



Family Information for the Week of December 1-5

Student Led Conferences

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Student-Led Conferences this past Thursday. We greatly appreciate the time you took to come into the school, celebrate your child's learning, and engage in meaningful conversations with them about their growth. Your presence and support play an important role in building confidence and strengthening the partnership between home and school.

Advent

As we enter the first week of Advent, we begin a season of hope, preparation, and joyful anticipation. Advent invites us to pause and reflect as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. The first candle we light on the Advent wreath, the Candle of Hope, reminds us that even in challenging or uncertain times, God's light is always present and guiding us.

At school, we will be embracing this spirit of hope in several ways. Students will take part in classroom reflections, morning prayers, and simple acts of kindness that help us focus on the true meaning of the season.



Advent Social Justice Project

As we begin the Advent season, we are excited to launch a school-wide kindness project called "Warm Hearts, Bright Light." This initiative invites students to live out the spirit of Advent through simple acts of kindness at home, at school, or in the community.

How it works:

- Students are encouraged to complete 10 acts of kindness between Nov. 24 and Dec. 17.
- Each act is valued at \$0.50, for a total suggested donation of \$5 per student.
- Students record their acts of kindness on the tracking sheet provided.
- Once they reach 10 acts, families sign the sheet and send it back to school along with the \$5 donation.
- Students who participate will:
 - Receive a star with their name for our school Christmas tree.

All funds raised will be used to purchase Stay Warm Kits for Hope Mission, helping individuals in need stay warm during the winter.

Thank you for supporting your child in spreading kindness and helping our school community make a meaningful difference this Advent season. Together, let's continue to shine Christ's light for others.



This Week at Holy Child School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Week of Advent Grinch Green and Candy Cane Day: Wear green, red and/or white <div style="text-align: right;">1</div>	Advent Celebration at 9:00 AM (gym) all welcome <div style="text-align: right;">2</div>	Grade 6 Immunizations in the afternoon <div style="text-align: right;">3</div>	Lock Down Practice at 9:45 am Holiday "Cheer" Wear a jersey or sport shirt Early Dismissal at 11:43 am <div style="text-align: right;">4</div>	<div style="text-align: right;">5</div>

Mark Your Calendar

December 16 – Tree Topper Day – Wear a Santa Hat or Christmas headband
 December 17 – Travelling Christmas Party
 December 17 & 18 - Christmas Market
 December 18 – **Full Day – dismissal at 3:15 PM**
 December 18 – Leadership Team – Holiday Spirit – wear an ugly Christmas sweater, holiday top or red and green
 December 18 – Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch
 December 19 – **Early Dismissal at 11:43 AM**
 December 19 – January 4 - Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
 January 5 – Welcome back!
 January 6 – Epiphany Celebration
 January 12- Parent Council Meeting

12 Days of Christmas

As we prepare for the joy and excitement of the Christmas season, we are thrilled to launch our 12 Days of Christmas beginning December 1! Each day will bring a new activity designed to spread Christmas cheer throughout our school community.

Students will take part in a variety of festive moments, including Christmas trivia and class challenges. Classes will work together to participate in each day's activity, and we'll keep track to see which class shows the *most* Christmas spirit over the 12 days.

Our goal is simple: to celebrate together, build community, and bring a little extra joy to the school during this special time of year.

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS				
December 2025				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st day of Christmas Grinch Green & Candy Cane Day Wear green, red &/or white <div style="text-align: right;">1</div>	2nd day of Christmas Movie Trivia <div style="text-align: right;">2</div>	3rd day of Christmas Christmas Carol Trivia <div style="text-align: right;">3</div>	4th day of Christmas Holiday "Cheer" Wear a jersey <div style="text-align: right;">4</div>	5th day of Christmas Christmas Trivia <div style="text-align: right;">5</div>
6th day of Christmas Family Feud <div style="text-align: right;">8</div>	7th day of Christmas 12 Days of Christmas Trivia <div style="text-align: right;">9</div>	8th day of Christmas Guess How Many Candy Canes? <div style="text-align: right;">10</div>	9th day of Christmas Christmas Trivia True or False <div style="text-align: right;">11</div>	10th day of Christmas Name that Tune <div style="text-align: right;">12</div>
11th day of Christmas Christmas Trivia <div style="text-align: right;">15</div>	12th day of Christmas Tree Topper Day Wear a Santa or Christmas hat or headband <div style="text-align: right;">16</div>	Travelling Christmas Party <div style="text-align: right;">17</div>	Holiday Spirit Day Wear your ugly Christmas sweater, a holiday top or a red and/or green shirt <div style="text-align: right;">18</div>	Hibernation Friday Pajama Day Carols in the gym 9:15-9:45 Cozy Day for a Cause <div style="text-align: right;">19</div>



Busing & Transportation

Updating the Office about Changes to After School Transportation Plans



To help us ensure the safety of all students, it is **very important that families please inform the school of any changes to their child's after-school transportation plans, particularly if they will not be taking the bus on a given day.**

(Para ayudarnos a garantizar la seguridad de todos los estudiantes, **es muy importante que las familias informen a la escuela sobre cualquier cambio en los planes de transporte de sus hijos después de clases, especialmente si en un día determinado no van a tomar el autobús.**)

Keeping an updated list of bus riders allows us to account for every student and ensure they get home safely

Busing and Transportation Inquiries and Matters

Please direct any questions and concerns regarding bussing and transportation (stops, routes, delays) to ECSD Transportation Services. They can be reached by phone: 780-441-6078 or by email:

transportationservices@ecsd.net.

(Les pedimos, por favor, que ndirija cualquier pregunta o inquietud relacionada con el transporte escolar (paradas, rutas, retrasos) a los Servicios de Transporte de ECSD. Puede comunicarse con ellos por teléfono al 780-441-6078 o por correo electrónico escribiendo a transportationservices@ecsd.net)

Staff Parking Lot Reminders

A friendly reminder that the staff parking lot is not to be used for student drop-off or pick-up. We kindly ask that all families use the designated drop-off areas at the front of the school.

Using the staff lot during busy times can create unsafe situations for students who may be walking through the area. Keeping this space limited to staff vehicles helps us ensure a safe environment for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and for continuing to prioritize student safety.

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