

# CSM Update for Families - December 15 to 19

## CSM Weekly Events

### Weekly Events

Wednesday Wellness Break - Every Wednesday 2:20 pm to 3:00 pm  
Thursday Gospel Time - Every Thursday 8:50 am to 9:20 am  
Friday STEAM and DREAM - Every Friday 9:15 am to 10:55 am

### Monthly Events

Mass - Last Thursday of every month - 9:00 am  
Colour Team Activity - Last Friday of every month - 9:15 am  
Grow and Glow Assembly - Last Friday of every month - 9:45 am

## December

Monday December 15 - Christmas Movie Day (afternoon) - Pajama Day #1

Wednesday December 17 - Christmas Mass with SPFA - 9:00 am

Wednesday December 17 - SPFA to visit CSM

Thursday December 18 - Christmas Dress Up Day

Thursday December 18 - Christmas Turkey Dinner (Lunch)

Thursday December 18 - Christmas Bingo (pm)

Friday December 19 - NO STEAM and DREAM

Friday December 19 - December Glow and Grow Recognition Assembly

Friday December 19 - Pajama Day #2

**Friday December 19 - Last Day of School before Christmas Break**

## January

**Monday January 5 - First Day Back to School**

Monday January 5 - School Council Meeting - 6:00 pm

Friday January 9 - STEAM and DREAM - Inventors and Innovators (3 weeks)

**BELONG. GROW. SHINE**

## **THIS WEEK AT CSM**

*December 15th to 19th*

**MON  
15**

- **SCHOOL MOVIE AFTERNOON**
- **PAJAMA DAY**

**TUES  
16**

- **CHRISTMAS HAT AND ACCESSORY DAY**

**WED  
17**

- **ADVENT MASS WITH SPFA**
- **CHRISTMAS VISIT WITH SPFA**
- **DRESS UP FOR MASS**

**TH  
18**

- **TURKEY DINNER**
- **SCHOOL BINGO**
- **CHRISTMAS DRESS UP DAY (RED AND GREEN, CHRISTMAS CLOTHING)**

**FR  
19**

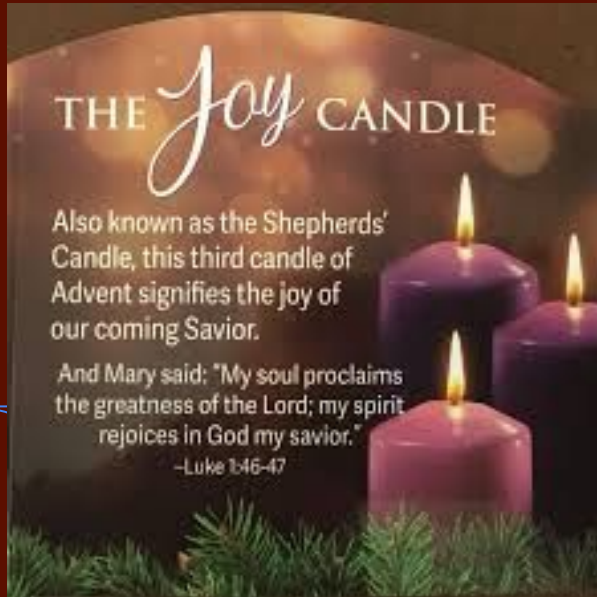
- **LAST DAY BEFORE BREAK**
- **PAJAMA DAY**

***SPIRIT WEEK***

# “Blessed are those who hope in the Lord.”

*Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10*

## Third Sunday of Advent – Joy



Psalm 146 reminds us that true joy comes from trusting in a faithful God — a God who cares for families, protects the vulnerable, and remains close to us in all seasons. On this Third Sunday of Advent, we are invited to rejoice and place our hope in the Lord.

As we prepare for Christmas, this psalm encourages us to slow down, notice God's presence, and find joy in simple moments of connection, care, and love. Even in busy or uncertain times, God continues to watch over us and guide our steps.

May this season of Advent be a time of joy and hope for your family as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

### Prayer

Loving and faithful God, You keep faith forever and watch over all whom You love. We thank You for our families, our children, and our community. As we prepare for Christmas, fill our homes with joy, peace, and hope. Keep our families safe, grant us rest, and draw us closer to You. May we rejoice in Your presence and trust in Your faithful love.

Amen.

## Information and Updates

- **Parking Lot and Bus Loop**

- There are moments of the day when the parking lot is becoming very full. Please follow the following requests:
  - Always park in the parking lot. Do not drop off in driving lanes.
  - Do not park in the Accessible Parking Spots.
  - If you are dropping off and do not want to park - please use the loop on McMaster Blvd.
  - There is also parking available on Columbia Blvd and at St. Martha Parish.

- **Winter Weather**

- Indoor recess will be determined with a combination of temperature, wind and judgement. We will use -20 celsius as our guideline - however we will use our judgement if weather seems extreme. We will also do our best to avoid having students inside for the entire day and students can expect to have outside recess at least once during the day. In the new year we will be sending home permission forms for properly dressed children to go out for short periods of time when temperatures drop below -20.
- Please ensure that all students are prepared for outdoor play and learning at all times. Proper winter jackets, snow pants, tuques or ear covering, mittens or gloves, scarf or face covering and boots - waterproof mittens and gloves will increase warmth and enjoyment of the snow.

- **Reports Cards**

- Report cards will be emailed home and available on SPACES January 26 and June 26.
- Regular insights to your child's learning can be found on their classroom SPACES digital portfolio. Parents can expect several posts each month. You can also expect an evening in the spring - Celebration of Learning - where you will be invited into your child's classroom to witness their learning.



ALL CSM STUDENTS

# CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 18 AT 11:10 AM

THE CHILDREN OF ST. MARTHA SCHOOL

THIS DINNER IS FOR ALL CSM  
STUDENTS.

## Christmas Volunteers Needed

- December 10<sup>th</sup> - 1 or 2 volunteers to help with Family Portrait Night - Greet Parents - support photographer etc. (3:30 to 7:00)
- December 15<sup>th</sup> - School Wide Christmas Movie. Support with supervision in the gym, distributing snacks, clean up etc. (12:30 to 3:00)
- December 18<sup>th</sup> - Turkey Dinner - support with set up, serving dinner and clean up (10:00 to 1:00)

### RSVP

403-381-8110

Call our office and let us know which event you are interested in supporting and time you are available. We will then send you more details.



## Advent Mass

### Please Join Us

The Children of St. Martha School Community and the St. Patrick Fine Arts School Community will come together to celebrate an Advent Mass as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

We warmly invite families, parish partners, and community members to join us:

Wednesday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m.  
Your presence helps strengthen our shared faith community as we worship, reflect, and celebrate together.