

Holy Ghost School



CHRISTMAS 2018 NEWSLETTER

Prayer for Families

Loving God,

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

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

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

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

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

For this we Pray to you our Lord.
Amen

From the Staff of Holy Ghost School

We hope you all enjoy a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year!



UPCOMING DATES

December 24-January 4: Christmas Break

January 7: School Resumes

January 11: School Mass

January 17: Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m.
Casual/Colour Day \$1.00

January 22-25: Grade 7 & 8 Exams

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*The Holy Ghost School Board of Directors would like to extend our warmest wishes to the students, staff, families of Holy Ghost School this Christmas season. May this blessed holiday season be bright and cheerful, and may beautiful moments and memories surround you.
May God bless you with joy, peace and love this Christmas.*

Jesus is the gift that perfectly fits the size of every heart.

May the Lord bless you with the gift of His perfect peace this Christmas and a sense of His presence in your heart every day.

May you and your family be blessed this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

From The Parent Association



Dear Students and Parents,

Once again the beautiful season of Christmas is upon us when we celebrate the great mystery of our faith, the mystery of the Incarnation. God sent his own Son into the world to bring us the salvation which He promised of old. As St. Augustine remarked many centuries ago, "God has promised men divinity, mortals immortality, sinners justification and the poor a rising in glory." But because such promises seemed impossible to men – equality with angels in exchange for our mortality, poverty, weakness, dust and ashes – God not only made a written contract with us; to win our belief He sent his own Son into the world. God wanted, through his Son, to show us and give us the way that leads us to the Life he has promised!

We wish that all our families celebrate Christmas in a true spirit of Joy that springs from our faith that the long-promised Messiah has been born. May we joyfully follow Jesus who is our way to the great promises of God.

*Wishing you many Christmas Blessings,
Fr. Jacek Nosowicz, OMI
Fr. Piotr Dudek, OMI*





Save the Date

HOLY GHOST SCHOOL GALA FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 11, 2019

The Met - 281 Donald Street

Join the Holy Ghost School community and friends for an evening of dinner, dancing and prize auctions.

Tickets are \$100/per person and will go on sale January 14, 2019!

A letter with details and a ticket order form will be sent with students in the new year.



We would like to thank all the families who brought in all the wonderful baking for our Holy Ghost School Christmas Bake Sale.

Your baking talents and generosity have made this year's bake sale once again a huge success.



Please remember if you selected the installment payment plan, the January payments will be due on the 7th of January. Post dated cheques will be cashed during the first week of January. Payments may be made by debit, cash, cheque (payable to Holy Ghost Church) and well as by credit card (Visa/Master Card) however please note that if you choose payment by credit card a 2 % surcharge fee will be applied to the payment amount.



Upcoming Important Dates to Remember

January 7: School re-opens

January 11: School Mass (9:15 a.m.)

February 11 - 15: Catholic School Week

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February 14: Early Dismissal (2:00 p.m.) Casual/Colour Day \$1.00

February 15: No School

February 28: Anti Bullying Day, Wear Pink

March 1: No School

March 6: School Mass (9:15 a.m.)

March 14: Early Dismissal (2:00 p.m.) Casual/Colour Day \$1.00

March 25-29: Spring Break





Thank you to all the families and students that help support our Pie the Staff Fundraiser. As a result of your generosity our Social Justice Club raised over \$450.00 for the "One Big Day for Christmas" toy drive.

Thank you to the participating Staff Members: Mr. Trochanowski, Mr. Peters, Mr. Banias, Mr. Thiessen, Mrs. Pritchard, Miss Proulx, Mr. Hanlon-Dearman, Madame Garland, Mrs. Duma, and our mystery person Mrs. Gubala.

We thank you again for your support,
Social Justice Club





**St. Nicholas visited the students and staff of HGS, giving out treats to everyone!
Thank you! St. Nicholas and the Knights of Columbus of Holy Ghost Church**



Grade 1 and Grade 8 prayer buddies making Gingerbread Houses.



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Holy Ghost School Present
‘A Very Special Delivery’



We would like to congratulate Patrick B. in gr. 7 for becoming November's Patrol of the Month. He has shown great dedication by being at her post on time (before and after school), wearing his uniform responsibly, taking his role seriously by helping to keep the students safe as they exit and enter their vehicles and being a positive role model who students look up to. Well done Patrick Thank you for volunteering your time and making a difference at Holy Ghost School!

