



ST. MONICA CATHOLIC SCHOOL • EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

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Dear Parents,

Advent is upon us! This is a time to prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Christ child. The season of Advent reminds us to focus on renewing our relationship with God who shares His love and saving grace with us by giving us his only son, Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of hope, love, joy and peace as we prepare for the Baby Jesus' arrival. We wish you a blessed and peace filled Advent!



Thank you so much for participating in our Demonstration of Learning. We hope that your "virtual peek" into the classroom learning as well as the conversations with teachers, gave you a clearer understanding of the learning taking place and your child's successes to date. Please continue to be in contact with your child's teacher if you have further questions. Sharing all that is happening in our classrooms provides everyone with an amazing opportunity to have a little window into the learning that is occurring within our learning environments.



Social Justice Project

During December we will be collecting snacks, such as granola bars, fruit cups, etc. The snacks we collect will support the snack program for our friends in 100 Voices at Ben Calf Robe-St. Clare School. All donations will be collected under the Christmas tree in the Wonder Space at St. Monica and in the classroom at the Zoo.

NEW Handicapped Parking at St. Monica



You may have noticed that we have a new handicapped parking zone along the sidewalk in our turn around/parking lot. In an effort to make our school more accessible for all of our families, we have moved our Handicapped Parking. We ask that you please leave this area for those who require this space to safely get our children with wheelchairs and walkers to school safely.



Covid-19 – Alberta Health Daily Checklist (for children under 18)

Thank you for continuing to be diligent about keeping your child at home when they are sick. This helps to keep our school a safe place for everyone.

A daily health checklist is available through Alberta Health Services. You can access it [here](#).





Nativity Projects

Our Learning Coach, Mrs. Carly McAvoy and our Early Learning Consultant, Mrs. Camille Roth, have been working with our students to create a loose parts Nativity at St. Monica. The students glued loose parts onto cardboard shapes to create the stable, Mary and Joseph, and the star. Using tape and paint, the students created the trees that were used to decorate around our Nativity. The final product has provided our students with a wonderful little space to retell the Christmas Story.

The students in our 100 Voices program at the Zoo are working on a very exciting Nativity project as well. They have been busy working on their own retelling of the Christmas Story and we can't wait to share the final product with everyone once it is completed!

Christmas Break

Christmas Break will take place from December 17 – January 3, 2022, during this time there will be no classes. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. We wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Important Dates

- ❖ Thursday, December 16 – Pajama Day
- ❖ Thursday, December 16 – **School for 100 Voices** – students will come to school at their regular time.
- ❖ Friday, December 17 – **No Classes** for 100 Voices
- ❖ Friday, December 17 – Monday, January 3 – Christmas Break – No School
- ❖ Tuesday, January 4, 2022 – Welcome Back! Classes Resume



We wish Advent Blessings from our entire 100 Voices staff.
Take care and be well.

Sincerely,

Michele Wedemire, Principal

Tara Pev, Assistant Principal