



December 22, 2023

Well the halls of Christ the King are brightly lit with Christmas decorations and the students and staff are excited about our last week before the holidays. This week, we continued with our Advent celebrations - it is a time of waiting and for retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus. Each week in December, there was a special presentation where the entire school community participated around classroom prayer centres. Thank-you to our School Staff for organizing the Advent activities. We are also excited that each day this week, we will be dressing according to our theme for the day and participating in school wide activities like Christmas Bingo.

With this natural break of the Christmas holiday, we would like to take a moment to remind families about a few things that help to make our school run smoothly:

1. Our **school bell rings at 8:30 a.m.** Please ensure that your children get to school in time for the bell. When students arrive later than the bell, they sometimes miss the critical opening part of the day. This is where the teacher talks to the students about the events of the day and this helps to set the tone for the day and sets students up for success.
2. If your child(ren) will be absent from school, please remember to phone the school office. **(519 621 6680)**. This will help us and save us a lot of time in having to call you about the absence.
3. With winter upon us, we would like to reinforce the importance of students **dressing warmly for the cold and snowy weather**. All students are expected to come to school prepared to go outside at all recesses. Proper winter clothing includes a warm jacket/coat, snow pants, boots, hat, mitts/gloves. It is suggested that students wear a neck warmer rather than a scarf. We do have some items on hand.
4. While on the topic of outdoor play, we want to clarify **temperatures and procedures for inclement weather**: When the temperature is between -20°C and -27°C , there will be a shortened outdoor recess and lunch period. This period will not be longer than 15 minutes. When temperatures are colder than -27°C , students must remain inside. Temperatures and conditions vary across the Region. The following website shall be used to assess local conditions: www.weather.ca
5. The **lost and found** at our school is, once again, filled to the top. There are many items in there that your children might be missing. Please remind your child(ren) to check the box/table for any missing items.

Our Christ the King school team wishes you a blessed, joyful, and merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with hope.

NOTE: School resumes on January 8, 2024.