

WEEKLY NEWS

Crystal Jones | Principal | St. Paul Catholic Elementary School

Calendar

Monday 4

Healthy Hunger - Booster
Juice/ Chopped Leaf

Tuesday 5

Grade 1 & 2 - in school FT

Wednesday 6

Day 1 - Santa Hat/ Antlers

Last day of Giving Trees

Thursday 7

Early dismissal @ 12PM

Girls Volleyball Tournament @ STM

Day 2 - Christmas Riddles

Friday 8

Advent Mass @ 9:30 am

Healthy Hunger - Taco Bell

Day 3 - Candy Cane Hunt



Principal's Message

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." Isaiah 2.2-3

Advent is a time when our eyes are set to the future, and we are filled with hope. We know that Jesus, the Messiah, is coming very soon, and that his presence is a gift of love for us from God, our Father. This passage from the prophet Isaiah, the first reading of our Advent journey, shows us the promise of a world that will see us coming together to learn and walk in peace and joy.

May this Advent season be filled with abundant opportunities for you to not only reflect on the presence of hope, faith, joy, and peace in your lives, but to also share those gifts with those around you!

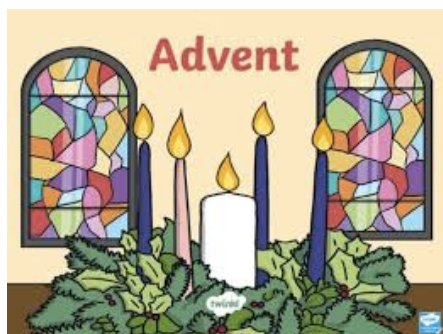
Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs. Jones

Christmas Concert

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Concert on **Tuesday December 19, 2023!** Detailed information about the show will be forthcoming. Also, don't miss out on front row seating/ parking ticket sales and draw for the "best seats in the church" and "best spot in the lot" raffle and fundraiser!

St. Paul School Spirit Wear

We have launched our Spirit Wear Collection for St. Paul. Sales have been a bit slow and we are falling short of a required minimum order. Please see attachment with all the details and different items for purchase. Simply log onto PowerSchool to make a order. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Lee at the school and she will be happy to assist you!



Advent Mass - Please join us!

This Sunday marks the first week of Advent. Please join us at the church on Friday morning at 9:30 am, to celebrate the season of Advent as we wait in great anticipation and prepare for Jesus' arrival.

Congratulations to our Boys Volleyball Team!

On Thursday afternoon our Gr. 6 Boys Volleyball team participated in the St. Thomas More tournament. The boys played so great and all their hard work in practices shone through on the court! Thank you to our coaches for supporting the team and to all our parents who came out to cheer us on! Next week, the girls are up!



Parent Council Meeting Administration Report and Minutes

On Wednesday we held our second Parent Council Meeting of the school year. We shared all of our Assurance Data, PAT results and school events. Please [click here](#) to read the Administration Report! Thank you to all the parents that joined us!



We Are People of the Eucharist

Towards a renewed love for Holy Communion

Reflections on the Eucharist
By Bishop David Motiuk, Eparchy of Edmonton

December 2023

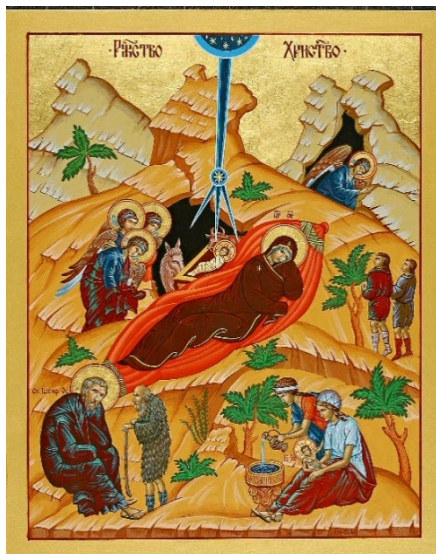
The Eucharist and Baptism – From Rags to Riches

In the early Church, when people became members of the Body of Christ, they were fully initiated, that is, they received at one and the same time the mysteries (sacraments) of baptism, chrismation (confirmation), and Holy Communion.

As the 1996 Eastern Liturgical Instruction teaches us: “Initiation is, in reality, the one and indivisible celebration of the entrance into the life of Christ, into the community that lives in him. This entrance, initiated with the first call to the faith reaches its culminating point in the Paschal Mystery of Christ, in whose death we are immersed to be raised in his resurrection which renders us children of God and the temple of the Spirit. ‘Anointed’ by the Spirit for the work of the Kingdom, we are thus rendered fit to participate in the banquet of the Kingdom [Divine Eucharist]” (paragraph 42).

