

St. Nicholas Weekly News

December 4th-9th, 2022

Dear Families,



St. Nicholas will be visiting our students tomorrow. We will have an assembly at 10:30am (all parents are invited to attend). After the assembly, St. Nicholas will be visiting classrooms to deliver treat bags to the students. The staff and students would like to thank BUCPS and our School Council for assisting St. Nicholas in ensuring our students receive their special treat bags this year.

Our second week of Advent assembly will be held on Tuesday. Parents are welcome to attend, please note these assemblies are approximately 10-15 minutes in length. Here are the dates and times of our Advent assemblies:

- Tuesday, December 6th - 12:30pm (led by grade 4 R/N)
- Monday, December 12th - 12:30pm (led by grade 3/4 L)
- Monday, December 19th - 12:30pm (led by grade 4 R/N)

Our Christmas concert will take place on **Tuesday, December 13th** at 6:30pm at OLPH Parish. **Please arrive at 6:00 pm** (no sooner as there is weekly mass at the Parish until 6:00pm).

When you enter the church, please proceed to the basement where your child's teacher will meet the students. After the concert, the teachers will take their students down to the basement and wait for parents to pick up their children. Dress code: Sunday best for English students and Ukrainian blouses/shirts for the Ukrainian Bilingual students.

God Bless,

Peter Rachmistruk

Principal

Upcoming Important Dates

- **December 5** - St. Nicholas visit at 10:30am
- **December 6** - 2nd week of Advent assembly (12:30pm)
- **December 7** - Early dismissal (2:14pm)/Spirit Day (Red/Green Day)
- **December 13** - Hot Lunch (OPA)/St. Nicholas Christmas Concert 6:30pm at OLPH Parish
- **December 20** - Last day of classes
- **January 4** - Classes resume

Information

- This Advent, we are 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 making a donation using the following link - [Donation Link](#) .

Our Grade 4 School Spirit team is planning some fun and festive days in December for our school:

- Friday, December 9 and 16 will be "Festive Fridays". Students will be able to wear Christmas items (ie. socks, hats, reindeer ears, clothing) to celebrate the holidays.
- We are also doing a Christmas Food Bank drive and encourage students to bring in Food Bank items on Fridays in December.
- December 19th and 20th will be "Comfy Christmas Days". Students can wear pajamas or other cozy, comfy clothes...whatever comfy means to them.

December Hot lunch (OPA)

December is right around the corner and with that comes December's hot lunch which will feature OPA! Ordering closes at the end of day Wednesday, December 7th. Hot lunch will be served Tuesday, December 13th. Please have payment sent in full via e-transfer to stnicholashotlunchpac@gmail.com by the order deadline of Wednesday, December 7th, end of day.

Please follow the registration process to get started on hot lunch!

Go to <http://stnicholas.hotlunches.net>

- Click on "Click Here to Register"
- Enter access code stnicholas2022
- Complete the rest of the registration form, including your email address which will link your e-transfer payment
- Click the "Register Now" button on the bottom
- Follow the instructions to add each child (including their class) in your family who attends St. Nicholas. Once your child(ren) are registered, click on "Orders"
- Proceed to order hot lunch for your child(ren)
- Payment is accepted via e-transfer to stnicholashotlunchpac@gmail.com

Bilingual Ukrainian Catholic Parent Society (BUCPS) 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 etransfer to 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

School Council is extending the deadline for basket donations to Monday, December 5th. It would be appreciated if you can donate to your child's classroom themed basket.

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)

Faith Reflection

Father in Heaven, during this second week of Advent, help us to see 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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