



## MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

### DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021



#### THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS UPON US!

It is during this special liturgical season that we wait in joyful hope to receive Jesus as if he is coming to us for the first time. Advent is expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation, and joyful preparation as we welcome God into our lives and await the celebration of Jesus' birth. We are also reminded during this season that there can be joy in waiting.

This Advent, let us add meaning to our waiting by committing to extra time in prayer, being patient with our family, speaking gently to other, being kind to ourselves, having patience with what we cannot control, and as always...continuing to believe that God's plan is the best plan. As we navigate this pandemic, may we remember the absolute tenderness and perpetual closeness of our Lord.

Heavenly Father, we trust you are with us in this time of worry and uncertainty as we continue to pray for an end to this pandemic. Whisper your words of comfort, encouragement, and hope to replace thoughts of dismay, anxiousness, and despair. Dear Lord, draw close to those who are sick, suffering or living in fear. Care for them, protect and uplift them.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

*On behalf of the entire St. Pius X staff, we wish to extend our best wishes to our families for a safe and blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with hope, love, joy, peace, and good health. May the blessings of this holy season be with you always.*



Mrs. T. Sauer – Assistant Principal  
Mrs. P. Binassi-D'Amours - Principal

#### COVID-19 GUIDELINES

It is expected that all stakeholders are familiar with, and adhere to, the **ECSD Re-entry Handbook** which is regularly updated by the Division. [The ECSD Re-entry Handbook](#)

#### DAILY SELF ASSESSMENT

**Parents/caregivers must assess their child for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 every day before sending them to school.** Staff will assess themselves daily for the same symptoms.

Any student/staff/parent/guardian who enters the school grounds or school building must complete a daily self assessments: [healthassessmentchecklist](#).

**\* Any person who selects "yes" on any of the screening questions will not be permitted to enter the school, pending testing/results for COVID-19.**

#### ASSESSMENT AND LEARNING: QUARTER 1/TERM 1 & 2

Thank you to all who participated in meetings with their child's/children's teacher(s) on November 26<sup>th</sup>. This provided both families and teachers an opportunity to discuss student successes and areas for growth. Please continue to access PowerSchool throughout the year to oversee your child's/children's academic progress. There will be another opportunity to celebrate your child's learning in March.

Please Note: Report Cards are no longer issued in November and March. Instead, you may access Progress Reports on PowerSchool which will include assessments of student learner skills and a summary level of achievement (beginning, approaching, proficient, exemplary) for each curricular learner outcome assessed during the term. **Progress Reports will be available on January 29, 2021 and June 25, 2021.**

### **BUS PASSES/FEES**

Reminder: bus pass fees are **\$35.00 per child due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month**. Please note that all fees are to be paid through PowerSchool.

### **SCHOOL FEES: 2020-2021**

Please note the following School Fees – in effect as of November 1, 2020 (based on September 2 learning stance choice and November 10 learning stance choice):

Kindergarten – **At school: \$16.00**

Kindergarten – **Online: \$12.00**

Grades 1-6 – **At School: \$36.00**

Grades 1-6 – **Online: \$18.00**

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### **CHANGES TO DATES AND TIMES**

- Thursday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** is a **full day** of instruction – dismissal at 3:00 P.M.
- Friday, **December 18<sup>th</sup>** is a **half day** of instruction – dismissal at 11:56 A.M.
- \* Classes resume Monday, **January 4, 2021** – for **ONLINE learning**
- \* Classes resume Monday, **January 11, 2021** – for **IN SCHOOL learning**

### **GO AUTO FUELS THE SCHOOLS**

We are very grateful to Go Auto for supporting our school community through the provision of delicious **free lunches for our students every Monday**. Lunch menus vary from week to week. Should you want to send additional or alternative lunch options for your child, please do so as there are no provisions or substitutions for students with food allergies or food preferences.

### **2021-2022 NEW REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations are to be completed online for the upcoming school year. **Please locate the new 2021-2022 registration document at [ecsd.net](http://ecsd.net) in January 2021.**

Note: Kindergarten students must turn 5 on or before December 31, 2021.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, and also ensure that outer clothing and boots are labeled. The staff at St. Pius X Catholic School is attentive to changing weather conditions and adheres to the ECSD Weather Policy which suggests that students remain indoors if the temperature is - 20° C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor are **-20° C or colder**. Please ensure that your child is properly dressed for inclement weather.