

# St. John Community School

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# NEWSLETTER



## Advent Wreath Prayer for the First Week of Advent

We light the first candle and pray:

Jesus, you are our brother and our friend. You showed us how to live life in a meaningful way. You reached out to the poor, you comforted the outcasts, you healed the sick, and you treated each person with dignity and respect. As we prepare to celebrate your birth help us show the effect you have had on each of our lives by following your example and the life that you lived.

Amen



## Important Dates To Remember

Dec 3rd—Choir City Hall 12:00 p.m.

Dec 4th— Puppet Show 9:00 PreK, K, Gr.1

Dec 5th— Puppet Show 9:00 PreK, K, Gr. 1/2

Dec 6th—Progress Reports go Home

Dec 10th System Band Concert 7 p.m.

Dec 12th— Family Fun Night 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dec 17th—Christmas Lunch

Dec 23rd—Jan 3rd  
Christmas Break

January 6th—Classes Re-sume



## Advent begins Sunday, December 1st, 2019

The season of Advent is upon us. This is the time of preparation for the coming of Christ, Christmas, and the start of the liturgical year in the Roman Catholic Church, which begins the first Sunday closest to November 30th. We begin the first week of Advent by asking Christ to come, to set us free from our sins. He is our salvation. You are invited to join us for our celebrations. **Advent Celebrations are as follows:**

1st Celebration - Nov 29th @ 12:22 p.m.    3rd Celebration - Dec 13th @ 10:53a.m.    4th Celebration Dec 20th @ 9:20a.m.

2nd Celebration - Dec 5th @ 10:14 a.m.    Reconciliation - Dec 18th @ 8:40 a.m.

All Advent Celebrations will be at St. John School

*Our Catholic Faith is Filled with~ LOVE*

# Important School Year Information-Reminders

If your child misses...	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of school that's....
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Missing Minutes per day	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of school....
10 Minutes	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1/2 year
20 Minutes	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 Minutes	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 years

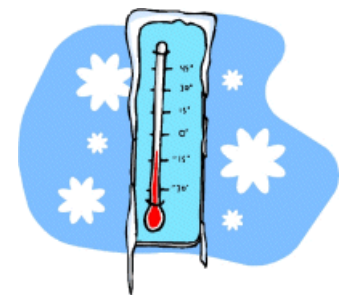
## Absent or Late??



Please remember to call the **Attendance Line @ 306-953-7590** or by **texting only @ 306-981-2074** if your child will be absent, late or require to leave for any reason. **Students cannot excuse themselves.** Our office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you call before or after school hours, please leave a message on our voicemail. If we do not hear from you Mrs. Leader will be contacting you at home or work. Thank you for your cooperation.

### PRINCE ALBERT CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION WEATHER POLICY

Although Prince Albert Catholic schools will remain open on extremely cold school days, the Catholic school division affirms and supports parent's discretion in keeping their children at home when weather conditions warrants. It is also the division policy that students stay indoors when the temperature or wind chill are excessive. The safety of our students is our first priority and therefore it is very important that all student whereabouts are verified on these extremely cold days. **Parents are asked to Call the school at 306-953-7536 or text the school phone** if they choose to keep their children at home. Parents call-ins help minimize the number of verification phone calls needed to be made by the school. Thank you for your help in this matter. **Bus cancellations will be announced on 99FM, 1012FM,**



### PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress Reports will be going home with your child on December 6<sup>th</sup>. It is very important to have good communication with students/home/school. We appreciate you taking the time and effort toward your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child's teacher at the school regarding your child's school progress.

### SLC CANDYGRAM SALE & SPIRIT WEEK

Candygrams will be for sale Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> through to Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> during lunch hour in the music room for \$1.00. Candygrams will be delivered the week of Dec 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Christmas Spirit Week

Dec 16-Merry Morning Monday (Christmas PJ Day)

Dec 17-Toque Tuesday (or Christmas hat, Santa hat, antlers)

Dec 18-Formal Day ( Dress to Impress!)

Dec 19-Winter Sports Day or Christmas Sweater Day

Dec 20 - Flannel Friday (Wear Flannel & Plaid)



### STUDENTS CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> our students will be enjoying a Christmas Ham dinner. No need to send lunch!

