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Christmas Concert	Upcoming Dates
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This year we will be holding our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 21st. We will be having an afternoon and an evening

show. The afternoon show will be at 12:30 and the evening show is at 7:00. We will be celebrating in the St. John Chrysostom Church Hall. If there is a snow day, we will only host a concert at 9:30 on December 22nd.

Very specific details will follow with regard to the drop off and pick up of your children for the evening show, but we are asking that all children be present at their designated locations by 6:30. We expect they will remain with their class for the duration of the shows.

We are expecting that space will be tight this year so we are asking any parents or grandparents who can attend the afternoon show to do so.

Thank you for your cooperation!



<b>November 27</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>December 1</b>	<b>Mitten and Hat Drive Begins</b>
<b>December 4</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>One Hour of CODE Grade 4, 5 and 6</b>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>December 12, 13</b>	<b>Net Retreats (grade 7 and 8)</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>School Council, 6:00</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Semi Formal (7&amp;8)</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>December 19, 20, 22</b>	<b>Christmas Shop</b>
<b>December 21</b>	<b>Christmas Concert Show One: 12:30 Show Two: 7:00</b>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>Movie Day/Red and Green Day or PJ Day</b>

## Semi Formal

On December 15th, St. Joseph's Catholic School will be holding its annual Semi-Formal dance for grade 7 and 8 students in the evening. This dance will act as a fundraiser for our end of year grade 8 trip.

## Christmas Gift Sale

On December 19, 20 and 22, the St. Joseph's School Council will be holding a Christmas gift sale. This is an annual tradition where students from K-8 are provided with the opportunity to purchase presents for their loved ones. All items are priced at \$2. Our intermediate students provide leadership by helping younger children pick out presents and they also help gift wrap the treasures. This is NOT a fundraiser. Our goal is to come close to breaking even and provide a positive experience for all the children. We can't wait!

## Mitten/Hat /Food Drive

As the cold weather approaches, the need for warm weather attire becomes more apparent in our community.

In support of those in need, Mrs. Quinn and Mr. Smith's grade 7 students will be sponsoring a mitten and hat drive. We will be collecting donations from December 5th—December 21st.

We will also be collecting gently used snow suits and jackets for the CPAN Snow-suit drive.

The We Day Committee will also be conducting an Advent Food Drive.

If you are in a position to contribute to any of these initiatives, please do so.

## School Board Planning

Our School Board is in the process of completing a new Multi-Year Strategic Plan. We are gathering information from a variety of stakeholders and are very interested in your input. You can find a direct link to the survey on the home page of our board website ([www.rccdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.rccdsb.edu.on.ca)). Please take some time to participate, your input will certainly be considered in future planning.

## Pink Day Participation

Thanks to all students and staff who participated in the Pink Week Activities. What a great week to reinforce the importance of making choices that are Peaceful, Inclusive, Noble and Kind.



## Social Thinking



At St. Joseph's School we have been working on positive Social Thinking in classrooms, large groups and small groups. To include our readers and families in our discussion, we will be including reminders and updates on our program in our newsletters. For this month we will share one of the words we use all the time. Please find ways to talk to your child about the meaning of this word and what it might mean both at school and at home.

### December Vocabulary:

**What does "self-control" mean?**

**Self-control means that you are in charge of your action, words, and feelings.**

## School Council Raffle

From December 1st to December 19th, your school council will be having a raffle. We are asking for your help to sell tickets. The grand prize includes 4 Sens hockey tickets with valet parking. A full list of prizes has been sent home with your child along with 10 tickets. The tickets are \$0.99 each, but feel free to round up to \$1.00. Details are included on the Yellow Sheet that went home today.

The next School Council meeting will take place on December 13th at 6:00. It is our annual Christmas Potluck.

## Quick Notes

- Thank-you to all families that helped out with the Angel Gift Program this year. Your assistance is very much appreciated. We are still in need of some support for a few of our families. If you wish to provide a last minute contribution, please contact the office.
- On December 7th, our grade 4, 5 and 6 students will be joining schools all over the world by participating in a one hour Coding workshop for computers. See <https://hourofcode.com/ca> for more information.
- Students in the junior division have been working hard on the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest and the Drug and Alcohol awareness contest. We want to thank the Knights for all the work they do for us and for their commitment to our community.
- On December 12th and 13th, our grade 7 and 8 students will be participating in our annual Net Retreats. This activity is also sponsored by the Knight of Columbus in partnership with the Catholic Women's League and the Parish of St. John Chrysostom.
- Thanks as well to the Catholic Women's League for their kindnesses and contributions to St. Joseph's School.

## Advent Kindness Calendar

Attached to this Newsletter you will see an Advent Kindness Calendar. Each day during Advent, students will be encouraged to be kind in small, but meaningful ways. If you would like to participate as a family, please take some time to talk about the daily kindness challenges with your children.

# St JOES ADVENT 2016

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

27 Tell someone you love them	28 Hold the door open for someone	29 Pick up litter in your classroom	30 Let someone go ahead in line.	1 Compliment a friend	2 Say thank you to the school Secretaries	3 Feed the Birds
4 Say a prayer for a friend	5 Tell someone they are special to you	6 Thank the school custodians	7 Compliment a stranger	8 Say hello to everyone you see	9 Read a book to someone	10 Make your bed
11 Say a prayer for the environment	12 Give someone a high five.	13 Leave a kind note for a friend	14 Invite someone to play	15 Share a toy with a friend	16 Say thank-you to an educational assistant	17 Clean your room
18 Say a prayer for peace	19 Write a poem for someone	20 Leave a kind note for your teacher.	21 Smile at everyone today	22 Thank your noon hour supervisor	23 Wish everyone a Merry Christmas	24 Feel gratitude and Love
25 Say a prayer for the Baby Jesus	26	27	28	29	30	31



# December 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mitten and Hat Drive (also gently used snowsuits)	2	3
4 Second Sunday of Advent	5	6	7 Hour of Code grade 4, 5, and 6	8	9	10
11 Third Sunday of Ad- vent	12 Net Retreat grade 7	13 Net Retreat, grade 8 School Council, 6:00	14	15 Grade 8 Semi For- mal	16 Christmas Shop Set up	17
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	19 Christmas Shop	20 Christmas Shop	21 Christmas Concert Show 1: 12:30 Show 2: 7:00	22 Christmas Shop	23 Movie day Red and Green Day	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31