

# ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

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## SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- PRAYER
- IMPORTANT EVENTS
- CSCC

Due to Severe Allergies:



God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen.

All staff, students, parents and visitors to the school are not to wear fragrance when coming to our school. If fragrance is detected, we will have to ask that you leave the school, or wait outside if you are coming to pick up a student. Other extreme allergies are nut and shell fish. In addition there are several food allergies and for this reason, students are unable to bring in foods to share with students for special occasions. An alternative would be to pick up pencils/erasers or other dollar store type items if you wish your child to celebrate with the students in their class.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday Sub Days (Nov 20 - Jan 8 )

Thursday Pizza Day (Nov 22 - Jan 10)

**Order OHL Tickets on SoloLunch Barrie Colts vs London Knights (Available until December 31, 2018)**

- Nov 19-Dec 11 Christmas Food Drive
- Dec 2-24 Advent
- Dec 3 6:00pm Parent Council Meeting (Library) - All Welcome!
- Dec 6 Feast of St. Nicholas
- Dec 12 2:00pm Kindergarten Art-O-Rama (Library)
- Dec 14 Christmas Around the World (Gr 1 and 2)
- Dec 16 3:30pm Holy Spirit Christmas Concert (3:30pm)
- Dec 18 1:15pm School Christmas Concert
- Dec 19 10:00am Mass at Holy Spirit Parish with St. Bernadette - Please join us!
- Dec 20 Rosary
- Dec 21 Last Day!
- Dec 24-Jan 4 Christmas Break
- Dec 25 Christmas Day 
- Dec 26 **2019!**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- Jan 1
- Jan 6-14 SoloLunch Ordering for Next Session (Begins Jan 22)
- Jan 7 Back at School
- Jan 11 9:30am Gr 3 Swim to Survive at Holly Rec Centre (3 weeks)
- Jan 11 1:00pm Gr 7 Swim to Survive at Holly Rec Centre (3 weeks)



# School Council

## CSCC

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 3rd, 6:00pm in the school library. We invite all parents to come and check out the activities and plans for the balance of the year.

SPECIAL INTEREST  
ARTICLES:

- CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
- TUCKSHOP
- M. RAYMOND
- KINDERGARTEN ART-O-RAMA
- SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
- MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT
- ROSARY APOSTOLATE




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## School Activities

### Christmas Food Drive - Nov 19-Dec 11

December 11th is the last day of our Food Drive! Currently **TEAM RED** coached by Mrs. Raposo, is in the lead, but **TEAM BLUE** coached by Mrs. Barks is catching up fast! As of November 30th the total amount of food items collected is a phenomenal 1,200!!! The real winner will be **The Food Bank** who will be receiving all of our donations.  
**Thank you Team St. Nicholas!**



### Social Justice

#### December 10-14 Christmas Tuckshop

Thank you to our parent and student community for donating items for our Tuck Shop. The Social Justice Team will be accepting items and gift wrapping until Friday December 8th. The Christmas Tuck Shop will be open from Monday December 10th to Friday December 14th. Items will be priced from 25cents to \$5.00 and gift wrapped (while supplies last!). Thank you to Mrs. Keery and her team of helpers!

### Une note de Monsieur Raymond

The website "**Student Connect**" is running and working. If your child is in grade 4 to 8, you can always find out when they have a quiz and what needs to be studied. You can find the quizzes under the "Calendar" icon. References and practice sheets are also available, under the icon "Content". In order to get to the website you need to click on the https link below:

<https://smcdsb.elearningontario.ca>  
Sign in: student #: \_\_\_\_\_@smcdsb.on.ca  
Password: dd/mm/yy



### Kindergarten Art-o-Rama

#### December 12 - 2:00pm

Fun times in the library as the Kindergarten students share some fine craftwork as well as their musical talents with their parents (note sent home with Kindergarten students outlining this fun afternoon)! Please note that our Kindergarten students will not be performing on December 18th as they are performing for you at the Art-o-Rama.

### School Christmas Concert

#### December 18 1:15pm

The St. Nicholas School Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in the gymnasium WEATHER PERMITTING! If it happens to be a Snow Day when busses are cancelled, we will do our best to reschedule the concert for another day that week. The morning performance will be a dress rehearsal for the students and teachers only.

Family and Friends are welcome to join us for the afternoon performance which will begin at 1:15 p.m. All are welcome to join us as we usher in the Holidays with drama, dance and song!

### Christmas Mass at Holy Spirit

#### December 19, 10:00am

All students will be bused to Holy Spirit for our Christmas Mass. As is our Christmas tradition, we will be celebrating Mass with St. Bernadette Catholic School. All parents and guardians are invited to attend Holy Spirit.



