

ST. JOE'S NEWS

December 14, 2018

Last week before Christmas Holidays

Please remember Friday, December 21st is a half day. Students need to be picked up at 11:45am. The office will close at 12:00pm.

Hampers

Just a reminder to look through the list that was sent home and bring an item for the SVP Christmas hampers.

Thank you

Thank you very, very, very, very much to everyone who helped make Humbug such a wonderful success.

All library books are now due.

Please return them to the book return bin outside of the library.

Thank you



Important Dates to Remember

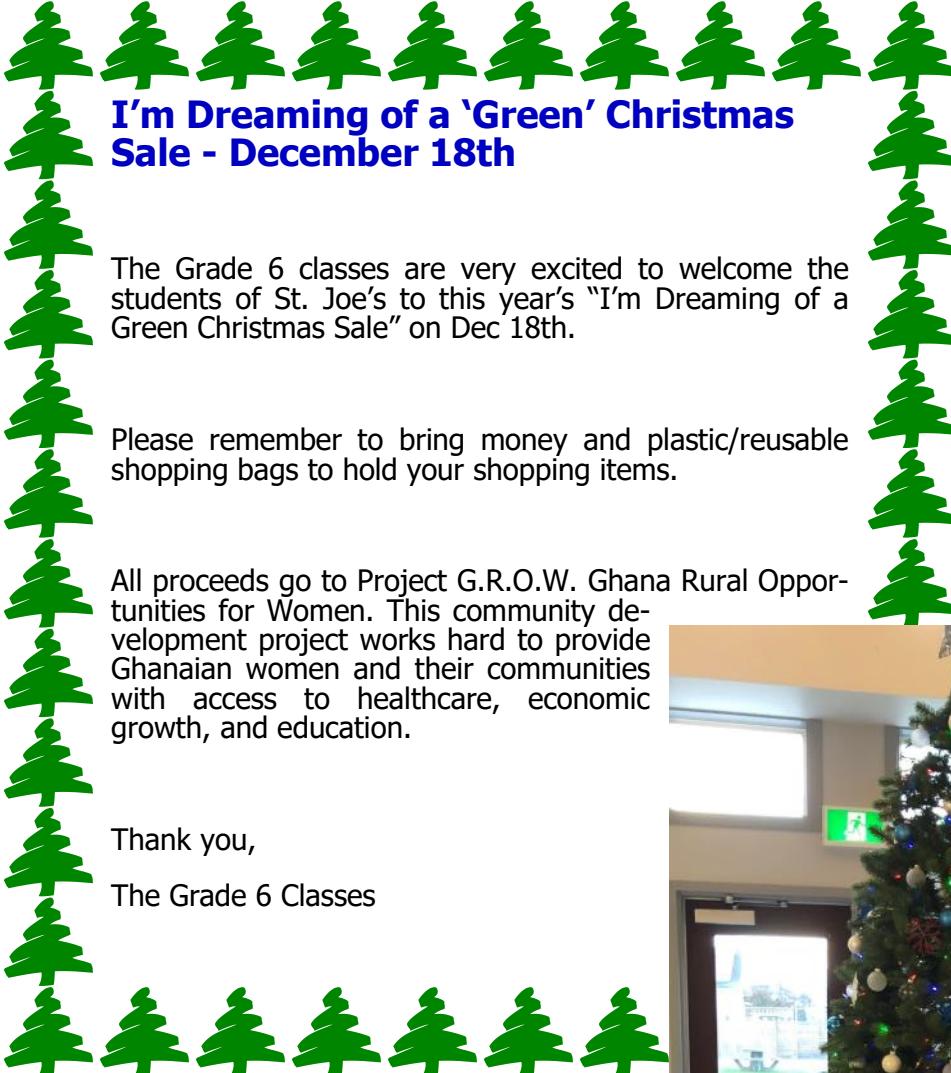
December 18th: Green Christmas Sale

December 19th: Christmas Mass (4B) at 9:15am

December 21st: Early Dismissal 11:45am Red/Green or Christmas Sweater Day



School News



I'm Dreaming of a 'Green' Christmas Sale - December 18th

The Grade 6 classes are very excited to welcome the students of St. Joe's to this year's "I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas Sale" on Dec 18th.

Please remember to bring money and plastic/reusable shopping bags to hold your shopping items.

All proceeds go to Project G.R.O.W. Ghana Rural Opportunities for Women. This community development project works hard to provide Ghanaian women and their communities with access to healthcare, economic growth, and education.

Thank you,
The Grade 6 Classes

This year we will also host a raffle as part of the "I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas Sale". \$0.25 per ticket to win an adorable Christmas Bear. Tickets will be sold on December 18th.



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Cards 4 Kids

Forgot to get your order in?

Cards will also be available from the office, at the Cards 4 Kids table and at the Christmas concert.

