



December 2, 2022

Dear Parents,

Once again December has crept up upon us and we find ourselves just weeks away from our celebration of Christmas. Just what are we celebrating though? People around the world celebrate Christmas in a myriad of manners from filling wooden shoes on the porch with candy to stuffing stockings hung by the fire. Malls entice shoppers through allowing the opportunity to sit on an old fat man's knee. Mammon rises as a supreme god amongst many households. But is this Christmas?

The word Christmas is made up of two words: Christ and mass. This celebration is named after a church service about the saviour and anointed one: Jesus Christ. While there may be controversy as to the exact date of Jesus' birth, the bottom line is: this is a time that allows us as Christians to remember and celebrate the birth of our saviour who was born in order to die for our sins and then be resurrected via the power of the Holy Spirit enabling us to live our lives as completely reborn and new creations. WOW!! Now that is worth celebrating.

**"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)**

Our All-School Chapel on Wednesday focused on the birth of Christ and reminded us that our Sovereign and All-knowing God actually planned our salvation prior to Genesis 1:1. (See 1 Peter 1:19-20 & Rev 13:8). Students are still practicing for our first live Christmas Concert since the first year I became Principal. I am so excited as I have watched classes practice and prepare for this wonderful celebration. Please remember that we have two performances, the afternoon and one in the evening. While this is a celebration of Christ's birth and a wonderful way to begin your Christmas festivities and focus our hearts on the real truth behind Christmas, it is also part of the school curriculum that we teach and we ask that you ensure your child(ren) attend both performances. Thank you.



Speaking of Christmas, the Promotion Committee will be offering a concession of light snacks and drinks during the concert. It will be open on the afternoon from 12:15-1:00 and for the evening performance from 5:45-6:30 as well as for a short time at the end of both the afternoon and evening concerts.

## What's Been Happening...

Grade 8's wrote a final term exam and then made Sloppy Joe's. Grade 9's sorted winter gear from their clothing drive and then discussed what items we would be putting in our bagged lunches for the Salvation Army outreach on December 5th.



Chapel Awards (some absent students were also recipients this month).



Here's a *Glance* at some  
upcoming Dates:

### **December**

**14** is our **LIVE Christmas Concert at NCCS Gym at 1:00 and 6:30!!**

**16** Term 1 Assembly @ 1:00 pm

Report Cards Distributed

Last day of School before Christmas Break

**Christmas Break (Dec17-Jan 2)**

### **January**

**3** First Day back at school

**9, 12, 13** Downhill Skiing @ Troll (Grades 4-12)

Until next week,  
God bless,  
Bruce Birch