

DECEMBER 2017

"....we wait in joyful hope."



As December approaches, so does Christ Jesus, humbled in the helpless form of a newborn baby. At St. Mary's School, may we in turn humble ourselves before the Lord and take the time to recognize the wondrous gift that has been given to us through the Blessed Virgin. May we, like Mary, always say "YES!" to God, keeping our hearts and our minds open to His word, being generous with our time and talents.

With the Advent and the Christmas season upon us, St. Mary's is gearing up to give! As the old saying goes: "it's better to give than to receive" and we're doing our best to "walk the walk" in December. Each class in the school will be participating in a collection for a local family in need, paying attention to the potential needs of each member based on their age and such, thoughtfully collecting things that they believe would suit the individuals; The Kids Who Can will be coordinating a drive for warm coats of all sizes, to ensure that as many people in our community won't be cold this winter; and proceeds from our school "Christmas Shop" will be given to the Grade 7 class to shop for the hampers.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Mr. Slivinski
Principal

Ready Set Learn

Ready, Set Learn is a program open to **NEW** families and caregivers with children ages 3-4 years of age. The purpose of this program is to give children, and their families/caregivers, resources that will enable their child to have an enriched learning experience prior to entering formal school.

RSL program will be held on **January 26th** in the pre-school (9:00 a.m.) Call the school to register.



PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

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Past students and teachers of St. Mary's School
are cordially invited to attend
our



70th Anniversary Celebration

May 19th and 20th, 2018

Tickets: \$75/person

To reserve tickets, contact St. Mary's School
(604)792-7715 or email
psymes@stmarysschoolchwk.com
RSVP by April 15th/18



Sorry, No Minors

Christmas
MUSICAL

ISAIAH JONES
and the Seekers of
The Lost Christmas Treasure

St. Mary's staff and students invite you
to attend our Christmas Musical
on December 20th, 2017

11 a.m. and 7 p.m. performances
(the 11 a.m. performance is less busy)

Tickets \$5.00/person

\$3.50/seniors and students over 13 yrs

12 and under—Free



(Payment accepted at the door)



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FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, December 8th

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

Movie begins at 6 p.m.

We'll be showing the movie

"Arthur Christmas"

on the big screen in the Gym

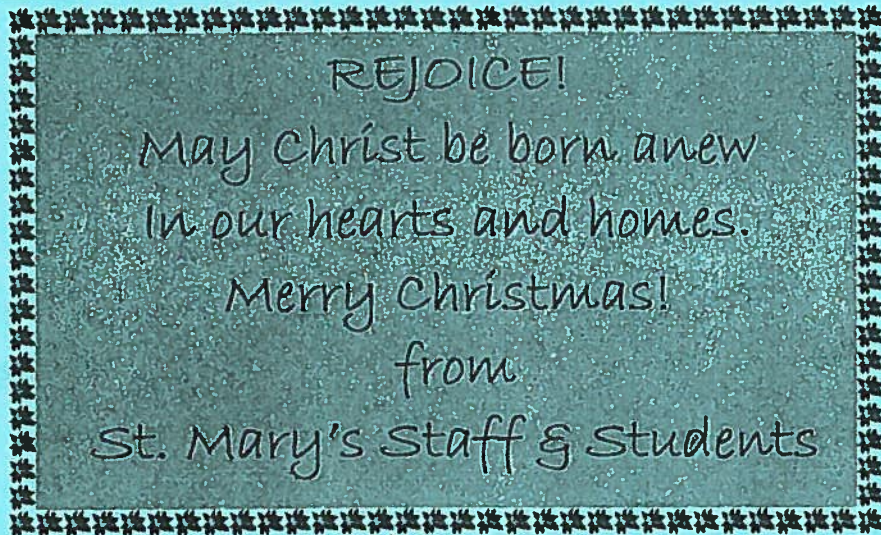
(bring a blanket to sit on)

Snacks will be available for purchase (or bring your own!)

Let us help you with your Christmas shopping!

We all have people on our Christmas lists that are hard to buy for. **GIFT CARDS** are appreciated by everyone! See attached order form for a list of cards we can get for you (orders are placed every week; 3-4 day turn-around) ALL gift cards (with the exception of IGA and our local restaurants) can be used **ANYWHERE IN CANADA!**

Last day to order is **December 18th**



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