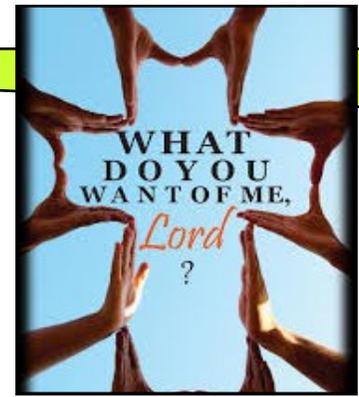


Grade 5W News!



Mark Your Calendars!!

Upcoming events:

- *Tuesday, December 4th: Grades 3-5 Confessions*
- *Friday, December 7th: 4S School Mass*
- *Sunday, December 9th: 11:15am 5D and 5W represent at SFX Sunday Mass*
- *Friday, December 14th: 3B School Mass*
- *Wednesday, December 19th: Term 1 "Communicating Student Learning" sent home*
- *Friday, December 21st: 3W Mass and 11am Dismissal*
- *December 24th—January 4th: Christmas holidays—No School*
- *Monday, January 7th: School Reopens*



Dear Parents,

On Sunday, December 2nd, the season of Advent begins. It's a time when we anticipate and long for the coming of Jesus as our loving Savior. Throughout Advent you can ask your child what they have learned from school about this time of preparation and gather as a family for prayer around an Advent wreath. You can also focus your efforts as a family on ways to share with those in need.



Early Immigration

In Social Studies, the Grade 5s continue to learn about Canada's past. We are discovering how people from all over the world moved to Canada and made it their home. In particular, we are investigating immigration stories. Your child may be interested to hear how your family moved to Canada! Learning about the past helps us understand how the world we live in came to be the way it is.

Indoor Recess and Games!

Any teacher will tell you that when students have the chance to go outside for fresh air and engage in active play, they have much better focus and concentration during class. I encourage your family to seize any opportunity possible to take walks outside or go to the park. Although students have outdoor recess once a day, the children still spend a considerable number of recesses confined indoors where they can choose to play board games and socialize. With the frequent usage, many of our games are in poor conditions. If there are any families that have new or lightly used board games that they can donate to our class, that would be wonderful!

Things to do on Christmas Break!

- Attend Christmas Mass with your family
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or at an event in your parish
- Go for a walk, ski, skate, swim — Be active!
- Go to the Festival of Trees at the Four Seasons Hotels — It's free!
- See the lights at Stanley Park

I would like to wish all Grade 5s and their families, a blessed Advent season, a joyful Christmas season, and all the best in 2019!