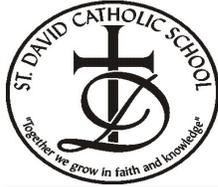


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Living in Community
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Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate Jesus the Son of God entering into our lives and our world. As we begin this important liturgical season we are centred on preparing for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We spend great time and energy decorating our homes, preparing special foods and buying gifts for loved ones. This Advent, let us remember to prepare spiritually through acts of kindness, charity and service to others. May the blessings of the season fill our days. As we gather with friends and loved ones may God's peace and love reside in our hearts .

Bell Times

9:10 am: Entry
10:40-11:20 :
Nutrition Break
1:20-2:00 :
Nutrition Break
3:30: Dismissal

*Lord Jesus, light of the world; come and make us your messengers.
Lord Jesus, giver of the Holy Spirit; come and fill your people with love.
Lord Jesus, conqueror of darkness and sin; come and shine your light upon us.
Lord Jesus, joy of the nations; come and make us joyful in faith and hope.
Lord Jesus, prince of peace; come and free us from fear and hatred.
Lord Jesus, source of endless life; come and unite all people in God's kingdom.
Lord Jesus, good news of salvation; come and keep us safe in your love.
Lord Jesus, enthroned in glory; come and keep us watchful in prayer.
Amen*

St. David CES is a proud feeder school of
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Friday December
7th is a P.A. Day.
No school, enjoy
family time!

**"Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."
~St . David**



**Catholic School Graduate
Expectations**

The graduate is expected to be:

**A Discerning Believer Formed in
the Catholic Faith Community who**

An Effective Communicator

A Reflective and Creative Thinker

A Caring Family Member

A Responsible Citizen

"A Reflective and Creative Thinker"

I HAVE IDEAS!

I have thoughts and opinions that mat-
ter

I make good choices

I have hope for the future

I solve problems with knowledge,
understanding and prayer

I know we are all equal and special

Because I have ideas, I have a purpose,
and I will live my life like Jesus.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

A food drive will be going on during Advent. Please help the less fortunate by supporting this worthy initiative. Please check the expiry dates on the food being sent in. All donations will be going to our local food banks. The last day for the food drive is December 14th. Thursday, Dec. 6th is Joy Day - Students can wear red/white/green. It will be a full dress down day. We are asking students to bring in a non-perishable food item to be able to dress down that day. Friday, Dec 21st will be Christmas Sweater/shirt Day. It will be a full dress down day.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are pleased to continue this year with our Christmas poinsettia sale. Order forms are available on our website or at the office. Orders can be picked up at the school on December 13th (Advent Night) Thank you for your support.

UNITED WAY

Thank you to all students who participated in our Dress Down day in support of the United Way. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated. Way to go Dragons! United Way helps support the CYO programs as well as numerous other programs that support children and families within our community.

Advent Family Craft Night

When to Stay Home From School

On , December 13, 2018 we welcome all families and friends to an Advent Open House. We will celebrate with an Advent Liturgy, a family craft activity and have some time for fellowship. We may even have a visit from Santa Claus! Come share in friendship and have some refreshments. Let's gather together as a school community to prepare in the coming of Christ. We hope you will join us from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Our Christmas Food Drive is well under way and we thank you for all the support, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Participants are asked to bring in a donation for our Advent Food Drive.

RSVP forms have been sent home. Please RSVP your attendance. All craft materials will be provided. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Thank you to our staff and Catholic School Council for their help in organizing this wonderful event.

It is important to keep your children home when they are sick. This helps to make them more comfortable and prevents other children from getting sick. Contact your doctor for medical advice and keep your child home if he/she has any of the following:

- Vomiting or diarrhea through the night or in the morning
- Any fever (indicates active infection)
- Earache or any drainage from ear
- Eye irritations with yellow discharge or redness
- Persistent runny nose with thick mucous
- Severe sore throat (sign of infection)
- Stomach aches
- Headaches
- Persistent or regular night cough
- Difficult or rapid breathing
- Undiagnosed rash

Contact your doctor if symptoms are severe, get worse or do not go away. Children who are not well enough to go outside are not well enough to be at school.

(Taken from Healthy Kids produced by Public Health Services).

It's Hats, Boots, Scarves and Mittens Time!

Now that the cold weather and snow are upon us we ask that students bring a spare pair of indoor shoes to wear when they take off their outdoor boots. Please bring them first thing in the morning so we do not have to interrupt classes. All students need to have indoor shoes in the event of an emergency evacuation. Also ensure that your child has plenty of warm clothing as there will be outdoor recess (weather permitting) whenever possible.



L.E.A.D. Recess Program

Back by popular demand! Once again this year our students are learning ways to make St David a great place to play and learn! ***A special thanks to our grade 6 students Miss Greaves for their participation and leadership in this exciting program!***

What is L.E.A.D.?

Linking the School

Energy on the Playground

All Play

Dynamic Leaders

The L.E.A.D. Recess program has been designed to develop emerging leadership skills, create awareness of the needs of fellow students, help to create a strong school community by introducing younger students to the senior ones and most importantly, increase physical literacy during recess. Creating a strong community on the playground takes a group of imaginative and keen leaders. The L.E.A.D. program trains students how to be recess leaders. Our recess leaders teach and lead a variety of games for grades 1-4 during recess.

During the student training L.E.A.D.ers learn about and discuss:

- the positive qualities of a good leader

- how to communicate effectively

- what is a conflict and how to resolve it

- C.A.T. Social Skills

- how to be a fantastic Game Creator

- how to develop a strong school community by creating a sense of belonging

Benefits of L.E.A.D.

- Develops emerging leadership skills in the students

- Develops a strong school community creating a sense of belonging

- Allows student voice to foster good recess practices

- Cultivates and practices positive social skills

- Encourages unstructured play through positive role modelling

- Increases Physical Literacy levels

- Offers both indoor and outdoor recess ideas