The Instruction continues: “In Baptism, the person is freed from sin, reborn to new life, reclothed in Christ and incorporated in the Church. In Chrismation with the holy Myron [myrrh], he or she is signed with the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. The full initiation is made final by the reception of the Eucharist, a sacrament not only of the communion of the individual with Christ, Head of the Mystical Body, but also of the communion among all the faithful, members of the Body who live the new life in Him. The nourishment of the Body and the Blood of the incarnated Word brings the Christian to perfection, in such a way that it is no longer he that lives but Christ that lives in him” (paragraph 43).

With this teaching in mind, let us reflect further on our baptism, which leads us by the grace of the Holy Spirit to the Eucharistic Table.



Did you know that for the first three centuries, Christians did not have a separate feast for Christmas? Rather, they celebrated both the Nativity and Baptism of Our Lord on January 6.

Only in the fourth century did the Roman Church first begin celebrating Christmas on December 25. It did so in order to replace the pagan feast of the Sun-god, regarded as the birthday of the sun and its triumph over the darkness of the night. Christian Rome eventually substituted the pagan Sun-god with its Christian Sun-the God-Man and began celebrating Jesus' birth on December 25.

In time, the Eastern Christian Churches followed, but continued to celebrate Jesus' baptism on January 6, and do so even day.

Baptism. Swaddling clothes. Burial robes.

When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

What are swaddling clothes?

Well, when a baby is born, hospitals use a cloth sometimes called “swaddling” cloth to wrap the newborn. However, contrary to popular belief, tradition has it that swaddling cloth had more to do with death than birth.

In the Middle East, when people travelled long distances oftentimes through hardship, they carried with them thin, gauzelike cloth to wrap the body of a loved one in preparation for burial should someone have died during the long journey.

When Jesus was born in a stable, for there was no room in the Inn, Mary and Joseph used swaddling cloth to wrap him, cloth usually reserved for someone’s death.

And they weren’t far off. After all, Jesus was born in order to die. To die for our sins and our salvation.

At Jesus’ death, after his crucifixion and passion upon the Cross, we see these same swaddling clothes. Joseph of Arimathea went to Pilate and asked him for Jesus’ body. “They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews” (John 19: 40).

At our baptism, we are given new clothes, a new white robe to signify that we have been washed clean of sin and have been given new life. Saint Paul puts it this way: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6: 3-4).

Old rags just won’t do! At baptism they were thrown away. After all, we have entered a Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. The King of King himself awaits us and welcomes us. And he says, “What fine robes you are wearing!”

Let us remember that even in his birth, Jesus was already preparing for his death.

In our re-birth through baptism, each day we can add to the brilliance of our new clothes, one stitch at a time, through prayer, a kind word, love and forgiveness. We do want to be properly dressed in our finest robes when we fully enter the Kingdom and meet God face to face.

From rags to riches.

We are people of the Eucharist.



St. Paul Elementary School
Presents:

