



# ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

December 2016

*"Nurturing faith, illuminating minds, inspiring hearts, and empowering hands - we are working together to transform our world."*

*God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift  
to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the  
weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his  
coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our  
Savior.  
Amen.*



### Mark Your Calendars

- Dec. 1 - BB Tournament
- Dec. 1- Registration for Confirmation at 7:00 pm at St. Ann's Church
- Dec. 5 - Advent Mass at 9:30 am at the school
- Dec. 5 - Catholic Parent Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
- Dec. 6 - County Championships for Volleyball and Basketball
- Dec. 6 - Gr. 9 Parent Night at St. Theresa's High School
- Dec. 7 - Choir sings at Georgian Village
- Dec. 8 - Choir performs at First Light
- Dec. 10/11 - Enrolment Mass for Confirmation Candidates
- Dec. 13 - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert at 11:45 am
- Dec. 14 - Christmas Concert @9:30 am
- Dec. 15 - Inclement Weather date for Christmas Concert @9:30 am
- Dec. 21 - Student Assembly at 2:00 pm
- Dec. 22 - Last day of school before Christmas Holidays**
- Jan. 9 - Welcome back to school!**

### You are Invited...



*We are hosting our annual Christmas concert on Wednesday December 14th at 9:30am. The concert promises to include singing, dancing and laughter. Should December 14th be an Inclement Weather Day, the concert will take place December 15th at 9:30 am.*

### Student Recognition



At our November assembly we recognized a number of students who had been chosen by their teacher for being peacemakers in our school community. Congratulations to: Sophia M., Sawyer C., Kenley W., Ava M., Ayslin D., Keely A., Oliva D., Sheridan N., Connor D., Abby D., Isabelle H., Dominique M., Reese L., Maddy R.

### White Angel Sale

The Grade 7 and 8 students are hosting a “White Angel Sale” on Friday December 16th. All items will be priced from 50 cents to \$5.00. Students will be given the opportunity to view and purchase gifts for family and friends. The proceeds from this sale will be used to offset the cost of their year end trip.

### **Santa’s Workshop**

The Grade 7 and 8 students will also be hosting their annual Santa’s Workshop on Thursday December 15th. There will be games to play and baked goods for sale.



### **Stay Informed with Electronic Communication Tools:**

There are two different ways to stay informed electronically about the exciting events happening in and around St. Ann’s Catholic School:

1. Sign up for eNewsletter

Subscribing to eNewsletters will allow our newsletters to be sent directly to your email. This will also be used to keep you updated on important happenings in the school using our “e-blast” tool. Many families have already subscribed which allows them to receive the eNewsletters. We are grateful for their support in helping us go green!

2. Follow us on Twitter@smcdsb\_san.

### **Dressing For Winter and Inclement Weather:**



Winter has arrived! Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions throughout the day. Hat, mitts or gloves, snow pants and boots are necessary. Please label all clothing items. Students will be outside for recess during the winter months as weather permits - please always send your child to school dressed for outdoor recess.

Bus cancellation announcements can be heard on our local radio station or viewed on our board website at [www.smcdsb.on.ca](http://www.smcdsb.on.ca) or [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca). We are in the North Weather Zone. In the event that the buses are cancelled, the school is open. Please note that your child will require a lunch on inclement weather days as food orders are cancelled and re-scheduled for the following school day. If your child walks, please call the Safe Arrival line to report if they will be absent or late.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

Good luck to our Girls Basketball team and Boys Volleyball team as they participate in the Simcoe County Championships on Tuesday December 6th.

**St. Ann’s Gives Back at Christmas**

As we enter the season of Advent, the St. Ann's School community will work to answer God's call to serve those in need.



Our annual Hat and Mitten Tree has been set up in the front foyer of the school. Donations of hats and mittens will be distributed to students and families in need.

Non-perishable food items are also being collected each morning and will be delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Society prior to the Christmas holidays.



Thank you for giving the gift of warmth this holiday season!



Thank you Father Silvio for celebrating Advent Mass with us on Monday December 5th.

On Sunday November 27th, we began the season of Advent. Advent is a very important time in our faith as we begin a new liturgical year and prepare for the coming of Jesus. The Advent wreath is a symbol of our waiting. As each week passes, we light another candle as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. A deliberate observance of Advent prepares us for a richer experience of Christmas.



