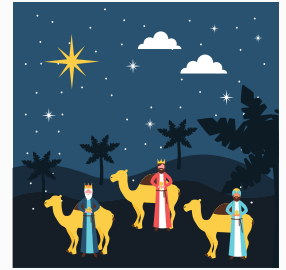




# Holy Child

## January 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Merry Christmas! As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we pray that you and your family have a blessed, joyous Christmas, and a happy new year. We appreciate all of the parents, grandparents, and guardians, who were able to join us in celebrating the Christmas season at our recent Christmas concert at St. Joseph's Basilica. It was so nice to see so many students, parents, and staff attend this wonderful evening.

As we enter into a new year, we look forward to a new, exciting year of learning, achievement, and community. Please note that there is no school and no bussing on **Monday, January 22nd**, as there is a full staff professional development day on that date. Also, our ECSD registration portal opens to new registrations as of **February 1st, 2024**, so if you know of anyone who is interested in attending our wonderful school, please feel free to let them know and/or have their contact our office for more information.

We also would like to congratulate and wish all the best to Ms. Hadjer Kenancha, one of our part-time Educational Assistants at Holy Child! As of December 11th, she started a full time position at Our Lady of Peace school in our division. Please note that we are currently working on staffing this position at Holy Child.

Thank you to all parents/guardians who have completed our ECSD annual division survey. Please note that the survey closes on **Friday, January 12, 2024**.

Please also note that there is a section in our newsletter which provides parents/guardians to links that are found on our school website which provide information pertaining to our Provincial Achievement results, our school assurance November review, in addition to division data, information and results.

On behalf of the staff at Holy Child Catholic Elementary, we wish you a safe, happy, and blessed new year. See you on January 8th, 2024!

Take care and God bless.  
Madame Christine Samson,  
Principal



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 6 – **Epiphany**
- Jan. 8 – **Welcome back to school!**
- Jan. 10 – Epiphany Celebration in the gym  
9:00a.m.
- Jan. 10 – PAC meeting 6–7:30 p.m. on  
Zoom
- Jan. 19 – Hot lunch orders due – **order at**  
**healthyhunger.ca**
- Jan. 22 – **Staff PD Day – NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 26 – Hot Lunch Day – OPA – Pyjama Day
- Feb. 1 – **Registration opens for the**  
**2024 – 2025 School Year**



## CHECK US OUT ON INSTAGRAM!!

Holy Child is now on Instagram! Follow us @**holychildecscsd**.

We are excited to say we recently posted a short video that shares a few moments from our recent Christmas concert at the Basilica. Special thank you to Dana Prefontaine, from ECSD Communications, who has provided us with training and support in this transition into social media!

# **SPANISH BILINGUAL MASS**

The Spanish Bilingual Program's annual mass was held at Corpus Christi Church on Wednesday, December 13th. Every year, this mass provides the opportunity to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas, and this year is the 492nd anniversary of her apparition in Mexico.



The mass was in Spanish and the students and staff wore traditional attires from different countries and regions in Latin America and Spain. The school Blessed John Paul I presented a play about the story of the apparitions of Our Lady Guadalupe and her messenger Saint Juan Diego.



# CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

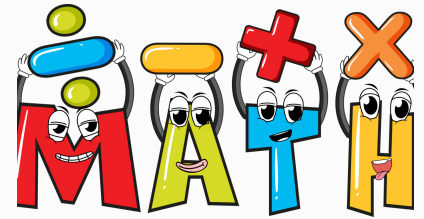
St. Joseph's Basilica was filled with beautiful voices for our Christmas Concert, led by M. Conrad Leibel. We would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to Monsieur for all the time, dedication and hard work that went into preparing our students for this special night. All songs were sung in either French or Spanish, and it was evident how proud the students were of all their hard work.





# GRADE 5 MATH FAIR

Grade 5 students in both French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs, created fun and engaging math games as part of the Math Fair on Tuesday afternoon. All classes were invited to participate and learn more about math in action. Thank you Grade 5 students for being such great leaders and teachers! The students loved visiting the Math Fair!



