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## The Bernadette Gazette – December 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

**Advent begins this weekend!** The first week of **Advent** is celebrated with the theme of **HOPE**. Hope is the first week theme because it sends each of us a message to **not give up or become dispirited**.



Although Christmas is still a time away, we can be assured that it will be here soon. In our daily lives, it's a message to push through times of adversity and discouragement. **Please take time to speak you're your children about the message of Advent.** Here is a link to a 2 min. video.

<https://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-advent-two-minutes> **We are waiting for Christ!**



**It's Skating Week! Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist. We are still in need of volunteers. PLEASE IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO HELP HAND OUT SKATES AND HELMETS, TIE UP SKATES & CLIP HELMETS IT WILL CERTAINLY HELP. You can volunteer at any skate time. Many hands make for light work!**

Please ensure your child comes to school with proper clothing such as mitts or gloves and long warm pants. **THEY MUST WEAR SOCKS!** Younger students are encouraged to wear snow pants and winter coats.

**SKATES AND HELMETS ARE GENEROUSLY DONATED BY A GRANT WITH KIDS SPORT & THE SKATE SHACK.** However, you are welcome to send your child with their own proper helmet and ice skates. Please see the schedule below for skating times.



Social media is a constant in our lives. Our children want to use it and can be angry if they aren't allowed. Unfortunately, cyber bullying is a reality and many adults and children are verbally assaulted and socially isolated by others via various online apps. **Come to our daytime presentation or evening presentation at St. Bonaventure School.** Learn how to teach your kids to use socially media appropriately, monitor your children's usage and protect yourself and your children from the fallout when using social media entails illegal acts including fraud, pornography and bullying.

St. Bernadette School Wednesday Dec. 5 1030-1130

St. Bonaventure School Wednesday Dec. 5 6:30-8:00 1710 Acadia Dr. SE

**Paul Davis** is a leading expert on social media and keeping you and your family safe on the pitfalls of social media. His message is direct and pragmatic, and you will leave knowing what to do.

[www.socialnetworkingsafety.net](http://www.socialnetworkingsafety.net)

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Thank you to those who took an angel from the Angel Tree! Please remember to return the tag with the **UNWRAPPED** gift item you are donating. **The deadline to return your gift donation is Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>. AGAIN, THANK YOU!**



Our St. Vincent de Paul food collection for Christmas Hampers has begun! **Please choose items off the attached list.** This is a class challenge. **The class with the most items brought in ratio to class population will win a class prize.**

**St. Bernadette Church Youth Group:** If you are in **grade 6**, why not come to Youth Group the first Wednesday of every month? Connect with other youth in a fun and faith-based environment. **December 5 at 6:30pm is the next one!**



SKATING SCHEDULE	
Time	Class
10:45 – 11:15	Kindergarten
11:15 – 11:45	Grade 1 & 2
12:45 – 1:45	Grade 3 & 4
1:45 – 2:45	Grade 5 & 6

Have a blessed first week of Advent!

Tara [tara.mcGovern@cssd.ab.ca](mailto:tara.mcGovern@cssd.ab.ca)

## The Week Ahead:

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Sunday of Advent</li> </ul>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice skating for all students</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	☺
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 5</b>	<b>Day 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ice skating for all students</li> <li>• Social media and online safety presentation for grades 4-6 <b>PARENTS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS AT OUR SCHOOL</b></li> <li>• Social Media Presentation for parents at St. Bonaventure School 6:30-8:00</li> <li>• Youth Group at St. Bernadette Church 6:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 6</b>	<b>Day 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cannabis &amp; Youth Presentation at Monsignor Smith School 7:00-9:00pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Day 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly Mass at 9:10am</li> <li>• Ice skating for all students</li> </ul>

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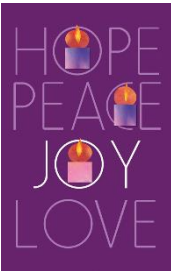


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**Upcoming Events to Mark on Your Calendar:**

**December**

- 11-Family Advent Mass & Concert 6:30PM ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH
- 13-Christmas lunch for students
- 17-Helping Hands Hamper Delivery
- 17-Leadership group to help pack hampers
- 19-Red & Green Day
- 21-Christmas Hat Day
- 21-Last day of classes (full day)



