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Friendly Friday Update # 14: Dec. 11th - Dec. 15th



ADVENT PRAYER

During this second week of Advent, we light the second purple candle on the Advent wreath. 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.

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

Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
CSC Fun Week Bright PJs/Bright Civvies	CSC Fun Week Bright Hoodie over Uniform	CSC Fun Week Pizza Party	CSC Fun Week Fun Socks/Civvies	CSC Fun Week Bright PJs/Bright Civvies Advent Mass, 1:30 pm.

Looking Ahead:

- December 18th - 22nd - Christmas Spirit Week
- December 17th - Third Sunday of Advent
- December 18th - 22nd - Christmas Spirit Week
- December 22nd - Last Day Before Christmas Break
- January 8th - Welcome Back, First Day of School, 2024
- January 19th - PA Day
- January 26th - Civvies Day
- January 26th - St. Angela Merici Feast Day Mass, 10:30 am.

Safe and Caring School Environments

Preparing for Winter Weather Conditions: Please help your children arrive at school prepared for the unpredictable changes in temperatures and weather conditions. In addition to a warm coat, hat and mittens/gloves, all students are encouraged to have outdoor winter boots/footwear and a change of indoor shoes. Please know that [all students, except for Grade 6, 7 & 8](#), will be required to wear both boots and snow pants in order to play on the field when it is covered in snow. With the snow often comes wet feet and wet clothing. Students are encouraged to have an extra change of clothing in case there is a need to change. It is also important to note that if the playgrounds are safe, students will be outside as much as possible. Only in extreme weather, temperatures of -17 or colder, will students remain indoors. We thank you for your continued support in sending students to school prepared for the next season ahead.

SAM Catholic School Council Fundraiser Update

Thank you to the entire SAM school community for supporting our CSC Christmas Chocolate Fundraiser. It was a huge success! As a token of our appreciation, CSC has planned a Fun Week, which will run from December 11th to the 15th. Please see the attached Fun Week Poster for more details on theme days and the pizza party planned for next week. A letter regarding Wednesday's complimentary Pizza Party will be sent home Monday with students.

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Free Parent EQAO Webinar - January 17, 2023

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Register for a free live webinar and learn about the EQAO Grade 3 and Grade 6 assessments and highlights from the 2021–2022 assessment results.

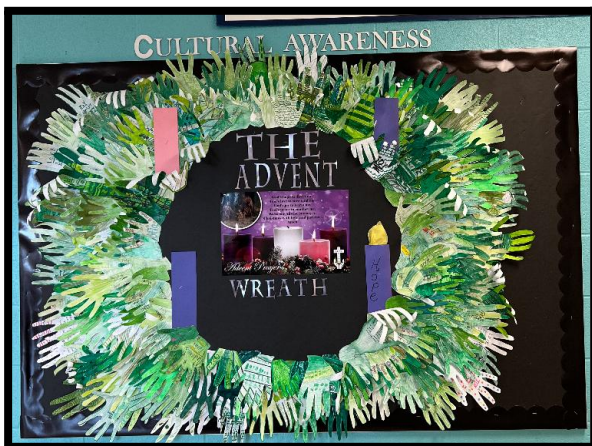
The live session will take place on **January 17, 2023** from **6:30 pm to 7:15 pm** followed by a Q&A with EQAO staff.

Registration: www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

School Advent Mass: All are invited to join our **Advent Mass**, Friday, December 15, 2023. Mass will begin at approximately 1:30 pm. We look forward to this special time together as a school community.

December's Virtue of the Month: **Hope**



Week Two: **Love**

[What is Advent \(video\)](#)

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

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love