

December 2019 / January 2020

St. Ann School



The Season of Advent

"Dear God, as we draw closer to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, help each of us grow in faith and in love. During our journey through this Advent season, help us take moments throughout the day to think about the impact Jesus' coming had on our world. Help us open our hearts to your light, and let this light shine in our own lives and the lives of those we meet. Amen."

Please join us for our Advent Prayer Services on, Monday December 2nd, Monday Dec. 9th and Monday Dec. 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.

Our Advent Mass will be held on Thursday December 19th, 2019 at 1:45 p.m. at St. Agnes Church. All are welcome.

FESTIVE FRIDAYS



Every Friday in December, all students and staff of St. Ann are encouraged to wear their Christmas apparel. This could be anything from Christmas sweaters/clothes to Santa hats or antlers. We will also be planning some special events in the classrooms to celebrate the Christmas season. We are very excited for the holiday celebrations to begin!!!

Friday December 6th- Decorate Your Door Day

Each classroom will be decorating their door for Christmas.

Friday December 13th- Decorate Your Tree Day

Each classroom will be making ornaments and decorations for their Christmas tree.

** Candy Cane Sundaes will be sold at lunch for \$3- Can be purchased online

Friday December 20th- Christmas Bingo Day

School- wide BINGO!!

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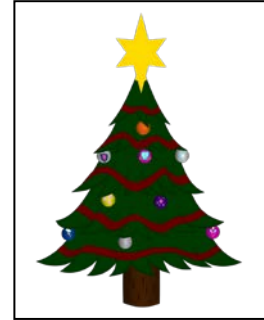
**Mino Gichi-Anami'e Giizhigad
ST. ANN SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

When: Monday December 16, 2019

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 Concert (in gym)

Who: Parents, Guardians

**Please come and enjoy your children performing in our Christmas Concert. A great send off to the Christmas holiday!
We hope to see you there!**



ST. AGNES PARISH NEWS:

An invitation to St. Agnes Christmas Children's Choir

St. Agnes invites students in Grade 2 and up and their family members to come out and sing with us in a children's / family choir on Christmas Day at the 11 a.m. mass. I hope you can join us.

Practices will be offered Sunday December 1, 8 and 15 after the 11 am mass, and on Saturday December 7 and 21 after the 5pm mass. Participants must attend at least 2 of these practices. Final dress rehearsal is tentatively booked for Sunday December 22 from 1-2pm. Please email or text to enroll in the choir with the following information:

Name, age of participant
Parent's name
Phone number
Email

God bless, and Merry Christmas!

Dawn Kim B.Mus.Ed.
Children's choral conductor, St. Agnes parish
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Children's Christmas Party:

There will be a Youth Christmas Party held on Sunday December 15th in the church hall following the 11 a.m. mass. There will be lots of activities, music, food and fun. Everyone is welcome and a special visitor will stop by.

Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24th: Masses at 5 p.m., 8 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.
December 25th: Mass at 9 a.m. and Family Mass at 11 a.m.
December 31st: Mass at 5 p.m.
January 1st: Mass at 11 a.m.

The "**AMPED**" youth group runs every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All students in Grade 3 – 6 are welcome to attend. Students meet in the St. Martin school library after school and walk to the church with the Youth Ministry Leaders. A small snack is provided as well as lots of fun activities! Come join us!! Please note: There will be no AMPED program during the Christmas school break.

Children's Liturgy classes will continue to be held every Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. mass, except the third Sunday of the month for the Family Mass. Children from JK to Grade 4 are invited to the church hall to engage in meaningful interpretations of the readings and Gospel and to participate in hands-on activities.



SCHOOL NEWS

IT IS RECOGNITION TIME!

In December, before we break for Christmas, we will be having a student recognition assembly. At this assembly we will recognize students for various accomplishments over the 1st term. Such accomplishments will include: good or improved **Attendance**, a good **Christian attitude** (displaying the Catholic Virtues of Inclusivity, Respect, Peacemaking, and Charity) and **Academics** (displaying a positive attitude towards learning and completing school work to the best of their ability).

It is important for children to know and understand the expectations at school and to demonstrate those expectations – understandably we cannot recognize everyone, but at least we can recognize a few this time around. Next time around will happen just before the March Break so please encourage your children to be the best Skyhawks they can be every day in order to help themselves get recognized.

Bus Route Cancellation Due to Weather Conditions

The following bus routes would be considered "rural" should there be a situation when rural routes are cancelled for the day or when rural students are dismissed early due to weather or road conditions: South 45, South 76, and the Fort William First Nation bus. Please visit <http://www.ststb.ca/> for more information.

St. Ann Choir

It's that time of year again! The St. Ann School Choir will be spreading some Christmas cheer to the residents of Sister Lila Greco and Hogarth Manor Nursing Home with our annual Christmas concert. The event will take place on December 13th at 10:00 a.m. Parents/Guardians are welcome to meet us there!!

JK/SK Information Night

The JK/SK Information Night will take place on Tuesday January 29th, 2019 at St. Martin School starting at 7:00 p.m. Come and meet the JK and SK teachers.

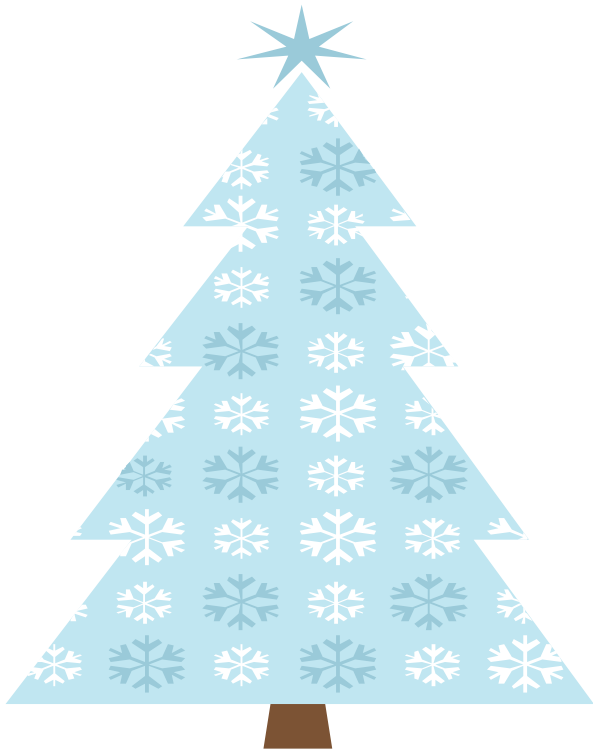
CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND

Once again, the Christmas Cheer Drive is asking for your assistance. They are seeking basic dried or canned food items. Food items must be non-perishable, non-expired i.e.: canned fruit & vegetables, soups, pasta, cookies, etc. Volunteers will be at St. Ann on the morning of Friday December 13th 2019 to collect our donations. If any individuals wish to make a monetary donation, cheques can be made out to: Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer Fund.

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Head Lice in School

In order to control the spread of head lice among students during the school year, **it is important to report to the school when your child has head lice.** This way the proper measures can be taken in order to ensure the cycle doesn't continue. Head lice needs to be treated immediately so that it does not spread to other family members or to other students. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



On behalf of the St. Ann Staff and Catholic School Council (CSC), we wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones, and best wishes for a very Happy New Year!
Sincerely,
Mr. R. Hygaard