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## What's Up @ HJE December 11th to 15th

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What's Up @ Holy Jubilee December 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>:



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

I hope that you all had a relaxing weekend amidst the somewhat warmer temperatures and preparations for Christmas. Today marks the second week of Advent. The purple candle for this week is sometimes called the "love" candle. The light of this candle reminds us of the coming of Jesus, the light of our world who brings us hope and fills us with God's love:

*Jesus be our light,*

*Flood our hearts with your hope.*

*May your light brighten our days and comfort our darkness.*

*In these dark days when dawn breaks late and night falls early,*

*Be the light to guide us on our paths.*

*And help us to bring that light to others in need. Amen*

### **A Brief Update:**

I would firstly like to thank Mr. David Flynn for being with us the past 8 days. I appreciate his dedication, understanding, wise counsel, and kindness with staff, students, and the school community. This week we will be welcoming Ms. Christine Gomes who will be working alongside me in the office until further notice. Once again, I am sure that you will all give her a warm Holy Jubilee welcome. Please see her message below:

*Hello Holy Jubilee Community:*

*Thanks to Ms. Sandig for her warm welcome and I look forward to meeting many of you during my time here. As a longtime Maple resident and YCDSB colleague, I am happy to be able to serve and support your school community this next week. Please come by and say Hi when you get a chance!*

*Ms. Christine Gomes*

**REMINDERS:**

In the spirit of Advent, the staff and students will be participating in weekly virtual Advent paraliturgies which highlight the meaning of each candle. We are continuing the gift card initiative on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul chapter at St. David's Parish. Thank you for your generous donations thus far. There is still time for donation as the deadline is December 14<sup>th</sup>: [Advent Initiative St. Vincent de Paul Society.pdf](#) Thank you to Mrs. Moscone and Mrs. Ciardullo for organizing this worthy initiative.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your child(ren) have appropriate outer clothing for the weather, including indoor and outdoor shoes. Students will be going outside for recess and lunches. The temperature for staying indoors is -18 with the windchill factor; at -17 degrees recess would be half indoors and half outdoors. This is also dependent on weather conditions (i.e. wind, precipitation and ground conditions).

**Dismissal:** While many of you (or have caregivers) meet your younger children, older children are expected to go home immediately after dismissal and not stay on school grounds as there is no supervision provided at that time.

**What's Up @ HJE THIS WEEK:**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th:**

- Virtual Advent Paraliturgy (whole school @ 11:15 am)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th:**

**-Hot Lunch: Costa Verde**

-SJA presents Indigenous Winter Games to Grade 6s (the actual games take place in January 2024)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th:**

**-Hot Lunch: Pizza Pizza**

-Individual Peer Awareness Workshops for the Junior Division (Grades 4-6)

**THURSDAY, December 14th:**

-Hot Lunch: Astoria

**Catholic School Council News:**

The CSC's Annual Christmas Bingo was huge success. We had a great turnout and it was a festive event! A huge thanks to the CSC (Community Building Committee as well as all of the members who helped out behind the scenes before and during the event as well). A lot of time and effort goes into an event like this and I thank the CSC for their dedication to the school and school community. Thank you to Clear Images for providing a photographer. A finally a big thanks to Santa for being at our event and calling out the Bingo numbers with Christmas Cheer!



Also, a big thank you to the Beautification Committee who have done a fantastic job of decorating the front of the school as well as the indoors. It is looking a lot like Christmas at HJE!! Fantastic Foliage thanks to Mrs. Cerullo, Teresa Moncada and Tania Jeronimo. CSC Bulletin Board courtesy of Mrs. Pace.





### **Coming Up:**

-Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>-22nd: Advent Spirit Week – details to follow this week

-Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: Primary Christmas Concert 2:30-3:30 pm All are invited to attend

### **A Few Reminders:**

Adults are asked **not to enter or stay in the school yard between 8:35 and 8:50 am or at any time during recesses (morning, lunch and afternoon).** There is staff supervision in the yard during that time frame and for safety concerns, we ask that only students and staff be in the yard at that time.

### **Safety in the Parking lot and School Grounds:**

For the safety of everyone, please remember to be observant of pedestrians and other cars when on school grounds.

### **PARKING LOT AND KISS AND RIDE:**

As always, here are safety reminders that bear repeating in order to keep our students and school community safe: (please share with caregivers who pick up your child(ren)):

**Absolutely no parking in the kiss and ride area in either the back or front kiss and ride as this blocks and affects the safe and timely flow of traffic. The kiss and ride area is not intended for parking.** Also, it is very important that **cars are in designated parking spots only. This means that vehicles should NOT park in fire safety zones, beside the exit or in the passing land of the kiss and ride.**

- **Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the kiss and ride area**
- **Please do not block the pathway for the kiss and ride area – the premise of the kiss and ride is for traffic to flow. If your child(ren) are not yet at the exit, please go around the loop. **Please drive SLOWLY in any part of the school grounds****
- **Please observe the one-way direction of the entrance.**
- **The front door is not to be accessed unless 1. It is after 8:50 am or 2. Severe inclement weather (i.e. heavy precipitation)**
- **Supervision in the morning begins at 8:35 am. Students should not be in the school yard before this time nor are they to enter the building before this time. School**



**begins promptly at 8:50 am Attendance and Opening Exercises start very soon after this time.**

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead,

Ms. Sandig, Principal

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