

# St. Nicholas Weekly News

November 21st-25th, 2022

Dear Families,



As you have no doubt been watching and experiencing, Alberta has been suffering from high rates of RSV, Influenza and COVID-19. We want to thank you for making the right choice to keep your children home when they are experiencing symptoms. In order to help us have the best possible data and communicate with Alberta Health Services if required, we would ask that you report any flu or cold like symptom under the FLU heading in the School Messenger App.

Using Safe Arrival, parents can report:

- FLU - Illness due to flu and cold like symptoms
- ILL - Other illness or injury.
- EXC - Parent Excused (ie. taking your child to an appointment)

Thanks for your attention to this matter, as always, we are working hard to ensure that all students and staff remain safe.

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

## Upcoming Important Dates

- **November 21** - BUCPS virtual meeting 7:30pm (meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/oyg-ompr-oyx>)
- **November 22** - School Council meeting at St. Nicholas 6:00pm
- **November 27** - Advent begins
- **December 2** - Student Faith and Wellness Day at St. Nicholas
- **December 7** - Early dismissal
- **December 13** - St. Nicholas Christmas Concert 6:30pm at OLPH Parish (more details to follow)
- **December 20** - Last day of classes
- **January 4** - Classes resume

## Information

- Holodomor Memorial Day is commemorated each year on the fourth Friday of November in schools as a Day of Remembrance when we remember the millions of Ukrainians who were starved to death in Ukraine in 1932 and 1933, many of whom were children.

- As mentioned in last week's update, Premier Danielle Smith made an announcement at St. Nicholas on Monday. She announced \$12.3 million dollars will be allocated to support students from Ukraine in Alberta schools.
- On Friday, December 2, students and staff will be engaged in a day filled with a variety of Faith and Wellness activities. The goal of the day is to support and promote positive mental health in a faith filled environment.

### **St. Sophia Parish News**

- First Communion 2023 - Solemn Holy Communion & First Confession at St. Sophia, Sherwood Park
- Age: Grade 2 and up
- Date & Times: Friday evenings from 5:00-6:30 p.m. beginning January 13, 2023.
- First Confession will be on March 18, 2023 and First Solemn Communion on March 19, 2023. Classes will be held at St. Sophia Church.
- Contact: Andrea Haston at [st.sophiafirstcommunion@gmail.com](mailto:st.sophiafirstcommunion@gmail.com) or 780-239-2121
- Registration deadline: December 21, 2022

### **OLPH Parish News**

- Parents can email [sacraments@olph.ca](mailto:sacraments@olph.ca) to register their child; Grades 2-5 First Communion & Reconciliation and Grades 6-8 Confirmation
- OLPH Parish Potluck Supper and Family Dance - Saturday, November 26 after 5:00pm mass

### **Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parent Society (BUCPS) Cookie Fundraiser**

- Announcing our BUCPS CHRISTMAS COOKIE FUNDRAISER! Order some delicious Confetti Sweets Christmas sugar cookies and support our Sherwood Park Ukrainian Bilingual Program. Please complete the order form: <https://formfaca.de/sm/TuBIMEAxP>
- Once you have *completed the order form please send an e-transfer to [bucpstreas@gmail.com](mailto:bucpstreas@gmail.com)* as soon as you complete your order. Orders will be *accepted until 4:00 pm on Monday, December 5th*. If payment has not been received by December 5th your order will not be processed.
- The Christmas sugar cookie pick-up date will be held on Thursday, December 8th, 3:00-6:00 pm at St. Theresa Catholic School. *PLEASE SHARE* the order link with family, friends or on social media to help make this fundraiser a great success for our Sherwood Park Ukrainian Bilingual Program!

### **School Council Christmas Basket Raffle**

Parent Council is pleased to announce our most popular fundraising event, the Christmas Basket Raffle! Each teacher has chosen a specific themed basket. Families are asked to donate an item to the basket theme for their child's class. Your generous donations make these baskets amazing each and every year! Please have all donations in to the school by Friday, December 2nd.

Basket Themes:

Mom - Mrs. Greschner (English Kindergarten)

Coffee/Tea Lovers - Pani Cokan/Pani Hyshka (Ukr. Grade 4)

Dad - Mrs. Spooner (Grade 3)

Sweet Tooth - Pani Baugh (Ukr. Grade 2)

Girls - Pani Sombyk (Ukr. Kindergarten)

Assorted Gift Cards - Mrs. LeBel (Grade 3/4)

Boys - Pani Malko (Ukr. Grade 3)

Pamper - Pani Dziwenko (Ukr. Grade 1)

Christmas Galore - Mrs.Stychyshyn (Grade 2)

Gift Wrapping/Cards - Mrs.Rafuse/ Mrs.Nestorowich (Grade 4)

Game/Movie Night - Mrs. Beliveau (Grade 1)

Here's how it works:

This year we are excited to announce that the Christmas baskets will be on display in the school library, starting December 6th.

There will be 3 ways to purchase tickets this year:

1. Starting at 4 pm on Tuesday, December 6th, 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](mailto:stnicholashotlunchpac@gmail.com). Online ticket sales will close at noon on December 13th.
2. Tickets for the baskets will also be available for sale on December 9th and 12th from 2:30 - 4:00 pm in the library. Each ticket is \$2.00 and cash will be accepted during these 2 days.
3. Tickets will be available for sale at the church prior to the start of the Christmas Concert. This will be your last opportunity to purchase tickets. Again each ticket is \$2.00 and cash will be accepted.

### **Faith Reflection**

Dear God, give us the courage to take the road less travelled, the determination to create our own path, and the wisdom that results in following our own trail. Amen



## St.Nicholas Catholic School

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