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Friendly Friday Update # 12: Nov. 27th - Dec. 1st



ADVENT PRAYER

God's hope to direct me.

God's love to surround me.

God's joy to warm me.

God's peace to comfort me.

Bless our Advent journey to Christmas with light and patience.

Amen.

Week at a Glance

Compared to last week, a much quieter week ahead.

Monday 27th	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th	Friday 1st
Happy Monday	Int. Girls Board Level Volleyball Tournament	Happy Wednesday	Happy Thursday	Happy Friday

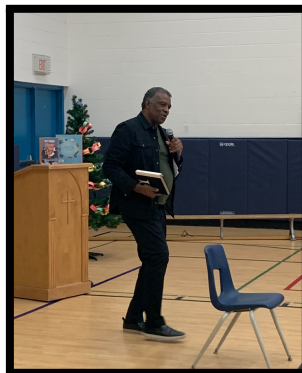
Looking Ahead:

- December 2nd - SAM Christmas Market, 9 am - 12 pm
- December 3rd - **First Sunday of Advent**
- December 4th - 8th - Computer Science Week
- December 8th - Last day of CSC Chocolate Fundraiser
- December 10th - **Second Sunday of Advent**
- December 15th - School Advent Mass, 1:30 pm
- December 18th - **22nd - Christmas Spirit Week**
- December 17th - **Third Sunday of Advent**
- **December 22nd - Last Day Before Christmas Break**
- January 8th - Welcome Back, First Day of School, 2024

Safe and Caring School Environments

Friendship Week - Bullying Prevention Week

Staff and students had a very special, meaningful and memorable Friendship Week. Through art, literature, guest speakers and classroom buddy activities, students learned to be Upstanders instead of Bystanders, to be Helpful rather than Hurtful, and to always Lift each other up. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these positive messages not just during **Friendship Week**, but throughout the entire school year.



Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Computer Science Week and Hour of Code 2023: The week of December 4th is Computer Science Education Week and the Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a worldwide initiative to celebrate computer science.

Learning About Advent: Advent is a season of joyful waiting, a time of hope when we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child who comes into our lives each day and who will come again in Glory. During Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.

The Liturgical colours of Advent are not the red and green of the secular Christmas decorations but a beautiful purple and a joyful pink. Our prayer centres in the classroom and at home may feature an Advent Wreath and signs and symbols of the Nativity. Electronic candles, honouring Advent as the season of light, are also appropriate. A [Jesse tree](#) is another way to learn more about the ancestry of Jesus, Prince of Peace.

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

December's Virtue of the Month: Hope

As Catholics, we know that December is about slowing down and preparing our hearts and souls for the coming of Christ. Ironically, it can sometimes be one of the most frantic times of the year. As we ready ourselves for the holidays, please remember that prayers and reflections can help guide us away from hectic and materialistic preparations and toward the joyful expectations and simplicity of the season.

This Year's 2023-24 Catholic Education Theme and Faith Day 2023 Theme:

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love