As always, we have Grocery, Gas, Starbucks, Tim Horton's, Cactus Club, and Moxies. We have also added Chapters (\$25) Cineplex (\$25 and \$50) and Claire's (\$25).

There is also the option of buying PC Cards and using them to purchase any cards you choose at Superstore or Independent.

Thanks for supporting Cards 4 Kids!

Extra Colts wear!

We have a few extra navy Pro Team long sleeve tees. \$20 each.

Youth sizes

Small x 1

Medium x 1

Large x 2

If interested please inquire at the office.



St. Joe's PSG News



The PSG would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to all bakers and shoppers who supported the Christmas Concert Bake Sale. Together, we raised \$1200.00 for our school.

What is the Parent Support Group (PSG)?

The PSG is an open and social group made up of a volunteer executive, staff advisors, and **YOU** - the parents. Meetings are held just once per month.

If you have any questions and would like to learn more about the PSG, please contact the PSG president, Dawn Thalheimer at dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca)

Many hands make light work!

Minutes from November's PSG meeting are found [here](#).

Other Catholic School News

Third Sunday of Advent – **Sacred Time**

This week the conversation continues

Suggestions:

Join in the Song

“All is Well” we have permission from the Copyright holder to use this song for First Nations Ministry in the Diocese of Nelson. It is a simple praise song that can be sung once or many times to set the mood for our conversations. May it touch your hearts.

Use the Advent Wreath

This Sunday the three candles (2 purple and the pink one) are lit.

Include a prayer intention

A conversation with God can place everything that follows with all that God wants to do for us and with us. We share from our own concerns, but we want to be sure to listen to God’s compassionate response. May it be a time of special grace.

Speak with others

Include faith in the conversation, joining with one, two or three others (or your whole family) first, then expand the conversation more broadly. Be open to their thoughts without needing to correct or convince. Really get to understand exactly what they are saying.

There will be more time to react and clarify as time goes on.

Share your experience – check out the online resources [here](#)

Finish with the Session song and a closing prayer

“Hope Before Us” from **Prayer for Peace** Copyright 1987 by David Haas

After your time with others there are a number of possible ways to share the results with me:

Talk to me in person (I am visiting throughout the Diocese)

Email me a brief comment at: FNM@nelsondiocese.org

Send an even briefer text message to 250-317-4575

Fr. John Kellogg

First Nations Ministry
Diocese of Nelson

- Please note:

Online Resources are available at [click here](#)

Next week: Continue the conversations and have a blessed Christmas!

Other Catholic School News



**2nd Annual
Immaculata
Christmas
Craft/Artisan Fair**

**Presented by Immaculata Fine Arts
Department**

Saturday, December 15th

Doors open 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Location: Immaculata High School Gym (1493
KLO Rd)**

Over 60 vendors!

**Come celebrate the Christmas season with
friends and the community. Music, food/lunch
items, and many hand-made crafts and arts by
local artisans. Children's area with face
painting, crafts, and games. Door Prizes! Bake
sale! Free admission.**

**For information, send your inquiry to Angela Griffin
(agriffin@cisnd.ca or 250-762-2730)**



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*Please join us for our special fundraising evening as we celebrate
Immaculata's fine young artists, musicians, and actors...*

Wednesday December 19, 2018

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Admission by Donation

- * Gallery and silent auction of student art work from
Grade 8-12 Art/Photography Classes
- * Immaculata Band performances by Grade 8-12 students
- * Grade 9 drama production "A Charlie Brown Christmas"
 - * 50/50 draw and Gingerbread House raffle
 - * French café hosted by French students
 - * Bake sale
 - * Refreshments

Wine cash bar by Intrigue Wines

All proceeds will go towards the Fine Arts Department

(Debit/Credit machine available)

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Rooted in Faith Praying for Our Catholic Schools 2018-19 Schedule

Location: Immaculata Regional High School Chapel

Time: 12:15 pm

Duration: 25 minutes

Day: Monday

Date	Prayer Focus
December 3, 2018	3A - Mrs. Jessica Aitken
December 10, 2018	10A - Mr. Jeremy de Haan
December 17, 2018	4B - Mrs. Serenella Braund

Community News

Big White After School Program

Hello Kelowna and Area Schools,

The early bird deadline for the After School Program is quickly approaching!

Parents have until December 16th at midnight to register for the program at \$153 + tax. After December 16th, the price increases by \$40.

This is the best deal offered in BC for children and youth's night skiing and snowboarding. The program fee includes 3x round trip transportation, 3 meals, 3 lessons and 3 lift tickets.

Thank you very much for your support.

Paula Buchanan

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[After School Program Web Page](#)





Don't Forget

You can always find school information on our

[website](#),

[Facebook](#)

and [Twitter](#)

Other links

[Dads' group](#)

[PSG Meeting Minutes](#)

[Rooted in Faith](#)

[Big White After School Program Web Page](#)

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M-F 8:30-3:30

Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body.

Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.