### Rosary

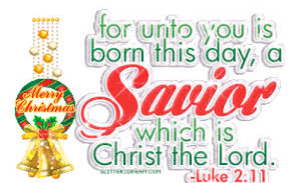
#### December 20, 9:00am



On this date we will welcome the Rosary Apostolate Team to St. Nicholas for their monthly visit. It is always a pleasure to have the rosary prayed in our classrooms and especially during this Christmas Season! Thank you!

### Last Day Dec 21!

St. Nicholas Staff would like to wish everyone  
A Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year.  
See you January 7th, 2019!



## Sports

### Junior Girls Volleyball

A big congratulations goes out to our Junior Girls Team! They came in first in their recent tournament. They represented St. Nicholas very well and showed fantastic sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Thank you Ms. Torrance for your outstanding leadership and to all parents who drove students to games a big thank you goes out to you. **GO POLAR BEARS GO!**

### Intermediate Girls Basketball

The intermediate girls played a great season with losses and wins culminating in a Division 1 placement. The girls represented the values of St. Nicholas well and made their coaches proud! Thank you Mrs. Moreira, Mrs. Hussey and all the parents who came to games and drove kids to games!



### SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLES:

- JR. GIRLS VB
- INT. GIRLS BB
- SUB/PIZZA INFORMATION
- ABSENCES
- BUS CANCELLATION
- COLD WEATHER

## OFFICE NOTES

### Sub/Pizza Lunch on Bus Cancellation Days

Subs will arrive at the school on the regularly scheduled Tuesday if buses are cancelled (those students not in attendance will have their sub in the fridge for the next day. Pizza will not be delivered to the school until the next day that buses are running.

### Absences

If students are absent from school for an extended period of time, (more than 5 days), the school will require the completion of a form "Request for Temporary Excusal". This form can be obtained from Mrs. Barks. If your child is going to be away from school or late, please call us and leave a message on our answering machine advising of the reason for the absence or late.

### Bus Cancellations

As we are getting ready for another winter, this is a reminder that you can sign up to receive text messages/emails from the Transportation Consortium. These messages are sent if the bus is going to be more than 15 minutes late on any given day. Also, don't forget to listen to your local radio/tv for school bus cancellations. Buses that are cancelled in the morning will not be running in the afternoon. **Remember-parents of walkers who do not attend school when buses are cancelled must call the school and leave a message advising that their child(ren) will not be in attendance.**



**If buses are cancelled, scheduled field trips, sports, tournaments and any other excursions outside of the school will be cancelled as well. The teacher will advise you of an alternate date.**

### Cold Weather

Cold weather is here! This is a reminder that students need to come to school prepared for the weather. All of us need to dig out our winter clothing, hats, coats, snow pants, boots and gloves! Students will be out for two 15 minute recess breaks as well as a 40 minute lunch break. The Simcoe-Muskoka Catholic District School Board follows the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) Cold Weather: Outdoor Safety Fact Sheet outlined on their website: "Keep children indoors if the temperature falls below -25C, or if the wind chill is - 28C or greater."



CALLED TO BE OUR STORY

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## HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH INFORMATION



### Children's Christmas Party

AS THE children of our parish party December 9, 1:30-3:30 pm, in the parish hall. There will be fun crafts, food and a special guest appearance! Please sign up on the list in the church foyer after Mass so we can plan accurately for numbers of people. Don't miss it!

**JOY TO THE WORLD**  
**10th Annual Christmas Concert & Nativity Play**  
**December 16, 2018 @ 3:30 pm**  
 Prepared by children from Parish Schools, Parish Choirs, MERCY & EDGE  
 (free-will offering)  
**Holy Spirit Parish**  
 650 Essa Rd. Barrie, ON L4N 9E6  
 705-722-3771 ext.5

### NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to the Holy Spirit Parish Young Adult Group. Our next meeting will be on Tues. Nov. 27th starting with the 7:00pm mass. We will eat dinner and have a gathering afterwards. All are invited!



The next Lifeteen night will be on Saturday, Dec. 15th @ 6:00pm. We will continue our study of Theology of the Body there. Contact Sara for more details.



The next Edge night will be on Friday, Dec. 14th @ 6:30 – 8:30pm. All grades 5-8 are invited for a night on the Creed!



### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec 24	Christmas Eve - Polish Mass	12:00am
Dec 24	Christmas Eve -Mass	5:00pm
Dec 24	Christmas Eve - Mass	7:30pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day	10:00am
Dec 25	Christmas Day	12:00pm
Dec 26	Christmas 2nd Day	10:00am
Dec 31	Year-End Mass	5:00pm