pool until Rollie Miles is built.

Here is the link to respond, as well as 3 other super quick actions you can take:

1. **ANSWER THIS QUESTION** about Rollie Miles Rec Centre - [Would you buy an annual membership?](#)
2. **FILL IN** the [Community Recreation Survey](#) re: potential closures of Scona Pool & Tipton Arena + Rollie Miles is unfunded
3. **VISIT** the [QAAC website](#) with background information and resources for how to **write a great letter to City Council** or [sign up](#) to **speak at City Hall** next week
4. **FORWARD** this email to your networks. It's really important we get lots of responses!

Thank you!

- Thanks to all the families who connected with their child's teachers during our Parent Teacher interviews. We had a good turnout of people who connected online to get an update on where your child is at and looking at goals for this next term.
- Thanks to all parents for getting payments in on PowerSchool for the 2020 school year. Please check your account if you have not recently.
- Thanks to the School Council who provided lunch to our staff for the Thursday during conferences. We appreciate you!
- Thanks to everyone for ongoing support through this year where everything is changing. As we adjust to each new rule, I have been proud of how the students have done so well in adapting.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
 6 Second Sunday Of Advent 	7	8	9 Poinsettia pick-up day	10 Papa John's Piz-za night –order and support our school	11	12
					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Go to papajohns.ca Use Promo Code: OLMC25 for 25% off! </div> 	
13 Third Sunday Of Advent   	14 Wear a Christmas hat 	15 Wear Green and Red or a Christmas sweater 	16 Wear an ornament or two (or more)! 	17 Full Day of School— Dismiss at 2:55 Wear black/yellow or OLMC clothes!	18 Half Day of School – Dismiss at 12:00 noon Pajama day!	19 Christmas Vacation begins
 20 Fourth Sunday Of Advent  	21 Christmas Vacation	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 	26
27	28 Christmas Vacation	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1	Jan 2

School resumes January 4. For the week of January 4—8 all classes will be online. The plan is to return to in-class in-person learning on January 11.