



Week 2 – Peace

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

***“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”***

New Items:

- PSG Meeting - This Wednesday @ 6pm
- Roi Theatre
- Christmas Program

Upcoming dates:

Dec. 11th - Christmas Store

Dec 17th - School Christmas Program

Dec 20th - Mass AM/ Movie PM - last day of school

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: In our assembly yesterday, we lit the second Advent candle, which represents peace. How easily conflict arises in our world. From large scale conflict like wars to small conflicts on the playground, peace seems elusive. There is hope! We celebrate Advent knowing that Jesus came to bring peace on earth to all people. At St. Joseph's the last several weeks, we have challenged students to sneakily, without being caught, do something nice for someone else. Some students have shared about cleaning their room or setting the table without being told. Someone else helped a classmate pick up something that had fallen and others left nice notes for their teachers. Let this Advent season be a time where we encourage our children to be bearers of peace and remember where we can look for assurance that peace will come one day. Have a good week.

CHRISTMAS STORE: The Christmas store will be tomorrow, each gift will be \$4 each (one gift per parent/step parent/guardian). If you want your child to participate please send them to school with \$4 for each gift they will need to purchase. All proceeds from the Christmas store will go towards the Gr 6 Camp Emmaus trip.

ROI THEATRE: After the students eat lunch on Friday, December 20th they will walk to the Roi Theatre. The movie is WILD ROBOT and is rated PG. **There will be NO busses in the afternoon on this day!!! Please pick up your child/ren from the Roi Theatre at 2:45pm.** Parents and siblings are invited to join us and are asked to pay \$5.00 each; this will be collected at the theatre. To help make the concession line-up go quicker it would be helpful to fill in the concession form and provide the exact amount due, that way the staff at the theatre can process everyone faster. Concession forms were sent home last week. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFO: Our annual Christmas program will be Tuesday December 17th in our school gym. There will be two performances, 10:45 and 6:30. We encourage some of you to consider the morning performance, if possible, because the evening performance is very full. Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to the morning show. For the evening performance, children should report to their **classrooms between 6- 6:15 PROMPTLY** to ensure enough time to dress in their costumes so the performance can begin on time. Please note there will be no supervision if students are dropped off earlier. **Please let your child's teacher know if he/she won't be here for either performance.**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DETAILS:

Please do not bring any food or drinks into the gym and have cell phones on silent.

After the concert, we ask parents of K-3 students must be picked up in from their classrooms, all other grades are to be picked up outside the main entrance.

Please ensure you are following parking lot procedures that night as it will be busy. All vehicles are to be backed into their parking stalls, and those parking beside the rectory must be facing the school.

YEAR END DRIVE

As many of you know, we have an ongoing year-end drive where we are seeking donations to help us pay off our roof loan. How can you donate? You can stop by the school and give via a check, or you can e-transfer to the following:

stjetransfers@cispg.ca please put "legacy" in the memo. All payments must be received by the school by Dec 31st in order for you to receive a Donation receipt.

Every little bit helps and every dollar you donate to this will receive a receipt for a charitable donation which can be used for income tax purposes. We know a lot is going on, so if you are unable to give at this time, we also welcome your prayers that our needs at St. Joseph's will be met.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY: In the event of a emergency before school starts we will communicate via email and Facebook if school is to be cancelled or important information needs to be communicated. We will also have staff on site (if safe) to assist students who have walked to school or families who have missed any communications. In the event we need to evacuate the school and dismiss students, students will be taken to the church and families will be called at that time.

CHOCOLATE ALMONDS: We have only 11 boxes left! Way to go everyone, but we still need your help to sell the last few boxes. Each case is \$90, which has 30 individual boxes of chocolate almonds, then you sell each box for \$3 each. We accept cash, cheques and e transfers, which can be sent to stjoesetransfers@cispg.ca . If sending an e transfer please, put the last name of the student and 'almonds" in the memo.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER:As the weather changes, this is just a friendly reminder to ensure that children come to school with clothing appropriate for the weather, including rainy days and snowy days. Unless the rain is really coming down in torrents, and unless it gets very cold, children will still go outside when it showers or snows. Fresh air is a good thing!

ABSENT STUDENTS & EMAILS TO THE OFFICE: Please advise the office by email of any absent students, early dismissals, or appointments. Please only use stj@cispg.ca for any office correspondence.

CHURCH NEWS:

Mass: 5pm on Saturday, 9am on Sunday, 5:30 on Tuesday, 9am on Wednesday & Fridays

Holy Half-Hour: Tuesdays at 5pm, Saturdays at 4:30pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Fridays 5pm -6pm

Chapel of the Divine Mercy: Fridays at 1pm

Private adoration: is welcome at St Joseph's during office hours, Wednesday-Friday 10am -2pm

Flocknote: to get on Flocknote text **SMITHERS to 514-900-0130**

Confessions: are 15 mins before every Mass or by appointment

Sunday School: is offered during the 9am Sunday Mass for children 2 years old until 1st Communion.

PSG NEWS: Next meeting Dec 11th 6pm

Chair - Tanya Flynn

Vice Chair - Carly Rosger

Treasurer - Paula Perestrelo

Secretary - Taryn Opel

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 Breakfast Program Hot Dogs 🌭	10	11 Christmas Store  PSG Meeting 6pm	12	13 Mass Gr 3-7 Gr 7 Reading Mac N Cheese 🍝
16 Breakfast Program Hot Dogs 🌭	17 Christmas Program	18	19	20 All School Mass Gr 5 Reading Pizza 🍕 Roi Theatre

