

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 3rd, Monday Dec. 10th and Monday Dec. 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the gym.

Our Advent Mass will be held on Tuesday December 18th, 2018 at 1:45 p.m. at St. Agnes Church. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL WEEK

Monday, December 17th-

"DECORATE YOUR TREE DAY/BINGO"

- Each class will be making ornaments and decorations for their Christmas tree
- Bingo will be played at 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18th-

"DECORATE YOUR DOOR DAY"

- Each class will decorate their door for the door decorating contest
- Christmas Mass- St. Agnes Church- 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19th

"RED, GREEN AND WHITE DAY/CONCERT REHEARSAL"

- Dress up in your favourite Christmas colours
- Wear your Santa hats, Elf ears or Reindeer antlers
- Christmas Concert Rehearsal in the a.m.
- Candy Cane Sundaes for sale at lunch for \$3

Thursday, December 20th

"CHRISTMAS CONCERT"

- Christmas Concert at 1:00 p.m
- Family hospitality in classrooms at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 21st-

"CHRISTMAS MOVIE/PAJAMA PARTY"

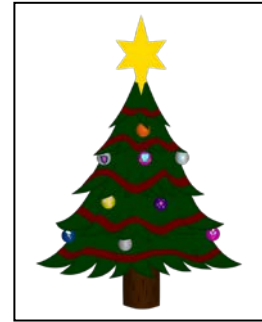
- Wear your favourite PJ's
- Christmas Movie Day in the Gym

Our Christmas celebrations should prove to be an enjoyable time for all students to get

involved and show their Skyhawk school spirit!



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ST. ANN SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS DROP-IN**



When: Thursday December 20, 2018

**Time: 1:00 - 2:00 Concert (in gym)
2:00 - 3:00 Hospitality in classrooms**

Who: Parents, Guardians

Please come and enjoy your children performing in our Christmas Concert, Christmas music, coffee, and some cake with your child(ren) in their classrooms. This will be a perfect opportunity to visit your child(ren's) classroom(s), socialize with your child(ren) at school, and meet your child's classmates and their families while enjoying some Christmas hospitality. A great community send off to the Christmas holiday!

We hope to see you there!

St. Agnes Parish News:

ST. AGNES PARISH NEWS:

DECEMBER

Children and Family Christmas Choir:

Any students from Grade 2 to 6 who would like to sing with their family at the 11 am mass on Christmas morning are asked to call Jean Joy at 577-1124 for further details.

Christmas Eve Play:

Any students wishing to be a part of the Christmas Play at the 5 pm mass on Christmas Eve, are asked to contact Debbie Migay at 683-7344 for more details.

Children's Christmas Party:

There will be a Youth Christmas Party held on Sunday December 16th 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: Masses at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m.

DECEMBER CONTINUED:

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. Please note: There will be no AMPED during the Christmas school break.

ST. AGNES PARISH NEWS:

JANUARY

Children's Liturgy classes continue to be held every Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. mass, except the third Sunday of the month for the Family Mass. Children from JK – 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.

The "AMPED" youth group continues to run every Thursday starting again Thursday January 10th 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!!

December 2018 / January 2019

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.

JK/SK Information Night

The JK/SK Information Night will take place on Tuesday January 22nd, 2018 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 14th 2018 to collect our donations. If any individuals wish to make a monetary donation, cheques can be made out to: Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer Fund.

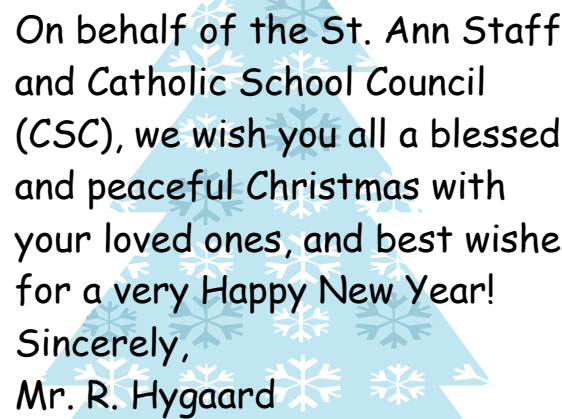
St. Ann Choir

It's that time of year again! The St. Ann School Choir will be spreading some Christmas cheer to the residents of Bethammi Nursing Home with our annual Christmas concert. The event will take place on December 4th at 1:00 p.m. Parents/Guardians are welcome to meet us there!! (Located at 63 Carrie St.)

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.

Picture Page!!



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

PARENT'S PAGE

Hand Made from the Heart

It's doubly heartwarming to work with your kids to create special gifts and then to share them with those we care about. Hand made gifts are less expensive and can be more meaningful than those from the store. Try making homemade bread or muffins for someone special. Create a handmade craft or card for holiday cheer. Check out these sites for some ideas:



www.howweelearn.com/gifts-kids-can-make/

www.happyhooligans.ca/40-useful-gifts-kids-can-make/

www.rhythmsofplay.com/beautiful-gifts-kids-can-make/

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Go outside and play!

Be sure to leave room in your holiday plans to simply play outside together. Once everyone is bundled up for the weather, having fun just comes naturally. Go sliding, skating, build a fort, or walk around the neighbourhood to see the lights. Everyone will enjoy the fresh air and the break from indoor chores. It's good for your body, mind and spirit!



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