



## St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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### Friendly Friday Update # 13: Dec. 4th - Dec. 8th



## ADVENT PRAYER

During this first week of Advent, we light the first purple candle on the Advent wreath. This is the “hope” candle. The light of this candle reminds us of the coming of Jesus, the light of our world, who brings us hope. The candle also reminds us that we can be sources of hope for others.

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 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th
<p>Computer Science Week</p> <p>Peer Leaders for Active Youth, PLAY Leaders training Day # 1</p>	<p>Virtue Award Virtual Ceremony: Courage</p>	<p>St. Elizabeth CHS Christmas Concert, Gr. 6, 7 and 8</p> <p>STREAM Centre Trip, Gr. 2</p>	<p>Happy Thursday</p>	<p>Last day of CSC Chocolate Fundraiser - money and unsold chocolate sent to school</p>

### Looking Ahead:

- 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 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

### 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, students in all grades are encouraged to have outdoor winter boots/footwear and a change of indoor shoes. We know that feet often get wet, please send extra dry socks in case there is a need to change. Please know that students will be required to wear both boots and snow pants in order to play on the field when it is covered in snow. 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.

**Recess and Allergy Awareness Plans Reviewed:** Please take some time to review our SAM Recess Plan and our SAM Allergy Awareness Plan attached, and how we continue to keep student safety a top priority at St. Angela Merici CES.

## 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](http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507)

**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.

## Integration of Our Catholic Faith

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

Week One: Hope

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

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

***Catholic Education: We are Called to Love***