

Administrators' Message

December 2025

God Bless!

As we enter the season of Advent, we are reminded of the many blessings in our lives. This special time invites us to reflect on Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We warmly invite all families to join us for our Advent Celebration on **Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:30 AM**, hosted by our Grade 5 classes.

December will be a busy and joy-filled month. Please take a moment to mark your calendars with the upcoming events. We also look forward to giving back through our **December Food Drive** in support of **St. Theresa's Parish Food Bank**, as well as our **Break-a-Rule Day**, with proceeds going to the **Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation**.

Students in Grades 4–6 will be heading to Sunridge for **ski lessons on December 10th**.

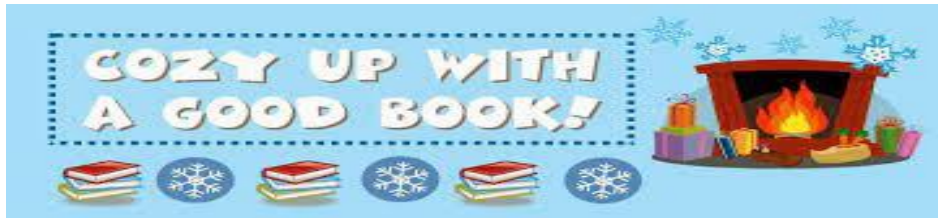
May the miracle of Christmas fill our St. Kateri community with peace, love, and gratitude.

Nicole Grossman
Principal

Christine Custódio
Assistant Principal



Blast-Off With Home Reading Program



Congratulations to the winners in each of the classrooms!

Continue the great reading families, those reading jars were FULL of reading strips! The December home reading draws will be done before students head out on Christmas Break.

Enjoy curling up with a great Christmas book over the next few weeks. The Christmas books are all set out in the library ready to be shared in your homes.

Food Drive

The students at St. Kateri have been collecting food for the St. Theresa's Parish Food Bank during the first weeks of Advent. Please send in non-perishable food items or gift cards. Items will be collected until **Thursday, December 12th**. Let's see which class can bring in the most items! These items help support people in our very own community. Let's Go SK!



Chaplain's Corner

If you are interested in your child receiving any of the sacraments, please contact Corpus Christi Parish.

As a Catholic community we are entering into the season of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the church calendar. During Advent, we will see the liturgical colour change to purple as well as the displaying of the Advent wreath and candles. The Advent wreath is symbolic of God's love for us, as it has no beginning and no end. The candles offer us hope and light amidst the darkness, symbolizing Jesus as the light of the world.

As we prepare our homes for the upcoming Christmas season, let us remind ourselves to take time to prepare our hearts as well. Jesus always welcomed the poor, the widow, the children and the most vulnerable, they are at the heart of our Catholic social teaching. So let us ask ourselves how we can support them during this Advent season. For it

is in helping others that we grow in our capacity to love and allow our light to shine!

We invite you to journey with us this Advent season by joining us on Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:30 am for our Advent celebration led by the grade five students.

December Events

December 2- Advent Celebration at 10:30
December 3- Demonstration of Learning from 3:30-7
December 10- Grades 4-6 Skiing
December 12- Last day for food donations.

The whole school will be celebrating **Break-a-Rule Day** on Tuesday, December 9th. The proceeds from this event will be donated to the [Edmonton Catholic Schools Foundation](#).

On Monday, December 15th the St. Kateri Choir will be performing at the Edmonton International Airport.

The leadership team has also organized some fun activities this month:

December 15- Red/White/Green Day/ Christmas Shirt Day
December 16- Christmas Trivia
December 17- Gingerbread House Decorating in Classrooms
December 18- PJ Day
December 19- Christmas hats/headgear

December 18th- Whole day of classes for students in grades 1-6
December 19th- Early Dismissal

Classes resume Monday, January 5th

School Council

URGENT: Volunteers Needed for Casino Fundraiser

Our recent Casino fundraiser has the potential to earn Parent Council **approximately \$80,000**, but we still need **13 more volunteers** to fill the remaining shifts. No experience is required, and **meals and beverages are provided**. Please consider supporting our school community—sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/C3MQB>

Demo of Learning Night – Visit Parent Council!

Stop by the Parent Council table for some festive fun! *Cash only*.

- **\$2 Ornament Craft:** Purchase an ornament to take home, decorate, and return to hang on our school Christmas tree.
- **Price is Right Game:** \$2 per guess or 3 guesses for \$5. Guess the closest value of our prize baskets and take the

basket home if you win!

- **Guess the Candy Jar – Christmas Edition:** \$1 per guess or 3 guesses for \$2.
- **Bear Tracks:** \$20 per pail, cash and carry—perfect for icy sidewalks this time of year.

Next Parent Council Meeting: January 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the St. Kateri Parent Council! 🎄

COMMUNICATION - PowerSchool

Please ensure that you're keeping the office up to date with any changes to phone numbers, addresses, etc. It is very important that we have the correct information so that we can reach the home team if there is something that is needed during the school day. Thank you for your attention to this.

Apple Squad

Our Apple Squad has been hard at work delivering healthy snacks for our students to enjoy. Some of the healthy options that our students have enjoyed including berries, apple snax, turkey sausage and cheese, mini naan pizzas, popcorners, veggies and dip, and so much more. As we enter the new year, we would like to encourage everyone to choose healthy options especially when sending snacks to school.



Skiing and Gymnastics

Students in grades 4-6 will have the opportunity to take lessons and go skiing at Sunridge twice this winter. Field trip forms have already been sent home and students are excited!

Students in grades 1-3 will have the opportunity to take gymnastics lessons in the new year! Watch for a field trip form to come out in the spring.

Thank you to Parent Council for funding \$35/student for these field trips! Please note that this will be applied to the second session of skiing. As always, if cost is an issue that would prevent students from attending these experiences, please reach out to the office

Advent Celebrations



Advent celebrations will begin with our whole school celebration in the gym on Tuesday, December 2nd in the school gym. The grade 5 students will be hosting and all are welcome. As we continue towards Christmas, weekly Advent Celebrations will take place over morning announcements and each class will light the candles for their advent wreath.

Christmas Break



Students will have a full day of school on Thursday, December 18th and a half day of school (11:57 dismissal) on Friday, December 19th. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5th. Stay safe and enjoy your time together!

Merry Christmas, may the love you share this season be endless, may your worries be few and may your joy timeless. Merry Christmas from our families to yours.

Weather Update

Cold Weather is Coming!



As the weather gets colder, it is important that the children come to school dressed warmly and according to the weather. Please ensure that your child has a warm coat, ski pants, gloves, hat, and boots. During inclement weather, the students can enter the school upon arrival at 8:10AM and go to their classroom area. Students will not go outside if the temperature is -20 degrees Celsius or colder or if the temperature and wind chill factor are -20 degrees Celsius or colder.

Please be advised that the following Radio and TV Stations will carry announcements with respect to transportation cancellations due to inclement weather conditions. RADIO STATIONS 630 CHED AM 930 The Light CJCA, CBC, CISN, FM 103.9 SHINE, 105.9 FM, CHFA (CBC Fr.) FRESH FM 92.5 TSN 1260 CFCW 840 INEWS 880 AM 95.7 CRUZ FM CAPITAL FM 96.3 Kiss FM 91.7 The Bear 100.3 FM K97 97.3UP! 99.3 FMSONIC 102.9 FM102.3 NOW! Radio HOT 107 FM104.9 VIRGIN Radio FM TV STATIONS CITYTV CTV Edmonton GLOBAL Edmonton CBC TV Every effort will be made to have messages broadcast commencing no later than 6:30 AM.

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