

# CSM Update for Families - January 5th to 9th

## CSM Weekly Events

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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

## January

### **Monday January 5 - First Day Back to School after Christmas Break**

Monday January 5 - School Council Meeting - 6:00 pm (Cancelled)

Wednesday January 14 - Jersey Day

Thursday January 15 - School Wide Liturgy

Tuesday January 20 - Blankets of Hope

### **Monday January 26 - Professional Day for Staff - No School for Students**

Thursday January 29 - Monthly School Wide Mass 9:00 am

Friday January 30 - January Glow and Grow Recognition Assembly

Friday January 30 - Colour Team Dress Up Day

**BELONG. GROW. SHINE**

# **THIS WEEK AT CSM**

*January 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>*

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- FIRST DAY BACK AFTER BREAK
- NATIONAL RIBBON SKIRT DAY
- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:00PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY (CANCELLED - WILL MEET THE FIRST MONDAY IN FEBRUARY)

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- WEEKLY WELLNESS BREAK - 2:20PM TO 3:00PM

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- WEEKLY GOSPEL TIME - 8:50 TO 9:20

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- DISMISSAL 11:30 AM
- STEAM AND DREAM WEEK1- INVENTORS AND INNOVATORS

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*Welcome Back*

**“The voice of the Lord is mighty; the voice of the Lord is majestic.”**

*Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10*

**Psalm 29: “The Lord blesses his people with peace.”**

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to our families. As we begin our first week after Christmas break, Psalm 29 offers reassurance that God’s voice brings both **strength and peace** — a gift as we return to routines and reconnect as a school community.

We hope your break was restful and filled with meaningful moments together. We hold in prayer all families who are travelling or returning home and wish everyone safe and smooth journeys. We are so excited to welcome our students back — their laughter, curiosity, and energy help our school truly shine.

This week is a time to **belong** again — reconnecting with friends and teachers; to **grow** — settling back into learning and routines; and to **shine** — sharing kindness, joy, and hope with one another. Rooted in faith and guided by love, we continue to walk together as partners in your child’s learning and well-being.

Thank you for your trust, support, and ongoing partnership. We look forward to a wonderful term ahead.

#### **Prayer for the Week**

God of peace,

Thank You for the gift of rest and renewal.

As our families return to school and routine, surround us with Your protection and fill our community with calm and hope.

Help our children belong, grow, and shine in all that they do.

Amen.



## Information and Updates

- **There will be no January School Council Meeting. The next meeting will be Monday February 2nd.**
- **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



## Mission | Vision | Motto

*Rooted in faith and guided by love, The Children of St. Martha School celebrates each child. We honour connection, foster growth, and inspire every learner to be kind, courageous, and full of hope.*

*Our vision is to be a community where faith, learning, and connection guide every child to reach their full potential — growing together in strength, identity, and compassion.*

**Belong. Grow. Shine.**