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December's Newsletter

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Last Sunday marked the beginning of Advent and a new liturgical year. This is a time of preparation and anticipation as we look forward to celebrating Christmas. The staff and students will be involved in a number of activities during the Advent Season to prepare for the birth of Jesus. On behalf of all the members of our staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. May the Peace, Joy and Love of Jesus fill your Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

- ⇒ On Friday, December 11, we are happy to provide each student with a complimentary lunch as we host our annual Christmas luncheon. The lunch will be prepared and served at the Legion. Thank you to the Legion for their generosity!
- ⇒ A big thank you to all that donated items for Operation Christmas Child. With your generous donations the school was able to send 50 shoes boxes to children around the world.
- ⇒ Just a reminder to all parents as we are now into the cold weather. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately everyday for the weather. The children go outside everyday unless we have extreme weather conditions. As well, it would be helpful to make sure that your **child's name is written on ALL articles of clothing** (mitts, hats, snow pants etc...) as these items often go missing.
- ⇒ On the night of the Christmas concert, Wednesday, December 9th, we are requesting a food donation as an entry fee for the Deep River Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!
- ⇒ Just a note about what to do if your child is absent on a hot lunch day or if it is a snow day. You are more than welcome to come to the school to pick up your child's hot lunch, or we can send it home with a sibling or a friend.
- ⇒ A big thank you to Naomi Gutzman and Kim Sullivan for helping with the poinsettia delivery and for everyone who supported this fundraiser. The school made a profit of \$1278.11.
- ⇒ Christmas Holidays begin on Friday, December 18th, and continue until Sunday, January 3rd. We will see everyone back here at St. Anthony's on Monday, January 4th, 2016.



The Mission of St. Anthony's School Community

Working in partnership with the home, school, parish and community to nurture the growth of the whole person, we are committed to giving witness to Christian values in a safe, joyful faith filled environment. We endeavor to inspire our students to become responsible life long learners who will be respectful of the uniqueness and dignity of themselves and others.

***Advent;
A Season
Of Hope
and
Anticipation***



ON LINE BANKING



Thank you to all the families who have registered for the online banking system. The amount of cash that had been coming into the school had been reduced tremendously. It is an easy and fast way to pay for upcoming class trips, milk, hot lunches, etc. For those who have not done so please register and enjoy the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Please use the following link: <https://renfrewcatholic.schoolcashionline.com> and select the "Get Started Today" option. Payment can be made to the school by eCheck, my Wallet or Credit Card. No banking information is stored; the banking information is re-entered upon checkout each time you make a payment. After you have registered, you will begin to receive email notifications regarding upcoming events/fees involving your child(ren) which are available for purchase online.

Pink Week

Last week (November 15th to November 21st) students at St. Anthony's celebrated P I N K week to raise bullying awareness. Our hope as a school is that the students continue to be Peaceful, Inclusive, Noble and Kind towards each other throughout the year.

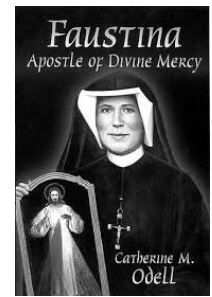


CPAN

We are continuing to collect new and/or gently used snowsuits and footwear on behalf of CPAN. Please take this opportunity to check your closets and donate any snowsuits and/or boots that your child (or children) may have outgrown. Please note: These must be clean and in good repair as CPAN does not have facilities or the manpower to clean or repair these items. They are always very short of snow pants, larger snowsuits and boots etc. (men's and ladies sizes). New items and/or cash donations are also very gratefully received.

Year of Mercy

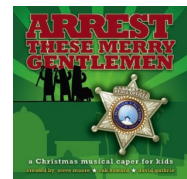
Renfrew County Catholic District School Board has chosen “mercy” as the theme of focus for this school year. This is in alignment with Pope Francis announcing the “Jubilee of Mercy” which will extend from December 8, 2015 until November 20, 2016. Mercy is a virtue that focuses on love, forgiveness and compassion.



"For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: first, the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; second, if you can offer no word, then pray - that too is mercy; and third, through deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis we shall receive the eternal verdict"
(Diary, 1154-1158).

Christmas Musical

Our Christmas Musical this year is “Arrest These Merry Gentlemen.” It is very important that you let the school know if your child is unable to attend the Christmas Musical, as the whole school is involved. It will be held on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm at the Lions Hall. Raffle tickets will be for sale to win great prizes. Please extend an invitation to family and friends! Thank you.



Dates to Remember

- Dec 3- Small School Volleyball Tournament
- Dec 4—Pizza lunch
- Dec 4—Grade 7 Boys Volleyball Tournament
- Dec 5—Christmas Parade in Deep River
- Dec 6—Gr. 6/7/8 Bottle Drive 12:30-2:30 (around Chalk River...spread the word)
- Dec 8—Gr. 7 Girls Volleyball
- Dec 9— Christmas Musical at the Lions Hall 7pm (arrive early for a good seat)
- Dec 10—School Mass @ 9:30am
- Dec 11 - Christmas Luncheon for all students and staff at the Legion
- Dec 18—Sub Lunch & Spirit day wear green and red