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**ADVENT MASS & CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
**TUESDAY DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-8:00**



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# PAUL DAVIS

## PARENT SESSION

### WHEN

December 5th, 2018

Time: 6:30—8:00 pm

### WHERE

St Bonaventure School

1710 Acadia Dr. SE

Calgary, AB

T2G 3X8

EDUCATING CHILDREN AND EMPOWERING  
PARENTS ON THE TOPIC OF SOCIAL  
NETWORKING AND ONLINE SAFETY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL ST. BONAVENTURE  
SCHOOL @ 403-500-2062

Social Media

Cyberbullying

Smartphones

Online security

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# CANNABIS PRESENTATION



It's happening, is your family prepared?

## Cannabis and Calgary's Youth

How to help young people make an informed and responsible choice.

The legalization of marijuana is just around the corner. As adults, we play an important role in supporting our City's youth in making smart decisions surrounding its use. To help you play this role successfully, we're inviting parents and mentors to learn more about its use, the effects on the young brain and changes in Federal and Provincial laws. This informative and engaging presentation focuses on facts and helpful strategies to help you start supportive conversations surrounding cannabis and its use with the young people in your life.



**MONSIGNOR J.S. SMITH SCHOOL**



**For:** Adults (Youth 12+)

**Cost:** Free, proudly supported by the  
Calgary Police Foundation.

**When:** Thursday, December 6, 2018

**Time:** 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

**Location:** Msgr. J.S. Smith School

**Address:** 2919 Douglasdale Blvd., S.E.

For more info see our website: <http://youthlinkcalgary.com/crime-prevention/cannabiseducation>

[youthlinkcalgary.com](http://youthlinkcalgary.com) | 403.428.4530 | @youthlinkyyc



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**St. Vincent DePaul Wishlist**



**CANNED FOOD**

**VEGETABLES:** Carrots, Peas, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Tomatoes

**FRUIT:** Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Mixed fruit, Oranges

**PROTEIN:** Ham, turkey, chicken, salmon, tuna, beans

**SOUPS**

**GRAINS**

- Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Rice
- Cereal



**OTHER ITEMS**

- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter

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**ITEMS WE CAN'T ACCEPT**

- Out of date food items
- Supplements
- Candy and pop
- Dented or unlabeled cans
- Broken and open packages
- Homemade food

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# Connections



CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY NEWS

## Did you know?

Our annual District Day with the Calgary Hitmen will take place on Friday, February 15. Mark your calendars and check the district website for more information on ticket sales.

### Board of Trustees' Christmas Message

Our Catholic community is busy preparing to rejoice in the birth of Jesus. Christmas is a joyous celebration; God sent his only son to live among us and to bring the light into our world. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). Visit [cssd.ab.ca/News](http://cssd.ab.ca/News) for the full message.

### Chief Superintendent's Christmas Message

Advent is upon us and another great year is coming to an end, we hope that our Calgary Catholic community is beginning to embrace the joyful feeling and spirit of the Christmas season. It is because of the sacred gift of the Christ child, who came to us so long ago, that we as a Catholic school district exist. It is the message and meaning of Jesus' life, handed down to us through scripture, that we are called to share with every student that is entrusted to us. Visit [cssd.ab.ca/News](http://cssd.ab.ca/News) for the full message.

### Diploma Preparation Courses – December 2018 & January 2019

Diploma preparation courses are being offered at Bishop Grandin, Bishop McNally Father Lacombe and Notre Dame High Schools in December and January to prepare students for exams. Courses are \$75 for 12 hours of instruction, with four-hour classes held over three evenings. The courses provide students with critical insights into the test-taking process and review specific curriculum that may appear on an exam. Courses are taught by CCSD teachers with extensive experience in teaching and preparing students for exams. Visit [cssd.ab.ca/Students/AcademicSupport](http://cssd.ab.ca/Students/AcademicSupport) to register.

### Christmas Holidays

Calgary Catholic schools and administrative offices will be closed beginning on Monday, December 24 and will reopen on Monday, January 7. We wish everyone a joyful Christmas season!

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