



ST. GERARD SCHOOL

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Monday, Dec. 16th	Day 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Healthy Hunger – Booster Juice. ❖ Coding Club – 10:30 – 10:45am. ❖ Mental Math Club 12:20-12:40 pm. ❖ All gifts from our angel tree as well as food donations must be returned by 9am. If late please drop at St. Gerard’s Parish on Elbow Drive. Thanks for all your support!! 	
Tuesday, Dec. 17th	Day 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dance Club – 12:20 -12:40 p.m. ❖ Games Club– 12:20 - 12:40 p.m. ❖ Gingerbread Houses Mme. Celine and Mme. Romaine. 	
Wednesday, Dec. 18th	Day 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Lego Club – 12:20 – 12:40 p.m. ❖ Reading Club – 12:20 to 12:40 p.m. ❖ Advent 3 Liturgy with Father Tran. 10 a.m. – please feel free to join us. ❖ Grade 6/5 walking to St. Gerard’s Parish to pack Christmas Hampers 1:00-2:30 p.m. Volunteers needed. 	
Thursday, Dec. 19th	Day 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sammy’s Lunch (pizza) ❖ Christmas Concert Rehearsal – 9:30 a.m. Feel free to attend if unable to make the evening concert. ❖ Chess Club – 12:20 – 12:40 p.m. ❖ Christmas Concert – 6:30 p.m. Students please arrive for 6:15 p.m. 	
Friday, Dec. 20th	Day 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Last day of school – FULL day. ❖ Wear your favourite Christmas Sweater to school! ❖ Class visits to view various Nativity scenes shared by staff & Nativity activities 	
UPCOMING:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Christmas Break – Dec. 21st to Jan. 6th. Wishing you all a very safe and restful Christmas and the happiest of New Year’s! ❖ January 6th – Epiphany Celebration in classrooms. ❖ January 8th – BFG during Hymn Sing ❖ January 21st-Parent/Trustee Forum ❖ January 23rd – GrACE Parent Night #2 – see below for more information. ❖ January 28th – School Council Mtg. ❖ January 31st- No classes. Professional Development for teachers. 	



Plan to come! – Our next GrACE event is Thursday, January 23rd. It is an opportunity to come together as a parent community to learn more about how to navigate parenting in this distracted age. Topics will be explored through speakers, and a chance to socialize and meet other parents. GrACE stands for **G**rateful **A**dvocates for **C**atholic **E**ducation. More information to come soon.



Do you know?

We all know that Christmas Eve is the beginning of the Christmas season, but do you know when it officially ends? On January 6th, we celebrate the Epiphany, which recognizes the Three Kings, or the Three Wise Men who

traveled from the east to pay homage to baby Jesus. This is still part of the Christmas season. Christmas actually continues on to include the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, which is celebrated the Sunday after the Epiphany. After this, Ordinary Time begins the following day, which this year will be on Monday, January 13th.



I know you are thinking, <but what about “The Twelve Days of Christmas”?> The song, “The Twelve Days of Christmas” was actually written during a time when Catholicism was not allowed to be openly practiced, so someone during that era wrote it to teach catechism to young Catholics ([CNA-The History of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'](#)). Please enjoy the rest of Advent preparing your hearts and homes for Christmas. We all wish you a wonderful Christmas celebration and a restful holiday with your family. God bless!



BFG (Big Family Groups) – This week in our big family groups students learned more about the Advent season, and how it is important to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Each student

reflected upon what he/she could do to prepare. Drop by to see the bulletin board of Advent Preparation!



Fun in the Snow!

Mme. Digout's grade 4/3 class enjoyed some fun in the snow!



Christmas Angels:

Thank you to our generous school community who supported us with our Christmas Angel gifts as well as our Christmas hampers. We are so appreciative of the support and we know that many families will be very thankful to receive the generosity of others. Next week our Grade 6/5 class will be walking to St. Gerard to assist the parish with packing the hampers and getting them ready to deliver to families.