-Mrs. Michelle Duma (Patrol Supervisor)



January Birthdays

Samuel F.	Gr. 4
Hailey M.	Gr. 6
Ella C.	Gr. 3
Stephan F.	Gr. 3
Elizabeth S.	Gr. 8
Gadiel B.	Gr. 7
Ethan L.	Gr. 4
Joshua C.	Gr. 7
Martina G.	Gr. 1
Ashley V.	Gr. 3
Reilly R.	Gr. 3
Ergon G.	Gr. 7
Luke S.	Gr. 6
Krystian M.	Gr. 1
Yoella T.	Gr. 1
Aikam T.	Gr. 3
Matthew A.	Gr. 8
Katrina T.	Gr. 6
Davin A.	Gr. 1
Xage G.	Gr. 3
Xian G.	Gr. 3
Jessa L.	Gr. 5

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life.

Hear the prayers of your servants, who recall the day of their birth and rejoice in you gifts of life and love , family and friends.

Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love That they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Français, s'il vous plaît!

A COMPILATION OF SUGGESTED RESOURCES TO DATE:

<http://www.frenchforlife.ca/>

<http://www.frenchforlife.ca/videos.cfm>

Here is a sample of some of the ways students can participate in French or bilingual opportunities in Manitoba, in Canada, and abroad. A fantastic learning tool for students who may enjoy visiting the website anytime! Games, Videos, Music, Movies & Stories, and Learning Activities.

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/french/oral_comm.html

A new focus has been placed on the teaching and learning of French in Manitoba with an emphasis on oral communication - the foundation for all learning of an additional language. This is explored further in the following articles:

1. **The Added Value of Learning Another Language:**
http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/newsletter/previous/05_2012.pdf#page=6
2. **Learning Another Language: Manitoba's Renewal Strategy:**
http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/newsletter/previous/10_2012.pdf#page=6

<http://www.french-games.net/>

French Games for Learners is a *free website* for kids and young adults learning French. It has a full set of lessons, games, and tests for learners to use with **over 100 topics** (beginner and intermediate).

<http://www.samamuse.ca/>

Sam Amuse website is an easy way for students to practice French without adult assistance!

<http://LanguageGuide.org>

Practice and improve your French with theme based activities (sound integrated for pronunciation!)

<http://www.FrenchTutorial.com>

This step by step course will help you in understanding the French language and the famous French way of life. And best of all... IT IS ABSOLUTELY FREE!

<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/fi/>

Français Interactif...A French Program explores the French language and culture by following the lives of students from the University of Texas who participated in the UT Summer Program in *Lyon, France*.

<http://www.literacycenter.net/>

An integrated learning system that allows parents to teach home language skills before sending their children to school. *It's free and easy!*

Présenté par:

Mme J Garland



From the Gym

Happy December to all of you! The grade 3-8 classes will be beginning a basketball unit following Christmas break. The K-2 classes have been involved with low organized games as well as skills classes on various movement and manipulative skills.

If you have any questions at all on what is going on inside your child's Phys. Ed class, do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Sincerely,
Mr. J. Thiessen
Physical Education Teacher

