



Month At A Glance- Katherine Therrien December

Monday, December 2nd	- Last day to order Purdy's https://shorturl.at/qp2Cb
Tuesday, December 3rd	First Day of Advent- Celebration 1 pm in the gym
Friday, December 6th	Healthy Hunger- Subway www.healthyhunger.ca Sock Fight- Thank you Faith Explorers
Wednesday, December 11th	Rehearsal Practice- 9:30 am - Anyone unable to make the evening performance is invited to the afternoon rehearsal Christmas Concert- 6:00 pm- Gym - The performance will go from 6:00-8:00ish pm
Tuesday, December 17th	Advent Celebration- 10:30 am - Everyone is welcome
Wednesday, December 18th	PCL Christmas Day/ PJ Day - Div 1 to PCL headquarters- turkey lunch - Div 2 movie day in the gym- pizza lunch provided by PCL
Thursday, December 19th	<u>FULL DAY</u>- 8:24- 3:10 pm <u>Kindergarten full day</u> Turkey Dinner whole school- Thank you School Council! Dr. Gelmini- Chemist from Grant MacEwan whole school- 1:30 pm
Friday, December 20th	Early Dismissal 11:36 am No Kindergarten Today! - Christmas Break! Merry Christmas everyone
Monday, January 6th	Classes resume

Message from the Admin Team



Dear Katherine Therrien Families,

As we wrap up the month of November, we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It has been an incredible month filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences for our students.

One of the highlights of this month has been our ongoing collaboration with PCL. Throughout the year, we will be working together on an exciting marble race track project, which has been a fantastic opportunity for hands-on learning and creativity. We're thrilled to announce that PCL is extending their generosity by hosting a Christmas party for our students. Division 1 will have the privilege of visiting PCL headquarters for this special celebration, while Division 2 will enjoy a pizza lunch and an epic movie day in our school gym. We're incredibly grateful for PCL's commitment to enriching our students' experiences. They have been so generous to Mr. Sanchez providing lots of tools, and even a new backpack snow blower! They bring treats, smiles, and lots of learning each time they come. We thank them immensely!

November also brought us a meaningful Remembrance Day Ceremony. We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to Warrant Officer Crant and Corporal Minto for joining us and making the event even more impactful for our students. We are so proud of our students who demonstrated the KT spirit by being so respectful and reflective.

Additionally, we want to express our appreciation to all the parents and guardians who attended our Demonstration of Learning. Your presence and support in celebrating your children's achievements mean the world to us. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Grant for her tireless efforts in organizing and running our successful book fair.

As we look ahead to December, we're excited about the upcoming events, including our Christmas concert, the PCL parties, and the continued focus on learning in so many fun ways as we approach the holiday season. Your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education are invaluable, and we look forward to finishing 2024 on a high note. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Menard & Miss Ward

Information From the Office

- **Watch Us Live:** We have recorded the newsletter for your listening pleasure! Have a seat and enjoy the 17 min show 😊
 - <https://youtu.be/0l9sXH0W6RA?si=gmD8U-Q1ER-LwD28>
- **Drop off and Pick Up-** Safety is what matters most! Please ensure that during drop off and pick up, you are finding a spot that is safe for everyone. Please avoid the bus zone and crosswalk area completely. It is so important that we all work together to keep our students safe. Thank you!
- **Busy Month-** From Christmas concerts to PJ days, celebrations, and many events, December is full of things to know. Please make sure you look at the important dates above!
- **Taste Around The World-** We are grateful to Dreams for Kids who graciously give a nutrition grant to the school. These proceeds are used to keep a fresh fruit bowl available to students at the office. This grant also allows us to keep lunches on hand for students who forget or are unable to bring a lunch. As

well, a few times each month, all students are invited to try something new in what we call "Taste Around the World". This is items such as croissants, cheese, trail mix, apple sauce, frozen yogurt tubes, etc. On broadcast, students learn about the origins or benefits of this food and then get to try the item. Please let the school know if your child has any allergies, as well as communicate with your child's teacher if there is anything we should know. Thank you again to Dreams for Kids!

- **Christmas Concert-** We are excited about a beautiful concert on **Wednesday, December 11th starting at 6 pm**. Here is some important information:
 - The doors will open at **5:45 pm**. We ask that all students go to their classrooms, and families make their way to the gym.
 - Please note that the audience is expected to stay for the entire concert. Students will be escorted back to their classrooms after their performance and return to the gym for our grand finale. You don't want to miss that!
 - The students will then return to their classroom after the grande finale, and families will meet them there.
 - Each family will receive 2 tickers for the concert. If you require more, please complete the form that will be sent home with your tickets. This will be on a first-come, first-serve basis until we are at our capacity for the gym.
 - If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. DeOliveira in the office. Thank you in advance, and enjoy!
- **Dr. Gelmini-** We are excited that Dr. Gelmini will join us on Thursday, December 19th to teach us about chemistry. His demonstration is sure to be spectacular. We ask that each student send a **loonie or a toonie** to help him pay for the cost of his supplies for the presentation. Thank you!
- **Message from the Faith Explorers**

Hello families of Katherine Therrien!

