

École Mother Teresa School

January Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back to 2024. We hope you had a wonderful break filled with connections, rest and some outside time. Thank you to our amazing school community who worked hard to serve others through the Grade 5 Operation Bless the Neighbours, School Hot Dog Sale to support families in Sylvan Lake, 443 Gifts for Grandparents and 560 Food Bank Items. We also had many exciting events to celebrate our students such as the Pep Rally, Réveillon, Spirit Week and our Advent Musical Extravaganza! Thank you for your support, donations and looking out for our most vulnerable during our Advent season.

Important Information

- **Faith:** Although Epiphany occurred over the break, Epiphany celebrations are happening in classes this first week back. We are also beginning monthly morning masses with staff before the school day and please stay tuned for our Lenten Project.
- **Winter Weather:** The colder weather has arrived. Please ensure your child(ren) is/are dressed to be outside. Any bus cancellations will be communicated by the Transportation Department through the new bus app, not by the school. Please ensure you have the new app downloaded.
- **Awards and Honor Roll:** Thank you for your patience as we navigated our new system and honor roll. Certificates are at the printers and will be presented to students in front of their peers, as soon as they arrive. Honor roll criteria has remained consistent with last year and can be found in our handbook.
- **Schoology:** As a school community, we are continuing to learn as you are and our next steps will be communication through Schoology. This professional development for all teachers will occur at our PD day on February 2, 2024, followed by a parent information email to help support you in accessing this communication and calendar. Please contact kristin.miller@rdcrs.ca with any Schoology questions.
- **Athletics:** Our Sr and Jr Basketball teams are well underway. Thank you to all the coaches for volunteering the countless hours and congratulations to all those who have made the team. Our development program will begin on January 17th and run Wednesdays from 11:45-12:25 for 6 weeks.
- **Career and Life Long Learning:** Students are continuing to explore in courses that lend to career and life-long learning. From sewing and construction skills to drivers training and STEM, these students continue to amaze us with their talents and interests.



- **French Immersion:** We had a wonderful Réveillon with our French Immersion community, allowing students to experience authentic French cuisine and music. We look forward to upcoming opportunities for our French Immersion learners such as Carnaval d'hiver and la tire.
- **Fine Arts:** Our school production, Aladdin, is coming your way at the end of February! Stay tuned for ticket sales!

Important Dates

- **Please check the school calendar for our basketball and other school activities**

Important Links

- [New curriculum info for parents](#)
- [EMTS schoology support for parents](#)
- [School calendar](#)
- [2022-2023 AEA Report](#)

Happy New Year and we wish you all the best for 2024. As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, our doors are always open. God Bless.

Yours in Christ,



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