

Father Henri Voisin

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



As we enter into the season of Advent, we take the time to remember the reason we celebrate Christmas. It is a time of waiting, anticipation and reflection as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We will have several student-led celebrations within the school community as we prepare for Christmas, in particular, our *First Week of Advent Mass* at Sacred Heart Parish on December 3rd at 9:30 AM. We hope to see you there!

Family Movie Night: *Inside Out 2* - December 12

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual *Family Movie Night* at Father Henri Voisin School. This year, we will be showing the animated movie *Inside Out 2*! The event will take place on **Thursday, December 12th, with the movie beginning at 6:30 PM and running until approximately 8:00 PM.** Admission to the event is free, and each guest will receive a complimentary bag of popcorn to enjoy during the movie. **Please note that this is a family event, and students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.** We hope you can join us for an evening of festive fun, laughter, and quality time with family and friends.

Schoology & Growth as a Learner - December 2

While our Schoology learning goals are updated regularly, the *Growth as a Learner* comments are shared three times a year. These comments will first be shared with you on *December 2, 2024*. Please check Schoology for these comments and future updates on your child's learning progress.

Scholastic Book Fair - It's Back!!!

We are excited to announce that the Book Fair is back at Father Henri Voisin School for the first time in four years! We are so excited to welcome students and families to this special event.

The Book Fair will run from Monday, December 9th, to Thursday, December 12th. *Students will have the opportunity to purchase books during the school day, so feel free to send them with money if they wish to shop.*

Families are also welcome to visit the Book Fair in person on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. On Thursday, December 12th, the Book Fair will have extended hours from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, just before our Christmas Family Movie Night.

By supporting the Book Fair, you also support our school library. Scholastic provides us with book credits based on the number of books sold, which allows us to purchase new books for our library. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair and thank you for helping us foster a love of reading in our school community!

Community Support - The Giving Tree & Ronald McDonald House

This Christmas season, our school is proud to support two wonderful charities: Catholic Social Services (CSS) and the Ronald McDonald House.

Through our **Giving Tree**, we are partnering with Catholic Social Services to bring joy to those in need. CSS is seeking gift cards from Walmart, which can be dropped off at the school. Alternatively, donations can be made online using the [LINK](#) provided. The Giving Tree initiative will run until December 6th.

In addition, our Grade 5 students have chosen the *Ronald McDonald House* as our school-wide charity this year. To support this important cause, students are encouraged to bring money to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win all the beautiful ornaments decorating our school Christmas Tree. Tickets are just \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1. The raffle tickets can be purchased until December 19th.

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us make a difference this holiday season! Together, we can share the spirit of giving and brighten the lives of others.

Hot Lunch - When Your Child Is Absent

In our ongoing efforts to streamline operations and support our Hot Lunch Program, we have a new request regarding meal pick-ups. **If your child is away, our first step will be to send it home with a sibling. If you plan to collect their lunch later, kindly inform the office when leaving a message on our attendance line or call in before 12:00 PM.** This proactive approach helps us better coordinate and minimizes disruptions for our dedicated office staff and teachers. **Without prior notice, unclaimed lunches will be gladly donated to a student in need.** Your cooperation in adhering to this new procedure is highly appreciated and ensures a smoother experience for everyone involved. Thank you for your understanding and collaboration.

School Bus Delays & the Bus App - Website & App

While our school buses are almost always on time, the winter months and snowy road conditions can lead to delays for your child's school bus. To stay notified of your child's bus status, please see the following links for ways to check on bus times.

Father Henri Voisin School Website

Bus status can be found on the main page of our website. It will display if a bus is *on-time*, *delayed*, or *cancelled*. There will often be a comment next to the delayed buses indicating how long the bus delay is. Click the title above to link to our website.

Bus Status App by Box Clever

Alternatively, you can download the bus app for your Apple or Android phone. See the images below and click on them to go to your respective app store and download the app.



Again, we thank you for your support and are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

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