



# St. Paul's School Newsletter

"Christian Education Through Shepherding"

December 1, 2025

<http://stpauls.christtheteacher.ca>

**St. Paul's School will celebrate the Season of Advent by hosting celebrations at 9:05 a.m. the following days:**

**Dec. 1 "Hope" led by Kindergarten**  
**Dec. 8 "Faith" led by Grade 3**  
**Dec. 15 "Joy" led by Grade 2/3**



**Our Christmas Concert will be taking place on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul's Gym. There will be two shows. The afternoon performance will take place at 1:00 PM. (Doors will open at 12:30.) The evening performance will begin at 6:30 PM, with doors opening at 6:00. As seating is limited, please choose just one of the performances to attend. More details will be sent home soon!**



## COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES:

The following guidelines apply to cold weather days:

**Temperature of -29°C and above:** students are expected to be outdoors at recesses; please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions



**Temperatures of -30°C to -35°C:** students are encouraged to get fresh air, however, going outside is optional



**Temperatures of -36°C and below:** students will not be allowed outdoors

## School Dismissal/Bus Pick-up on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>



Parents are reminded that the school closes for the Christmas Break at 3:20 p.m. on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Regular a.m. and p.m. bus routes will run following the Break on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> (Day 4 – Kindergarten K2).

The school office will be closed from December 20<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Break. Regular office hours resume on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, the first day of regular classes.



## Band News:

- Wed. Dec. 10, 7:30 AM Gr. 7/8 set up stage; 8 AM Gr. 7/8 Full Band
  - 6:40 PM all grades arrive for concert
  - Band Christmas concert 7 PM @ Sacred Heart Theatre
- Jan. 8 Full Band resumes
- Jan. 15: Deadline to ask Mrs. Karapita for festival music (if you would like your child to do a solo/duet/trio in the Yorkton Music Festival)

## December Services

**December 9** - 7pm - Parish Advent Penitential Service (several priests in attendance)

**December 11** - 6:30pm - Celebration of First Reconciliation (there are children from St. Michael's, St. Paul's, St. Mary's and St. Alphonsus Schools)

**Beginning Sunday, December 14 and concluding Monday, December 22** - 7pm - Simbang Gabi Novena Masses

**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm (no incense)

**Dec. 25** - Christmas Day Mass - 10:00 am (no incense)

**Feast of the Holy Family - Saturday (27th)** at 5pm and **Sunday (28th)** at 10am

**New Year's Eve** - 5pm

**New Year's Day** - 10am

St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church  
125 Third Ave N.  
Yorkton, SK

## Attendance Reminder:

**If you child arrives after 8:55 am or 12:30 pm they will be marked Absent if the school is not notified. ([stpaattendance@ctcs.ca](mailto:stpaattendance@ctcs.ca) or (306) 783-9212) If no phone call/email is made to the school it will be an unexcused absence. Students must go to the office if they are late so the attendance can be modified. The attendance phone calls are made by an automated system and cannot be cancelled if we are not notified in time.**

## Christmas Liturgy Schedule

**Dec. 24** - 8:00 pm Great Compline and Christmas Divine Liturgy Yorkton

**Dec. 25** - **Christmas Day** - 9:00 am Great Compline and Christmas Divine Liturgy Calder

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
155 Catherine St.  
Yorkton, SK

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## DECEMBER

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| SUNDAY                    | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|----------|
|                           | 1<br>Advent<br>Celebrations<br>"Hope"<br>Kindergarten<br><br>Day 1   | 2   | 3<br>Nativity<br>Scene Day<br>Day 3  | 4<br>Anything<br>but a<br>lunch kit<br>Day<br>SCC Meeting<br>6:00<br>Day 4   | 5<br>Wear<br>Christmas<br>Lights Day<br>Day 5  | 6        |
| 7                         | 8<br>Dress like<br>someone<br>from The<br>North Pole<br><br>Advent<br>Celebrations<br>"Faith"<br>Grade 3P<br><br>Day 6               | 9<br>Dress like a<br>Candy Cane<br>Day<br>Day 1 | 10<br>Christmas<br>Sweater<br>Day<br>Band Concert<br>at SHHS<br>7:00<br><br>Day 2 | 11<br>Reindeer<br>Games!<br>Day 3  | 12<br>Pyjama and<br>slippers<br>Day<br>Day 4   | 13       |
| 14                        | 15<br>Dress Like a<br>Present or<br>Christmas<br>Decoration<br>Day<br><br>Advent<br>Celebrations<br>"Joy"<br>Grade 2/3G<br><br>Day 5 | 16<br>Cookie<br>Decorating<br>Day 6             | 17<br>Christmas<br>Hat and<br>Headband<br>Day<br>Day 1   | 18<br>Christmas<br>Formal<br>Day<br><br>Christmas<br>Concert<br>1:00 and 6:30<br><br>Day 2 | 19<br>Christmas<br>Mass<br>1:00 p.m.<br><br>Day 3 | 20       |
| 21                        | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25   | 26   | 27       |
| 28                        | 29  | 30  | 31   | Jan 1  | 2  | 3        |
| <i>Christmas Holidays</i> |   |   |  |    | <i>Happy New Year<br/>2026</i>   |          |