This year, Faith Explorers are working on a project with United Way and Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples (Sacred Heart) to help the unhoused population of our city. Our goal in Faith Explorers is to build our faith and spread God's love. We are following in Jesus's footsteps by taking on this new project and helping those in need. Our plan is to prepare backpacks with the

needed items so Sacred Heart can distribute them to those who need it. We will be collecting donations of the following:

- **Backpacks**
- **Winter clothing (adult gloves, toques, mitts, scarves)**
- **Hygiene products (deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, soap,**
- **Adult socks**

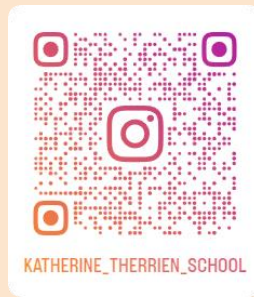
We also have our annual **Sock Drive happening on Friday December 6th** (St. Nicholas's feast day!) When students donate a pair (or more!) of adult sized socks, students will receive a gold chocolate coin and an invitation to be a part of our "sock fight"! The socks will be added to the backpacks Faith Explorers are preparing for Sacred Heart.

Our hope is to bring light to those less fortunate. With our project this year, we not only hope to do that, but to also inspire others along the way. We thank you for your generosity.

Highlights from this month: 😊







School Council Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the School Council, we are excited to share some fantastic news and important updates with you!

Firstly, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support during our recent Big Box fundraiser. Thanks to your enthusiasm and dedication, we raised \$891! These funds will go a long way in enhancing our student's educational experiences and supporting various school initiatives.

As the class that sold the most boxes, congratulations to Grade 1/2 for winning a pizza party for your efforts. And we'd like to give a special shout-out to Hayden who sold an astounding 27 boxes all by himself! Hayden made an advertisement video that he shared with his family and friends asking for their support, so cool! Congratulations, Hayden, on being our top seller and setting such an inspiring example for your fellow students.

Now, we have some exciting news about our upcoming holiday celebrations and activities:

Turkey Lunch

We're delighted to announce that we will be providing a special turkey lunch for all students on **Thursday, December 19**. This includes our

kindergarten students, who will be at school for the full day to join in the festivities. It's our way of spreading some holiday cheer and bringing our school community together. If you are able to help serve the students, please call Mrs. De Oliveira in the office (780-456-0175)

Purdys Fundraiser

As a reminder, our Purdys chocolate fundraiser is still ongoing. If you haven't had a chance to participate yet, there's still time! We truly appreciate any support you can offer. These delicious treats make excellent holiday gifts while also benefiting our school. The last day to order is Dec 2nd. We will let you know when your items will be available at the school for pick up.

Casino Fundraising

We have received confirmation that our assigned casino for this year will be on **Sunday, April 13** and **Monday, April 2025** at Pure Casino Yellowhead. Casino fundraising brings in a significant amount of resources which we use to benefit the school community, including Chromebook purchases, field trip bussing, school events, and in-class materials. We need your support to fill the necessary volunteer requirements to complete our casino commitment, so please save the date and stay tuned for our upcoming Volunteer Callout in early 2025!

THANK YOU

Finally, with the election of the new executive earlier this school year, I wanted to take the opportunity to recognize our outgoing council executives from last year, **Joe Salasay** and **Josue Moreno**. These two parent volunteers (and their families) gave countless hours and effort supporting the council/society. There are too many activities and accomplishments to list that Joe and Josue were a part of, so on behalf of our school community, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that you did, and will do in the future.

If you have any questions about the turkey lunch, the Purdys fundraiser, or any other School Council initiatives, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We are continually amazed by the generosity and spirit of our school community. Your ongoing support enables us to provide enriching experiences and resources for all our students. Thank you again for your unwavering support. Together, we're making our school an even better place for our children to learn and grow.

Warm regards,
Allan Tesorio
School Council Chair

St Edmund Parish



CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULE

December 24 - 5:00 pm
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve

December 25 - 10:00 am
Wednesday 12:00 pm
Christmas Day

December 31 - 5:00 pm
Tuesday

January 1, 2025 - 10:00 am
Wednesday 12:00 pm
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God