



Living
CELEBRATING,
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

COMMUNIQUÉ

Celebrating Our Faith
December 2024
January is dedicated to
the Holy Name of Jesus

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et Proclamer
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REMINDERS

- Friday, December 20th - 12:00 pm dismissal for Christmas Break
- Monday, January 6th - Feast of the Epiphany
- School Reopens
- Tuesday, January 7th - School Mass
- Wednesday, January 8th - Hot Lunch
- Friday, January 10th - Grade 2E Science Workshop
- Monday, January 13th - KE/4E Skating
- Thursday, January 16th - 1E/5E Skating
- PEC Meeting
- Friday, January 17th - School Mass
- Treat Day
- Monday, January 20th - 27th - Literacy Week
- Tuesday, January 21st - 3E/6E Skating
- Thursday, January 23rd - 3F/6F Skating
- Saturday, January 25th - Workbee
- Monday, January 27th - 2E/7E Skating
- Tuesday, January 28th - KF/4F Skating
- Grade 6 Cross Country

Skiing

- Wednesday, January 29th - Hot Lunch
- Thursday, January 30th - 2F/7F and 1F/5F
- Friday, January 31st - Hot Chocolate Day

Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray.

Amen.

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From the staff of Our Lady of Fatima School, we wish you a blessed, joyful and peaceful Christmas, and all of God's blessings in the New Year.

A reminder that all Kindergarten applications should be in to the school office.



Beginning of the Advent Season

The Advent Season began on Sunday, December 1st. The grades 4 English and French classes celebrated the beginning of Advent with a paralyturgy on sharing our faith and bringing hope to others.

Thank you to
Père Claude who blessed the Advent wreaths.



FLEUR DE LIS



At our school we have a set of expected pro social behaviours named the Fatima Five. They are, Be respectful, Be responsible, Be cooperative, Be kind and Be safe. Teachers are always watching to see you display these behaviours as they help make our school a safe and wonderful place to be. Sometimes students go above and beyond by displaying these behaviours in exceptional ways. Those students will be recognized with a Fleur Des Lis. At our assembly on Wednesday, December 18th students were recognized for their outstanding choices, decisions and behaviours. The following are the names of the students who have done an excellent job and received a Fleur des Lis for their modelled behaviour.

Veronica Kim KF
Grace Francis 1F
Alexa Marie Allanigue 1F
Jake van Niekerk Espinoza 1F
Kevin Mansor 1E
Sara Jeon 1E
Ethan Huang 2F
Lorenzo Bevacqua 2E
Harvey Lee 2E
Freya Xu 3F
Rahee Kim 3F
Kayleigh Navin 3E
Darius Banihashemi 3E
Nathan Ko 3E
Tessa Murray 4F

Aaron Huang 4F
Julian De Fazio 4E
Stacie Wong 4E
Alicia Restrepo Poveda 4E
Maximilian Rdzak 4E
Gabriel Urrutia 5F
Nylah Johansen 5F
Zarina Abraham-Erhart 6F
Patrick Barranda 6F
Landa He 6E
Jericho Pagtakhan 6E
Jacqueline Nix 7F
Santiago Fierro 7F
Emma Reyes 7F
Nigel Huang 7E



The Kindergarten English class received a special visit from St. Nicholas on his Feast Day



BOXES OF HOPE

This term, the Grade 7 students learned about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In order to live out our Christian faith, and to be an example of Christ's love and generosity, the Grade 7 service project embodied some of those works of mercy.

In collaboration with Whole Way House, the Grade 7 students and their families contributed many different gifts such as sweets, home decor items, gloves, mittens, and tote bags to create **Boxes of Hope** for seniors, veterans, and vulnerable people in need. Not only that, but the students and their families also provided the shoe boxes and wrapping paper, which they filled and wrapped together in class as part of a faith building, fellowship activity. The students also included handmade cards for each gift box.

Altogether, the Grade 7F and 7E classes were able to assemble **THIRTY-SIX** gift boxes filled with Christmas goodies! This is TEN more than the previous year, where we submitted 26. Bravo les élèves!

A heartfelt thank you to our Fatima families who contributed so generously so that the Grade 7s could undertake this service project. Also a special thank you to the Panagiotou family who dropped off all 36 gifts to the collection center!

We hope that the gifts we put together will put a smile on the faces of our beloved seniors, veterans, and vulnerable brothers and sisters. We pray that they feel the warmth and love of Christmas through the gifts that we put together.

Un gros merci à nos familles de Fatima qui ont contribué si généreusement à ce projet de service! Nous espérons que les cadeaux que nous avons préparés feront sourire nos aînés, vétérans bien-aimés et qu'ils ressentiront la chaleur et l'amour que nous mettons dans chaque cadeau!



"Thank you to the Grade 7s from Our Lady of Fatima School in Coquitlam for making Boxes of Hope for our seniors. We hope @ecolefatimaschool has inspired you to help us make 50 more!"





Grade 7 English and French students joyously wrap gifts for Whole Way House



The Grades 4 English and Leadership Team made Christmas crackers for the Belvedere Center and Foyer Maillard residents to bring joy during this season.



