

Dear Parents,

**The St. Francis Christmas Dinner is at noon on Wednesday December 18, 2019:** The PPO, through their fundraising efforts, will be covering \$2.50 of the turkey lunch for all the students and staff. Thank you all very much for supporting the school fundraisers. This year the Christmas Lunch is FREE! We have had an anonymous donor offer to cover the \$2.00 per child, for each child who is signed up for the Christmas Lunch. A special green sign-up sheet came home this week with the next cafeteria menu, so please complete & send in this sign-up sheet by December 11.

Parent volunteers will be here Wednesday, December 18 to help Shirley prepare & serve the meal. Shirley will be busy over the next week, purchasing turkeys, potatoes, veggies, stuffing and Jell-O, in anticipation of this festive meal.

At 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, when the children return to class, Shirley will be serving up a turkey lunch, with all the fixings, for our hardworking bus drivers & PPO volunteers. On behalf of the staff & students I wish to express a huge thank you to Shirley & the PPO members for their hard work.

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It's SHOWTIME soon at St. Francis Elementary school! You are all invited to attend this entertaining Winter Concert starring our incredible younger students from K4, K5, Grade 1, 2, & 3S. The students will perform poems, songs, a short play, and a group song. Doors will be open to public around 6 pm. The show will start at 6:30 pm on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Immediately following the Winter Concert the PPO is holding a Holiday Bake Sale thanks to all our amazing bakers. Drop by the cafeteria and look for a baked item for your family.

If you are unable to attend the Winter Concert in the evening, you are most welcome to join us for the dress rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday in the gym.

**PARENT TAP:** We wish to inform you that the Richmond/Danville [Parent Tap](#) discussion group was held this **Wednesday, December 4th in Richmond** (in our St. Francis conference room). *If you are on Facebook, you can check out [this video](#) of Charity, the animator, talking about the various issues surrounding Holiday Anxiety, including Transitions, Expectations, Stress & Consent, the topic of Session 3.*

*Session 4, which will focus on “Self-Care” will be held at St. Francis on January 22 (6:30 – 8:30 pm). **Come and talk with other parents who are going through the same things you are!** As always, refreshments are provided, and you will leave with a toolkit of resources. The cost to participate in these group meetings are \$5/session plus a one-time registration fee (\$10) payable to the Lennoxville District Women’s Centre. However, the LDWC is committed to providing services for all women, so you may request to have your fee waived if that will make it possible for you to participate.*

You may register directly with LDWC by contacting [info@ldwc.ca](mailto:info@ldwc.ca) or 819-564-6626, or reply to Siu-Min Jim, our CLC Community Development Agent (cc’d in this email).

**School Arrival Time:** We are noticing a small group of local children arriving on the school property at least 10 minutes before supervision begins. School supervision officially begins at 8:35 am and children should not be left alone on the school property prior to this time. We do have Daycare service available. For more information please email: [stfdaycare@etsb.qc.ca](mailto:stfdaycare@etsb.qc.ca). Your support in this matter is very much appreciated!

**DAYCARE:** We are hoping to hold a Daycare for the Planning Day this Friday, December 6. We must have at least 15 students to open. Our next planning day is January 6, the first day back after the holidays. The Daycare registration letter will be sent home next week. Please register by Monday, December 16, 2019.

**Check for Head Lice:** This is a reminder to check weekly for Head Lice. It tends to be more prominent at this time of year.

**School Fees Past Due:** This is a reminder that the second payment of the school fees is past due. If you require a different payment plan, please contact the school to make arrangements.

**Christmas Basket Campaign:** Thank you everyone for your generous donations to our Christmas Basket collection. Our school contribution is being picked up by the town of Richmond today. The town is most grateful for our help, as this helps them to meet the needs of those less fortunate.

**Summary of Important Dates**

***December 5:*** *The December Newsletter; RRHS Elf Trot (Grade 6 participating 1:30 – 3:00 pm)*

***December 6:*** ***Planning Day***

***December 18:*** *Shirley's Christmas Lunch with all the fixings (11:15 am – 12:45 pm)*

***December 19:*** *Winter Concert (K4, K5, Grade 1, 2, 3S); All school Dress Rehearsal @ 1:00 pm: Show begins at 6:30 pm (parents), followed by the Bake Sale.*

***December 20:*** *Last day of classes before the Christmas Break*

***January 6:*** *Planning Day; Daycare will be open*

***January 7:*** *First Day back to school after the holidays*

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***



The St. Francis Elementary School staff and I wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas holiday and an amazing New Year.

Sincerely,

Louise Retchless, Principal