

Walk with Jesus, our living hope!

Dear Parents,

School Spirit Week - Remember, the children are invited to wear pyjamas to school tomorrow (Wednesday) instead of school uniforms. Intermediate students can bring flashlights, as we spend time in the day to enjoy our favorite Christmas books along with some delicious hot chocolate (thanks to our generous-with-their-time parent volunteers), delivered to the children in individual cups by staff members. Friday, students can come to school wearing Christmas coloured play clothes.

Christmas Sales Fundraiser - Wrap Up: Thanks to the SFDS community for supporting this fundraiser and making it a success. As a community, we raised over \$9,000 profit for our school.

We'd also like to recognize and thank top sellers for both Purdys and Dielemans (DFS) with a few special treats; they are:

For **Purdys**,

1. Illagan-Turner Family. With over \$1100 in sales has won a Purdys Holiday Treats Gift Basket.
2. Turner Family. With almost \$800 in sales has won Starbucks Coffee and Cocoa Treats, generously donated by Highgate Starbucks.
3. Armstrong Family. With over \$700 in sales has won \$60 of Purdy's gift cards.

For **Dielemans**,

1. Szpyra Family. With almost \$500 in sales has won dinner out at White Spot.
2. Bevacqua Family. With almost \$400 in sales has won a Raise-a-Reader gift (\$50 Indigo gift card)
3. Silva Family. With over \$300 in sales has won a Fundraising Sampler gift: \$20 Purdys gift card, Domino's pizza card, and 1/2 dozen Krispy Kreme Holiday donuts.

For the Top Corporate Prize, Tones Family. With over \$6,800 in sales has won a Gaming Bundle: Nintendo e-card, vbucks, and snacks.

Thanks again and Merry Christmas!

Morning Tardiness....improving - Fewer students arrived late in the morning since the last newsletter, and those that did arrived less late than usual which is hopeful. Again, let's really tune this up in January so that our staff are not disrupted by having to stop everything to open doors and sanitize hands instead of seeing to their various morning responsibilities. Please note that if your child/ren do arrive *after* the rest of the students have entered the building, they may be expected to wait outside the front doors until after 9:00. Please stay with them to

ensure they do not mix cohorts, and do not ring the bell or knock. Thank you for your cooperation with managing this aspect of our morning routine.

School Safety - Thank you to everyone who is diligently submitting the required forms when your children are absent from school. Please continue to do so.

HOWEVER, we need to *improve* what's become customary for some parents, namely dropping off their children in the alley/laneway in the mornings, on rainy days in particular. Please set an example to your children of what obeying bylaws looks like, and ensure their safety by using the regular street drop off zone and/or the parking lots when bringing them to school in the morning.

Unsung Heroes - We are ever so grateful to our volunteer moms who very happily helped plan, order, and sort our first set of hot lunches for the year, under the careful direction of overall coordinator, Mrs. Sandra Rodriguez. Stay tuned to learn more about when in January you can order again.

School Reregistration: 2021 - We anticipate that packages will go home in the third week of January. Please be on the lookout for them. *If you have a child that's eligible for kindergarten, please contact the school office.*

Human Sexuality and Your Child: Parent Presentation - We have moved this to Thursday, February 4 and will be using Zoom to communicate with attending parents. Our information will be all new with various speakers connecting with us all in our team effort to prepare our young people for upcoming challenges, if they're not facing them already. The event is open to parents of intermediate students only this year.

Advent Greetings, Christmas Wishes and More - Be sure to read the letter from Father Mario, Mrs. Wihak and Mr. Caligiuri (PEC Chair) if you haven't already. You will be pleasantly surprised to learn of the progress we've made in fundraising, with more really great news to come.
<https://www.sfdsschool.ca/news/advent-greetings>

School Starts Again- On January 4, God willing. Have an enjoyable, safe and peaceful rest of Advent, a holy Christmas, and take time to recharge as suits your family best, whether that be with active play or cozy reclining by the fire....hopefully a little of both. Remember to practice the virtue of patience. And get ready for a great start to school in January!