# CHRISTMAS MARKET 2023

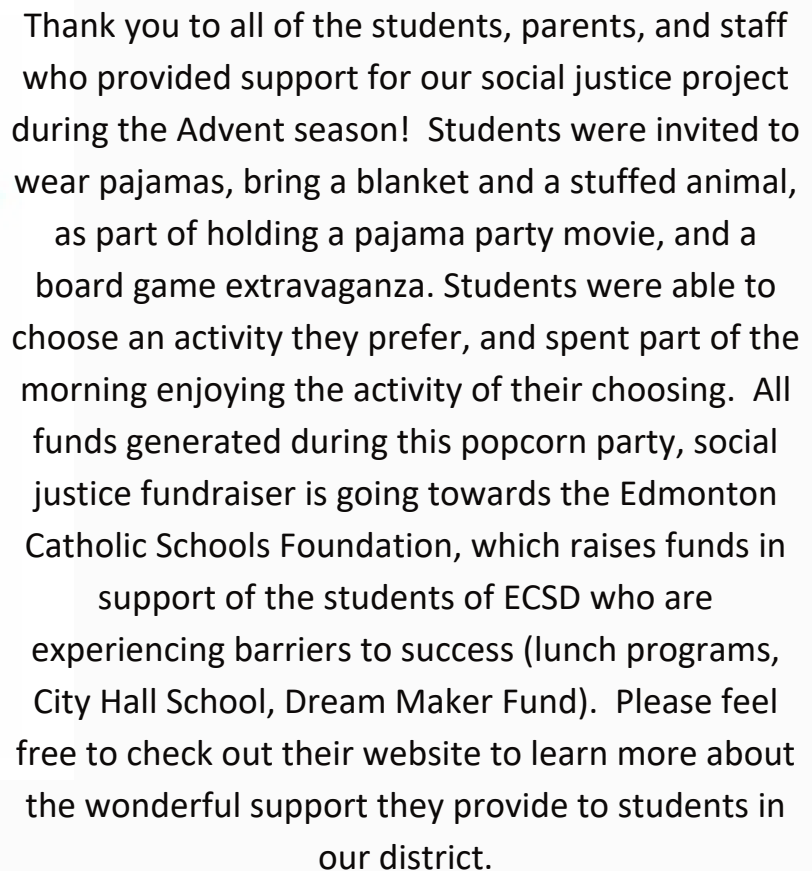
A huge **THANK YOU** to Sra Claudia Prat, and all the volunteers, who organized a wonderful Christmas Market for all our students. Students were filled with so much joy as they chose special gifts for their family members. Thank you to all families who donated so many beautiful items to be gifted to our families. The true spirit of Christmas is definitely alive in this special activity.





A photograph of a decorated Christmas tree in a room. The tree is covered in red and gold ornaments and red garlands. At its base is a large pile of wrapped gifts in various colors (green, white, brown). Several Christmas stockings are hanging from the lower branches of the tree. The background shows a window and a door.

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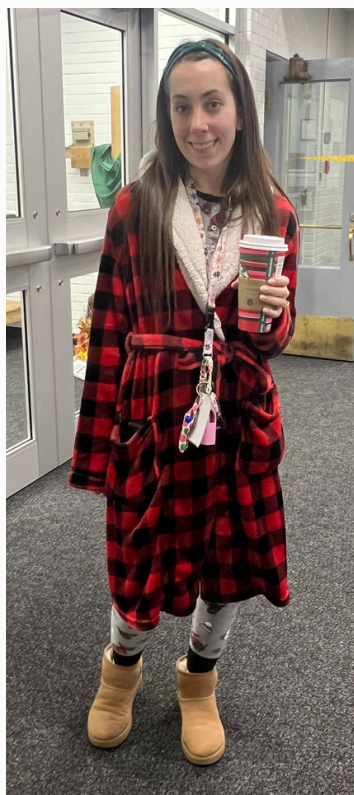
**2B AND 4A**  
**COOKIE**  
**DECORATING**







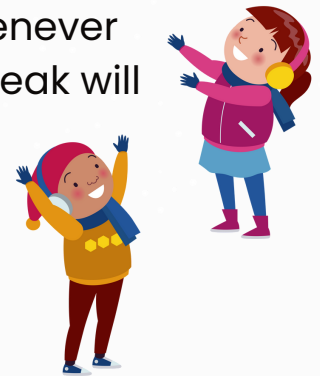
# CHRISTMAS WEEK FUN





## RECESS AND ACTIVITIES: WEATHER

With the cold weather approaching, this is a kind reminder that students are to dress appropriately for the weather. Recess is important to children to provide a break from regular school routine, a chance to get some fresh air. We will only cancel outdoor recess when Environment Canada determines that the temperature is below -20 degrees Celsius (including wind chill) or during wet, rainy days in accordance with District Procedures. Air quality is monitored similarly to extreme cold temperatures. The suggested guideline is that students do not go outside when air quality reaches an index of 7 or more. Whenever outdoor recess is cancelled, an inside, supervised recess break will occur.



## SCHOOL ASSURANCE NOVEMBER REVIEW

We have so much to celebrate a Holy Child. Recently we had the opportunity to review our school goals and provide a November review to parents during the last two parent council meetings. We shared many good news items pertaining to our priorities in our faith, learning, pursuit of excellence, and promoting diversity. If you would like to take a closer look at this, please see our **website** under the **School Assurance** results page. During the meeting we also shared the excellent provincial achievement results for 2023, as we are exceeding the provincial achievement in the majority of subjects and areas. We continue to create a school that is focused on supporting all learners in many different capacities. We appreciate your support in the education of your children.





## **2024 is our Casino Year!**

**Save Feburay 28th + 29th, 2024 in your calendar to volunteer for the MOST IMPORTANT fundraiser our school is fortunate to have.**

**Volunteer sign up coming in January!**

**Casino fundraisers can bring up to \$75K in cash funds to our school.**

# Healthy Hunger

2024-01-26	
2024-02-23	
2024-04-26	
2024-05-31	

## Hot Lunch is BACK!!

**Last Friday of the month.**

**Register & pay for your child online at**  
**[www.healthyhunger.com](http://www.healthyhunger.com)**

***Volunteers needed each month to help deliver lunches to classrooms from 11:30am-12:15pm.***  
***Sign up online!***