## January Upcoming Events:

**January 6<sup>th</sup> – Return to Classes (Day 4)**  
**January 8<sup>th</sup> – SCC Meeting**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 10:30 a.m.**  
**January 30<sup>th</sup> – Inservice Day – NO SCHOOL!**



### TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!

St. Paul's School Student Leadership Team would like to invite you to join in the fun of our "TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" ... Twelve days of festivities, all aimed at helping to build our Christmas Spirit in anticipation of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We have incorporated 3 "Days of Giving", where we will be collecting donations for 3 valuable causes. (Please note, there is NO obligation to make any donations! Your family may choose to participate in all/some/none of the activities and collection days.)

When students participate in the Spirit Days, they will earn points for their house leagues. When students make a donation for the collection days, their name will be put in a draw for some Terrier tickets!

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| Wednesday<br>December 3<br>Day 3  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nativity Scene Day... dress like someone or something (an animal) that would be part of the nativity scene!</li> </ul>   |
| Thursday<br>December 4<br>Day 4   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anything but a lunch kit day... Christmas Style! Will you bring your lunch in a stocking??? In a Santa hat??? Use your imagination!</li> <li>Christmas themed Kahoot at noon (all students)</li> </ul>   |
| Friday<br>December 5<br>Day 5     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighting up St. Paul's School Day! Wear Christmas lights!</li> <li>Collection Day 1 for Dreambuilders School... Please donate <b>gently used</b> indoor and outdoor clothing (all sizes, child to adult) and toys/games to be shared with the families of Dreambuilders School.</li> </ul>   |
| Monday<br>December 8<br>Day 6     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress like someone from The North Pole!</li> <li>Candygram Sales - K-2 (\$2 each or 3 for \$5, delivered on Dec 18)</li> <li>Collection Day 2 for Dreambuilders School</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday<br>December 9<br>Day 1    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Like a Candy Cane! (red/white/green)</li> <li>Candygram Sales 3-5</li> </ul>   |
| Wednesday<br>December 10<br>Day 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Sweater Day... ugly or cute!</li> <li>Candygram Sales 6-8</li> </ul>   |
| Thursday<br>December 11<br>Day 3  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reindeer Games! Each classroom will have a chance to come to the gym for 30 min to play in a variety of Christmas themed carnival type games! (All students, no cost)</li> <li>Coloring Contest starts</li> </ul>  |
| Friday<br>December 12<br>Day 4    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pyjama and slippers day!</li> <li>Collection Day 1 for Stockings for Seniors - Please send <b>NEW</b> items like lip balm, adult sized socks, hard candy, popcorn twists, large print puzzle books, chocolate bars. These will be distributed to our local seniors in care homes!</li> </ul> |
| Monday<br>December 15<br>Day 5    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dress Like A Present or Christmas decoration!</li> <li>Collection Day 2 for Stockings for Seniors</li> </ul>   |
| Tuesday<br>December 16<br>Day 6   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cookie Decorating (All students, no cost)</li> <li>Coloring contests are due today</li> </ul>  |
| Wednesday<br>December 17<br>Day 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Hat and Headband Day</li> <li>Paws and Claws Collection Day 1 - Please donate <b>gently used</b> towels or small blankets, new cat/dog toys, wet and dry food, scoopable cat litter, litter boxes/scoops, training pads/mats</li> </ul>  |
| Thursday<br>December 18<br>Day 2  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Formal Day</li> <li>Christmas Concert</li> <li>Paws and Claws Collection Day 2</li> </ul>  |