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Parent Newsletter - Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Happy New Year Everyone! We hope that you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas Holiday.

Christmas Generosity

We would like to thank all in the St. Edward=s School Community including parents, students and staff that gave so generously to those less fortunate during December. Your donations made a difference. We were able to assist 15 families in the CBS area.

Unscheduled School Closures during the School Day

It's the time of year when we can anticipate unscheduled school closures during the school day related to weather conditions or other conditions beyond our control. Last week a memo was sent home requesting parents verify their wishes for their child (children) in the event of an unscheduled school closure. Please return the intent form to your child's teacher no later than this Thursday, January 15.

Family Math Problem Solving

One of our school development goals this year is to increase student achievement in Mathematics. Our Math Action Team is proposing, among other school initiatives, a monthly family math problem solving contest. Within the next few weeks a hard copy of age appropriate math problems will be sent home and posted on our website. The intent will be for students and their parents to solve the problems together. Details to follow.

Grade 6 Intensive Core French Information Session

Parents of Grade 5 students who are interested in the Grade 6 Intensive French Program for September 2009 are reminded that there will be an information session Monday, January 19 at 7:00 pm. It is essential that all interested parents and their children attend this session. Ms. Wendy Fitzgerald, our current grade 6 Intensive Core French teacher, will conduct an information session and will answer any questions concerning the grade 6 Intensive Core French Program.

Fruitastic Fridays

Last term our Healthy and Active Schools Action Committee organized "*Fruitastic Fridays*." This initiative was met with overwhelming success by both staff and students. We will continue with our Fruitastic Fridays each and every Friday throughout the second term. Each student that brings a piece of fruit will color one block of their classroom "**Sammy the Snake**". When every block on the classroom snake is colored a student from each class will go to the enormous **Sammy the Snake** posted on the wall across from the office where they will color one block. When the enormous **Sammy** has every block on its body full, the students will participate in a school wide reward.

Kinderstart Parent Information Session

This Thursday, January 15, 2009, 7:00 pm there will be a Kinderstart information session for parents of incoming kindergarten students for September 2009.

Kinderstart Session #1 Friday, January 23, 2009

There will be no classes for students in English and French Immersion kindergarten classes Friday, January 23. The first of 5 Kinderstart sessions will be held on this date for incoming kindergarten students for September 2009.

Building Security

In the interest of security we would ask that all parents visiting our building report to the main office. Should you wish to speak to your child he/she will be paged to the office by the school secretary. Once classes commence in the morning the only door that will be accessible will be the office door. Parents are advised that there are new policies regarding Secure Schools and School Lockdowns. More information to follow.

Outside Days

The staff of St. Edward=s are of the opinion that there is great benefit for students to play outdoors 20-25 minutes per day. After playing outdoors during the lunch period children tend to be refreshed and more focused during afternoon classes. During the winter months, weather permitting, students will go outside during the second half of the lunch period. Please ensure that your child comes appropriately dressed to go outside with coats, hats, mitts and snow pants.

Important Dates to Remember:

Updated Storm Information Forms due
Kinderstart Parent Information session
Intensive Core French
Kinderstart Session #1

Thursday, Jan. 15
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Monday, Jan. 19 - 7:00 pm
Friday, Jan 23