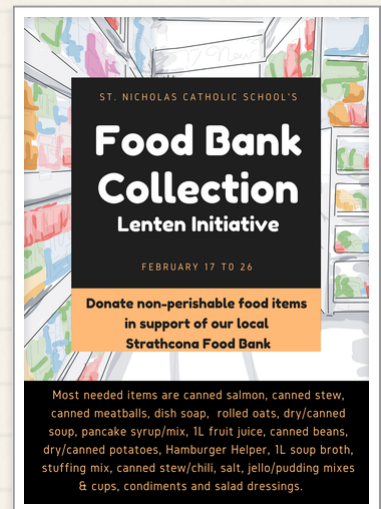


# St. Nicholas Weekly News

FEBRUARY 16TH-19TH, 2021

## DEAR FAMILIES,

As we approach the season of Lent we are reminded that this season provides us a time to prepare for the essence of our faith - the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts 40 days. We participate in Lent through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving (giving). Please enjoy a short video that can be viewed with the whole family - [Lent in 3 Minutes](#)



Shrove Tuesday falls on the Tuesday before Lent begins (February 16). On this day, we traditionally eat pancakes, syrup, and sausages. Due to restrictions, we are encouraging families to enjoy this pancake meal together at home. In the past, the reason for this delicious meal was to use up foods such as butter, eggs, and milk before Lent. As a school community we will be attending the virtual OLPH Parish Ash Wednesday mass (February 17th) at 1:00pm. Classroom teachers will be distributing ashes to students (following Covid protocols set forth by the parish). If you are able to join us virtually please visit the parish website at [www.olph.ca](http://www.olph.ca)

. Click on "Livestream Worship". The recording will be posted following the mass if you are unable to join in at 1:00pm.

The Catholic Church places the highest value on families because healthy and happy families are the essential building blocks for a strong and vibrant society. Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to our family at St. Nicholas. On behalf of all the staff at St. Nicholas, we wish you a happy Family Day tomorrow.

God bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

### Upcoming Important Dates

- **Monday, February 15** - Family Day (no school)
- **Wednesday, February 17** - Ash Wednesday mass
- **Wednesday, February 17** - "I Read Canadian Day"
- **February 17-26** - Food bank donations accepted



- **Thursday, February 25** - Pink Shirt Day

### Information

- From February 17-26, we will be collecting food bank donations for people in our community. Whenever we are able, Jesus invites us to share what we have with those in need. Donation bins will be available in the two main hallways. Students will be asked to place their own donations directly in the bins. Remember to pray for those who may have less than we do.
- February 17th is "I Read Canadian Day". This day is dedicated to bringing awareness to Canadian authors/books. MP Garnett Genuis will be reading to some classes virtually (or pre-recorded) this day.
- School Apparel - Clothing orders are still available to purchase online at <https://stnicolas2021.itemorder.com/sale>

deadline for orders is Wednesday, February 24th.

### Faith Corner

O God,

We know that all love comes from You.

We do not want to be noisy gongs, boastful and proud.

We want to be the reflection of your love in this world.

May we be patient and kind.

May we be generous, respectful and tolerant.

May we share the light of Jesus by our words and actions to everyone we meet.

We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen



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