

St. Nicholas Weekly News

December 6th-10th, 2021

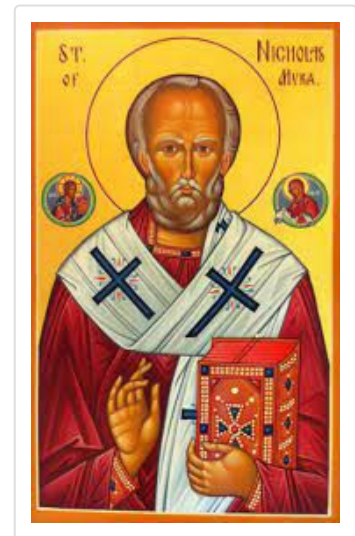
Dear Families,

Our second week of advent prayer assembly will be held tomorrow and will be led by Mrs. Beliveau, Mrs. Cokan and our Ukrainian Leadership students. During this week's assembly we will also be celebrating the feast day of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas will visit the students in their classroom this year (following all Covid protocols). The staff and students would like to thank BUCPS and the School Council for assisting St. Nicholas in ensuring our students receive their special gift this year.

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Principal



Upcoming Important Dates

- **December 7 -15 (noon)** - Online ticket sales for Christmas baskets
- **Tuesday, December 7** - School Council virtual meeting at 6:00pm Link - meet.google.com/yja-cpwv-wfg
- **Wednesday, December 15** - Christmas Basket Raffle live at 6:00pm (St. Nicholas Facebook page)
- **December 15/16** - Christmas concert recording (schedule to follow)
- **Fridays in December** - "Festive Fridays" - Bring in a food bank donation
- **December 20/21** - "Comfy Christmas"

Information

- **Christmas concert recording (Wednesday, December 15 and Thursday, December 16)** - Students will be recording for their Christmas concert on one of these days. Classroom teachers will let the parents know what day their class will be recording. We are asking all students to wear their Sunday best attire or Ukrainian blouses/shirts for the Ukrainian Bilingual students on the day of their recording.
- For our "Festive Fridays" we are asking students to bring in a food bank donation. The top items needed for the food bank this December are:
 - Canned Mushrooms
 - Canned Green & Yellow Beans
 - Canned Fruit

- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Hamburger Helper
- Cookies
- Oil
- Black Tea Bags
- Pull-ups of all sizes
- Bar Soap
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Disposable Razors
- Conditioner
- Dry Food for small/medium sized dogs
- This Advent, we are also supporting Lurana Shelter, an emergency shelter providing safe refuge & supportive services to vulnerable women and their children experiencing domestic violence. Upon arrival at the shelter, a welcome basket with essential items is provided. We are raising money so the shelter can purchase items for these baskets. Please consider sending in a cash donation with your child. Money will be accepted until Friday, December 17th.

School Council Christmas Basket Raffle

- Starting at 4:00pm on Tuesday, December 7th, ticket sales and viewing of the baskets will go live on <https://stnicholas.hotlunches.net>. Tickets are \$2 each and each ticket will be worth one entry into the basket of your choice. Multiple entries can be purchased per basket. Your total entries and purchase amount will be tabulated directly on the site and you will then send an e-transfer to stnicholashotlunchpac@gmail.com. We are unable to accept cash at this time. **Ticket sales will close at noon on December 15th.**
- On **Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00pm** we will go live on the St.Nicholas Facebook page for the draws. Winning families will be contacted and can then pick up their baskets from the office during school hours on December 16th and 17th.

OLPH Parish News

- First Reconciliation & First Communion for children grade 2 and older

Winter session register by January 7, 2022

Spring session register by March 31, 2022

Registration form lists dates and times, can be downloaded here: [Registration form](#)

- Confirmation for children grade 6 and older

Monthly classes January -May 2022

Please register by January 7, 2022

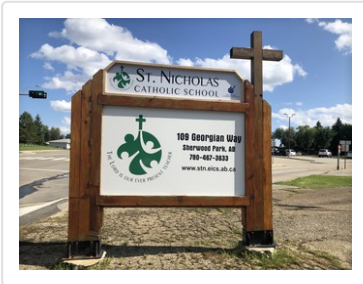
Registration form with class dates and times can be printed off from the parish website:

[Website](#)

- Baptism for children not baptized as infants - Special preparation is available for families who did not baptize their children yet but wish to "catch up" and participate in sacraments with the peer group. Please contact the parish by email to learn more at sacraments@olph.ca

Faith Reflection





Father in Heaven, during this second week of Advent, help us see clearly the times when we have sinned. Accept our sorrow for having pulled away from you, and give us firm resolve to stay close to you. God above, help us conduct ourselves in holiness. We long to be the people you expect us to be. Help us as we strive to make our souls spotless and our hearts and minds at peace. Help us, Lord, to remember that we were baptized for a reason. Help us realize our baptismal call to live as children of God. And dear God, don't let us miss chances this week to be welcoming to other people and to work in harmony with everyone. Help us as we try to change our ways so that we are good examples of people who love and follow the Lord.
Amen



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