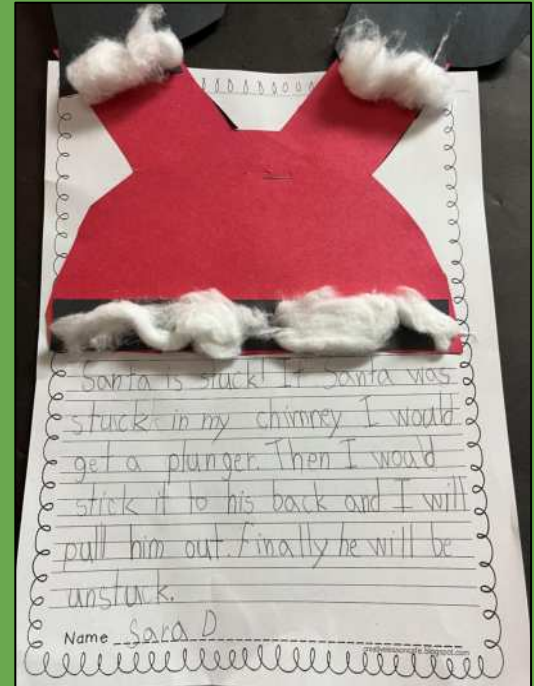
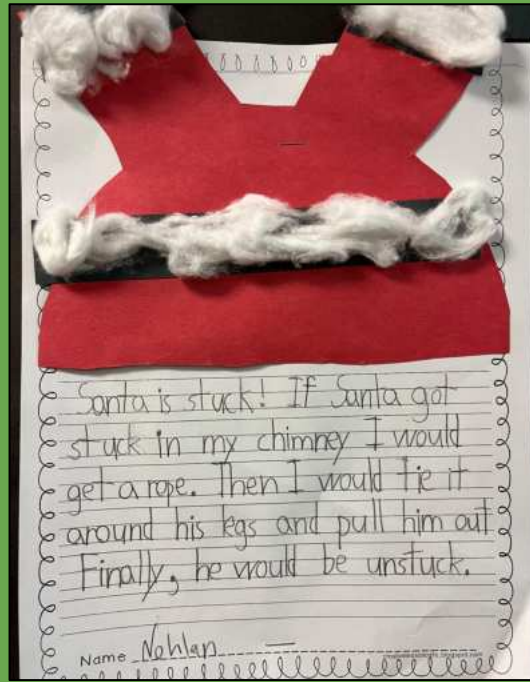
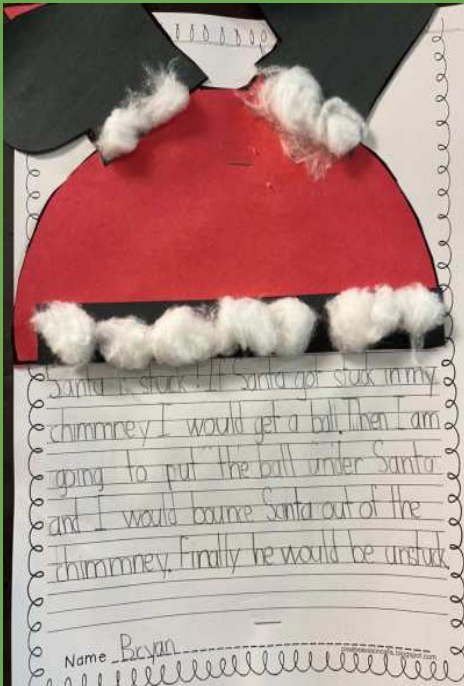
CHRISTMAS OUTREACH PROGRAMS



There were several Christmas Community Outreach projects! Another successful **St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive!** Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our school community, we were able to collect an impressive amount of non-perishable food items to support families in need.

Over 175 **Christmas crackers and Christmas cards** were thoughtfully crafted, assembled, and delivered to our local seniors' homes to brighten the holidays for seniors in our community.

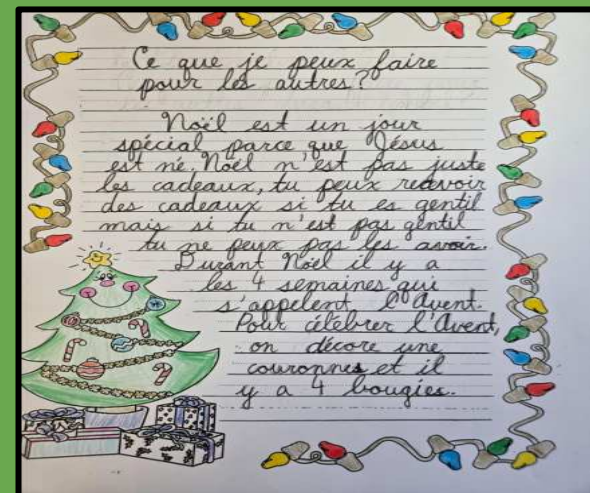
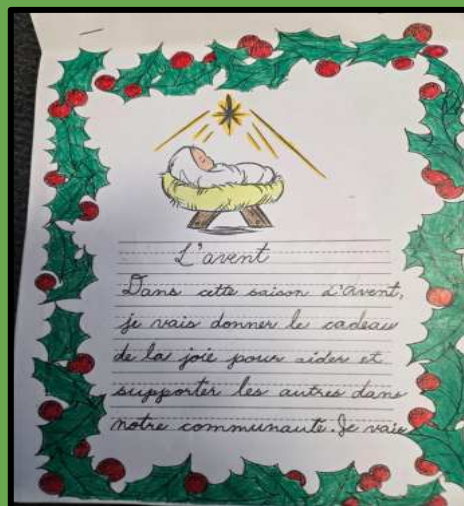
This holiday season, our **OLF Staff Members** came together to spread joy by donating gifts to residents at Belvedere and Foyer Maillard. We are so proud of our teachers for their commitment to not only educating our students but also setting an example of empathy and community spirit. Their contributions made a real difference in bringing warmth and joy to others this season.



Grade One English showcased their writing and problem solving skills in their "Santa is Stuck" writing.

Grade fours are writing letters and what they can do for others during the Advent season.

The Grade 4 French class spent a few weeks discussing the 4 weeks of Advent and the different themes.





The Grades 1 and 4 English classes visited Belvedere Senior Care Facility to sing and bring holiday cheer to the residents.

What a fabulous way to spread joy through song!

