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Dear Parents & Guardians, and School-Community Members,

During the Season of Advent, we pray that this holy time will help us to come closer to God and recognize His existence and purpose in our lives. It is a time of reflective preparation to receive the gifts of faith, hope, love and peace. It is true that at this time of year most of us joyfully prepare to give and to receive gifts. Furthermore, we should prepare ourselves to receive God's most abiding gift, that of the birth of Jesus. We forget that the promise of the first Christmas was not the superficial happiness portrayed by advertisers, rather God's offer of joy. "I bring you news of great joy," the angel told the shepherds, "a joy to be shared with the whole people." As we wait for the coming of the baby Jesus, let us remember that spending time is often a better way of finding joy than spending money. May God remind us to be patient with ourselves and with all whom we meet, and finally, may He help us to recognize and enjoy the simple pleasures of life that we find in Christmas.

During this season of peace and goodwill it is with pleasure that I pause and express my best wishes and deepest appreciation for your support. May the warmth and love of the season fill your hearts and home. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Live, Love, and Laugh. Spend all the time you can with your Family. Most of all remember that Jesus is the REASON FOR THE SEASON!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2019. Have a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year.

Ms. Moreau



Important Dates

- Mon. Nov. 26th: - Advent Clothing and Food Drive Begins
- Mon. Dec. 3rd: - Candy Cane Sales 50 cents each. Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul
- Thurs. Dec. 17th: - Christmas Hat day
- Tues. Dec. 18th: - Family Advent Mass 6:00 pm (Foley C.S. gym). Christmas Concert to follow.
- Wed. Dec. 19th: - Ugly Sweater Day
- Thurs. Dec., 20th: - Inclement weather day for Family Advent Mass & Concert
- Fri. Dec. 21st: - Red & Green Day
- Mon. Dec. 24th - January 6, 2019 CHRISTMAS BREAK**



Advent Prayer

Advent is our time of waiting and anticipating the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, we wait to celebrate Christmas and anticipate the coming of the Lord in glory!

Give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts.

May the Lord find us waiting and anticipating in joy when He comes!

Advent Clothing and Food Drive

Foley Catholic School will be collecting used & new winter coats, hats, scarves & mittens, as well as canned goods and non-perishable food items this month for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Items will be collected up to December 20th. and students will be awarded points for their "Spirit Team" for each item they bring in. Thank you!!

CENTREPIECES

Pick-up

**Wednesday, December
12th**

From 2-5 pm

Foley Catholic School Advent Mass and Christmas Concert!

Please join us on Tuesday, December 18th. at 6:00 pm for our school's Family Advent Mass, followed by our wonderful annual Christmas concert/play. Our inclement weather day is Thursday, December 20th. (in the event of bus cancellation on the 18th). We will have a "50/50" draw as well as 4 Christmas Basket Raffles. Proceeds from the raffles will help support busing as well as other general school needs for this school year.

Also this is a chance for Foley parents to bring in used or new winter clothing items, hats, scarfs and mitts, as well as canned goods and non-perishable food items for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you!



Candy Canes - Candy Grams

Beginning December 3rd, 2018, our Student Ambassadors will be selling candy canes for 50 cents each during first nutrition break in the foyer. Candy canes can be bought for students at Foley, St. Bernard's, Monsignor Lee and Notre Dame Schools. All proceeds will go towards St. Vincent de Paul's food bank.

Know Your "Weather Zone" - Inclement Weather and Bus Cancellations

Foley Catholic School is located in the NORTH Weather Zone.

Information on cancellations can be found at www.smcdsb.on.ca, or on local radio stations (93.1 FM, 95.7 FM, 101 FM, 104.1 FM, 105.1 FM, 105.9 FM) or Rogers TV. You may also visit the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium's website at <https://scstc.ca> or www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

FOREST OF READING 2019

Once again we have started the FOREST OF READING PROGRAM at Foley Catholic School. This is a great way for families to read and enjoy books together!



BLUE SPRUCE

The BLUE SPRUCE PROGRAM is for students in Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2. Students in this

Program listen to ten recently published Canadian children's picture books. It is a very exciting time for everyone. After the titles are read, the children have the reward of becoming the judges in a province-wide voting event in April - where each child votes for the book that he/she likes the best!



SILVER BIRCH EXPRESS

The SILVER BIRCH EXPRESS PROGRAM is a list of nominated titles aimed at students in

Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, and Grade 6. It is a mixed list of Fiction and Non-Fiction titles. The students in this

Program listen to 4 or 5 titles; and read and conference with Staff about any two of the five remaining titles before voting in April.

SILVER BIRCH FICTION

The SILVER BIRCH FICTION READING PROGRAM has been running for over twenty years. It began as a province-wide program to give students ownership of their reading - where the students select the winner. This year each student is listening to; or reading + will have an interview for any five or more out of ten new Canadian novels/titles before voting in April.

If families wish, these titles would make excellent stocking stuffers. Family reading experiences are strongly encouraged over the Christmas period for all grade levels. Please let the school know if you would like a list of these titles.



Forest of Festival of Trees!

Learn More About the Forest of Reading
Do you love to read? Are you ready to make some noise for books? Do you want to meet your favourite authors and illustrators? Have you ever been to a “rock concert” for reading? This is your chance - be part of the largest literary event for young readers in Canada, the Festival of Trees! The Festival of Trees is Canada’s largest literary event for young readers and is continuing to grow. It culminates in a two-day awards celebration for the school-aged and French-language programs of the Forest of Reading in Toronto, with other satellite Festivals taking place across Ontario. More than 10,000 people attend the Festival in Toronto, which is co-presented by International Festival of Authors (IFOA), at the Harbourfront Centre.

What you Can do At the Festival

- Attend Award Ceremonies
- Get involved in Author/Illustrator Workshops
- Have Authors and Illustrators sign your books
- Take part in exciting activities and games
- get excited for roving entertainment and vendors
- Win free prizes and books!
- Meet fellow young readers!
- Buy Forest of Reading books and merchandise