## JAGUAR SPORTS NEWS

### BASKETBALL

Our basketball season is under way. Sign up was on the week of November 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Basketball will run from December 3<sup>rd</sup>

through to February 15<sup>th</sup>. Good luck Jags!!



### PAC VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to all our volleyball teams on another great season! A special mention to our Gr. 8 boys who won Silver in the PAC finale in November. Great job to the girls who also played a great season!! Thank you to you all! Great job Jags!!

### MOM'S PANTRY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Thank you for all the support selling Mom's Pantry orders for our school fundraiser. Prize winners will be posted in our next newsletter. Tentative delivery date for orders is the 2nd week of December. Orders must be picked up on the day of arrival due to lack of storage area. Watch for notes or a phone message. Thank you!

### BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year the grade 5-8 Band Students will present a Christmas concert that will be held on **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** @ Ecole St. Anne School(530 24<sup>th</sup> Street West) in the gym. The concert will begin at 7:00p.m. All band students must meet at their designated classrooms at **6:30PM**. Please use the front doors. To create unity within the band, all band students are asked to wear their band t-shirt and black bottoms.

The band students are very excited to celebrate their learning with their friends and family

It is an expectation that **all band students attend.**



### Dreambroker News

My name is Dawn McDougall, I was away on leave, but I am back! Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about after school programs. My new cell phone number is 306-220-5930, and email is dawn.mcdougall@pacsd.ca. I look forward to hearing from you!

### SLC Committee Members

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the following SLC position:

**SLC Co-Presidents** ~ Donna A. & Tristan G.

**SLC Secretaries** ~ Isabella M. & Keelin K.

**Special Events/Spirit/Sports Coordinators** ~ Minghella C. & Neveah C. & Daelyn E.

**Artistic Coordinators** ~ Emerald R. & Isabella M.

Thank you to many other students committee members who will be helping with spirit activities endeavors.

We would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a safe Holiday Season. May the Love, Peace and Joy of Christmas be yours always.

## ✠Parish Announcements ✠

St. Mark Parish ✠ Father Jim Kaptein ✠ Parish Priest

589—9th Street East—Ph: 306-764-4637—www.stmarksparish.com

Sunday Mass time is 11:00am—Weekly Mass: 9:00am (Tuesday-Friday)

### A Note from Fr. Jim At St. Mark

This has been a strange year for weather: drought, then too much rain; then cold weather, then warm wet weather. Winter seems to be coming and going at the same time. This is why I love the Church's calendar. It is the same year after year. On Sunday, Nov 24th we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King and on Sunday, December 1st we will be celebrating the 1st Sunday of Advent. And if we are celebrating Advent, then Christmas is not far away. To make preparation for Christmas, the city parishes are holding Advent Reconciliation Services. The schedule for these services are listed below. Our Christmas Eve celebration at St. Mark is at the regular time of 10:00p.m. with a Christmas Day celebration at 11:00a.m.

Come and celebrate the Birth of Jesus with us!



### Advent Penitential Services

Tues Dec 3rd—7:30 p.m. St. Michael

Wed Dec 4th—7:30 p.m. St. Joseph

Thurs Dec 5th— 7:30 p.m. St. Mark

Tues Dec 10th—7:00 p.m. Sacred heart

Wed Dec 11th—7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart



### Catholic Education Foundation Fundraiser

**\$2 from every container sold will be donated to the Catholic Education Foundation .**

**\$10 for 1kg container of Honey**

**\$6 for a 500g container of Honey**

**Cheques can be made payable to the school**

### St. Michael's Parish 2019-2020

Sacramental Preparation Schedule  
(Confirmation/Eucharist)

Dec 9, 2019

"Sealed With the Holy Spirit"

### Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sacramental Preparation Schedule  
(Confirmation, Baptism,/Eucharist)

Dec 2nd, 2019 "Come" The Rite of Gathering

Dec 10th & 11th Reconciliation

## St. Mark Parish

## **589 9th Street East**

Annual Bazaar

Saturday November 30th, 2019

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Homemade turkey pies - \$6.00 each

Cabbage Rolls— \$6.00/dozen

Bake Table, Homemade Preserves Table,

White Elephant and Craft Table

Delicious Homemade lunch available:

Soup, open-faced buns, cookies, coffee or  
tea -\$7.00

Cookies, coffee or tea—\$3.00

**Everyone is Welcome!!**