



Nursery News December 2017



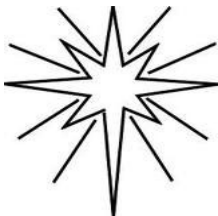
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Merry Christmas



A very Merry Christmas to all, and a safe and happy Holiday Season. We would like to remind you that we will be closed for the holidays from **Monday, December 25th to Friday January 5th** inclusively. The school will be open again on **Monday, January 8th, 2018**



Have a happy New Year!

Over the Christmas Break– please feel free to take your child's portfolio home to share with family members. You can also add photos from Christmas into your child's book so they can share their Christmas when they return to school.

Christmas Family Fun Night



Christmas Family Fun Night is almost here!

Just a reminder that our annual Christmas Family Fun Night is on **Monday December 11th from 6:00pm - 7:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. (Located on the main floor of the church.)

This night is an event for your whole family, and all are welcome to join us. We celebrate with crafts, a festive photo booth and holiday singing! Alison Casganette from Music Makers will be here to lead us in singing Christmas carols.

We will be providing apples, clementines and water to drink for the evening, so please eat dinner before you arrive.

No sign up required, just come and enjoy the festivities. We hope to see you here! If you have attended previous years at our Christmas Event and your child still has their mini Christmas Tree, you are welcome to bring it back that night to reuse.

You may enter through the glass doors at the back of the Church.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 15th here at St. John's. Copies of our AGM report are available for parents just outside the office door.

Date Night

We had a great Date night back in November. We hope all the parents had as much fun without their children, as the children had without their parents! The planning and excitement that went into this event was well worth it, as the school was able to raise **\$1000.00!** Thanks to all families for your continued support. Thank you to all the teachers for donating their time that evening. We plan to put the funds towards new equipment for our gym.

Poinsettia Fundraiser

We had a great response to our poinsettia fundraiser. Thank you for your support.

Poinsettias will be delivered on Monday December 4th. They will be ready for pick up between 9:30am - 4:30pm. Please arrange to pick up your flowers on that day, as we don't have room to store the plants overnight.



The Owl and Monkey groups will also be delivering poinsettia plants to the senior residents at Luther Manor on that Monday morning. Teachers will ask you to sign a consent allowing your child to participate. We will also need parent-volunteers to help us with this small field-trip. Please contact [Christine](#) if you are able to join us.

Season of Giving

It's that time of year again when many of us realize how fortunate we are, and it's a time to give to other families who need support during this season. As a St. John's community we want to foster that value of giving to others less fortunate and it sometimes starts with something small, but all together we can make a difference.

St. John's has committed to sponsor a family who is part of our St. John's Community for the Christmas Season. The family we are sponsoring has 3 boys aged 8, 6, 4. Two of the children have been diagnosed with Autism. Dad has been out of work due to medical issues. Mom needs to stay at home to support her boy's needs. And grandpa helps the family driving the boys to school and appointments.

You may have noticed a tree on the bulletin board in the hallway. On this tree are many of the items the family needs and/or wants for Christmas. If you are able to get any of the items, please take the post it off the board and bring the item back to school **unwrapped with the post it attached to the item.**

We will also accept cash donations that we can put towards some of the bigger items wanted. Anything will be accepted as everything helps.

Please return purchased items or bring any cash donations back to the office by **Friday December 15th**. Our volunteer Doreen will then wrap all the gifts. This is a wonderful way to share the Christmas spirit.

Reminder

As the colder weather is here, please be sure to bring the appropriate winter gear for your child every day, as we do try and get outside most days. Also, please label all your child's winter gear, as it's very hard for teachers to distinguish whose items are whose when it's all laid out in the hallway.

The blue sign by our door will indicate if toddlers are playing inside based on the temperature. For Monkey and Owl groups we won't post a sign, as even if temperature is cold at 8:30 it might warm up by 10:30 or by the afternoon.

Please always send appropriate winter gear.

Facebook Groups

Our new closed Facebook Groups for each classroom are up and running. The teachers post regularly in these groups things happening in the classroom. These individual classroom pages are closed and anyone who asks to join must answer a security question before they are approved to join. If you previously said no to your child being on Facebook, but would like your child to be on the closed page, speak to Christine. We can change your child's permission to include them on the closed Facebook page for their classroom, but still be excluded from our open page.

Spaces Available

Are you looking to increase your child's enrollment in the new year? Please speak to Christine as we still have some limited spaces available.

Toddler is full.

Monkey group has 2 spots available on Monday AM.

Owl has 2 spots left Friday AM or you can top up to a 6hr on M/ T/W/TH afternoon.

Let Christine know if you are interested.

Year End Giving...

Please think of St. John's in your year end giving. We are a non profit charity and can provide tax receipts for any year end donations. Thank you!

Inclement Weather Policy

If there is inclement weather in the region, you can find out if the school is closed for the day by listening to CHYM at 96.7 FM, or you can call the school, there will be a message on our school answering machine as well as a message on our [Facebook](#) pages. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause, but make this decision with the safety of all staff and families in mind.



If the school is closed in the morning it will be closed for the PM program.

Do you have a real Christmas Tree?

Not sure what to do with that real Christmas Tree after Christmas? We will take it!

We are looking for approximately 5-6 real Christmas trees to add to our playground in January to make a wooded winter wonderland. We hope this will give the playground a unique play experience during the winter months.

We will take any real wreaths or garland too.

Just drop it off in our playground.

Thank you!



Pedagogical Leader

What is a pedagogical Leader? Pedagogy can be defined as the understanding of how learning takes place and the philosophy and practice that supports that understanding of learning. A Pedagogical Leader can be any person who has a deep understanding of early learning and child development. These individuals see themselves as partners, facilitators, observers and co-learners along side other educators, children and families. Most importantly, pedagogical leaders challenge other educators to see themselves as researchers and reflect on their current practices in our program.

Starting in January, Teacher Kim will be our own Pedagogical Leader. She will remain in her current role in the Owl room, but will also be doing some observations of our classrooms, conducting research and coming up with ideas along side our educators. We will keep you updated in upcoming newsletters of topics and ideas Kim will be researching.

Mabel's labels

Remember that we have an ongoing Mabel's Labels fundraiser. Click on the image to be directed to our school's fundraising page. As well you can visit their website and click on the link to support a school. You will find St. John's Nursery School on the list.



Scholastic Book Orders...

Please note the early due date of **December 7th** this month to ensure orders are filled in time for Christmas.



Merry Christmas from all the Staff at St. John's

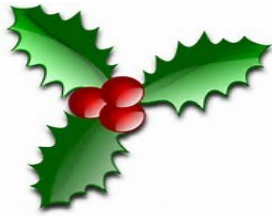
Everyone at St. John's wishes you and your families a happy and blessed holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Christine, Beata, Heather, Donalee, Michelle, Kathleen, Kim, Kalene, Gerine, Latha and Tara, Sarah, Jill and Doreen.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Lunch & Snack menu Week 1	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #90EE90; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Help us Sponsor a Family for Christmas! Pick an item to donate off our Board in the Hallway. </div>					
3 Lunch & Snack menu Week 2	4 Poinsettia Pick up Today 	5	6	7 Scholastic Book Orders Due!	8	9
10 Lunch & Snack menu Week 3	11 Christmas Family Fun Night 6:00-7:30pm	12	13	14	15 Sponsor a family gifts due back to the school	16
17 Lunch & Snack menu Week 4	18	19 Pajama Days 	20 Pajama Days	21 First Day of Winter 	22 Last day of School for 2017!	23
24/31	25 Merry Christmas! 	26	27	28	29	30
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