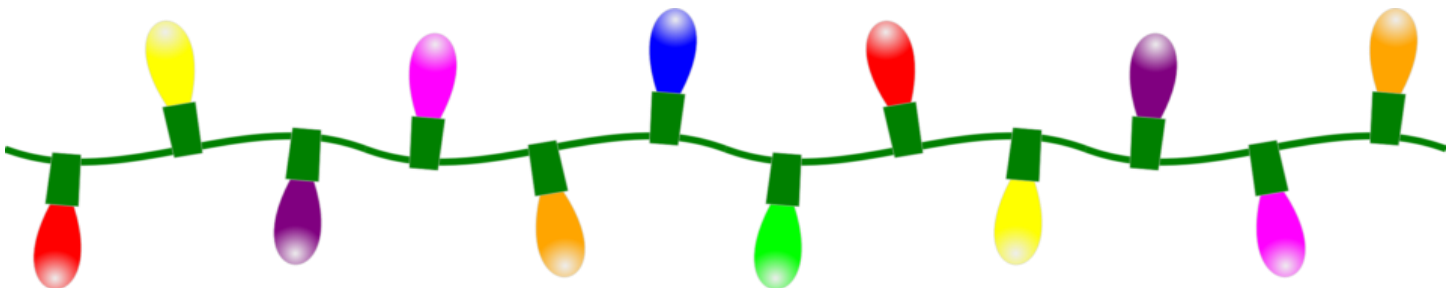


Coach's Corner

The HGS basketball teams are in the process of being chosen and practices have started for both the boys and girls competitive teams. There will be a tier 1 and tier 2 boys team this year and a tier 1 girls' team. League games for our basketball teams begin in early February. A sincere thank you goes out to Mr. Emiliano Galera and Mr. Vincent Perez for coaching the girl's competitive team, to Mr. Joey Cabredo, Mr. Becker Dao, and Mr. Allan Corpuz for coaching the boy's tier 1 team, and to Mr. Edwin Silvino for coaching the boys tier 2 team! Good luck to all teams!

Our grade 5 & 6 basketball and volleyball intramural program, which runs every day 5 at lunch time, will continue after the Christmas break. A big thank you goes out to Ms. Garland for her assistance in supervising the intramural program. Following the Christmas break we will begin our grade 4-8 soccer intramural program. That will take place every day 1 at lunch.

Sincerely,
Mr. J. Thiessen
Physical Education Teacher
Girls Volleyball & Basketball Coach





40 Christmas Activities Your Family Will *Actually* Enjoy!

Family Together Time

- Cut or choose Christmas tree
- Have an ugly sweater competition
- Make a holiday greeting video and send it to friends and family
- Go on a Christmas themed scavenger hunt
- Have a Christmas movie marathon
- Make a Christmas song playlist and have a family dance party
- Take family photos with Santa
- Have a silly, Christmas-themed family photo shoot
- Take a ride to look at Christmas lights in the neighborhood
- Attend your community's tree lighting event
- Go to a Christmas show
- Go on a sleigh ride
- Read stories together by the Christmas tree
- Plan a red and green day
- Game night with hot cocoa and candy canes

Christmas Cheer in the Kitchen

- Have a hot cocoa bar
- Have a cookie decorating party
- Make Christmas cookies
- Make reindeer treats
- Decorate a Gingerbread house

Christmas Acts of Kindness

- Adopt a family for the holidays
- Donate new toy to charity
- Visit a nursing home and sing Christmas carols
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen
- Donate towels and blankets to an animal shelter
- Donate canned goods to a food pantry
- Leave a 'thank you' note for your mail carrier
- Send care packages or holiday cards to troops overseas

Christmas Crafts for Kids

- Make Christmas tree ornaments
- Decorate a wreath
- Make your own ugly sweater
- Design Christmas cards
- Make mason jar snow globes
- Design and decorate gift tags
- Make paper snowflakes
- Write a letter to Santa

Christmas Decorating Fun

- Decorate the Christmas tree
- Hang Christmas lights outdoors
- Deck the halls with Christmas decoration
- String popcorn garland and put on Christmas tree

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Christmas Word Find

G C P M E H E F F N Y Y A S E
V F I O G K N O C Y R R I L B
Z H S J Z X U H E G A B Z N B
H A T I D U R X S Z M E I P E
R P L R S I L E N T N I G H T
R K O Q S N E M E S I W A J H
Y L X T Y Z S W C Z S P E P L
M I M F H F N P N S J V E K E
J A B T T B A R I O R S X Z H
S A I Y L Y T E K V O F L W E
H A Y E Y T I G N J I O E E M
F A M K R H V N A E V U G P E
M A A N W A I A R S A S N O E
C I H O T C T M F U S O A H F
D J E D K Q Y S V S W T E K Q

JESUS

MARY

JOSEPH

WISEMEN

MANGER

NATIVITY

BETHLEHEM

CAMEL

DONKEY

STAR

HAY

ANGEL

FAITH

HOPE

FRANKINCENSE

MYRRH

SILENTNIGHT

LORD

SAVIOR

CHRISTMAS



Q: What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?

A: Cookie sheets!

Q: What do you call an old snowman?

A: Water

Holy Ghost School

January 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6	7 Day 1 School Resumes	8 Day 2	9 Day 3	10 Day 4	11 Day 5 School Mass	12
13	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 Early Dismissal 2:00 p.m. Casual/Colour Day	18 Day 4	19
20	21 Day 5	22 Day 6	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26
		Grade 7 & 8 Exam Week January 22-25, 2018				
27	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 6	31 Day 1 Pizza Lunch		