*Best Seats/Parking
Order Form*

Please return this form to your child's
teacher by December 15, 2023

Family Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____

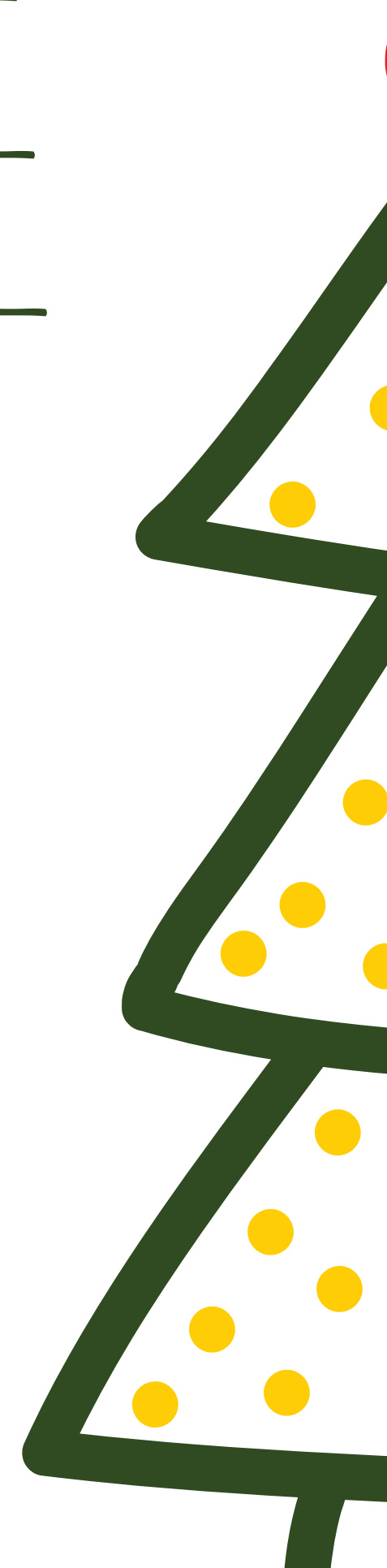
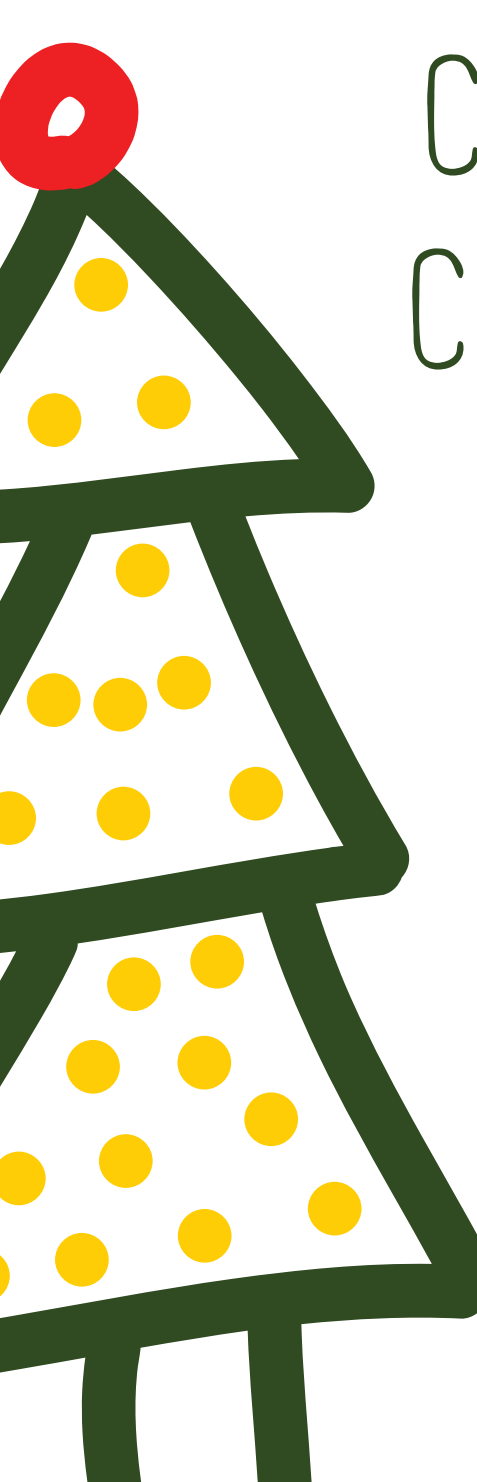
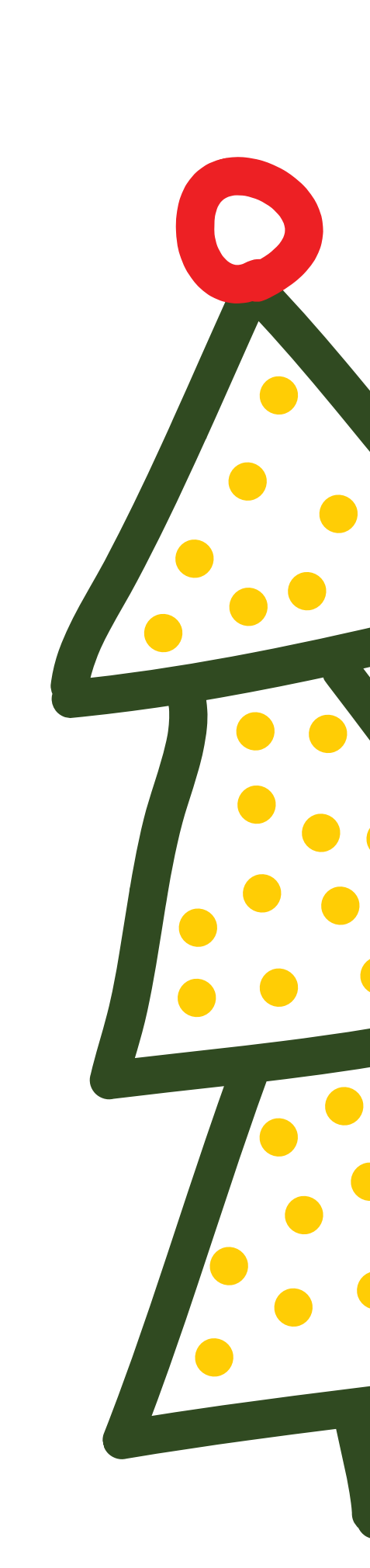
Tickets: 1 ticket x \$1.00 _____

3 tickets x \$5.00 _____

12 tickets x \$10.00 _____

25 tickets x \$20.00 _____

TOTAL: \$ _____



St. Paul Best Seats in the Church & Lot!

Dear St. Paul Families,

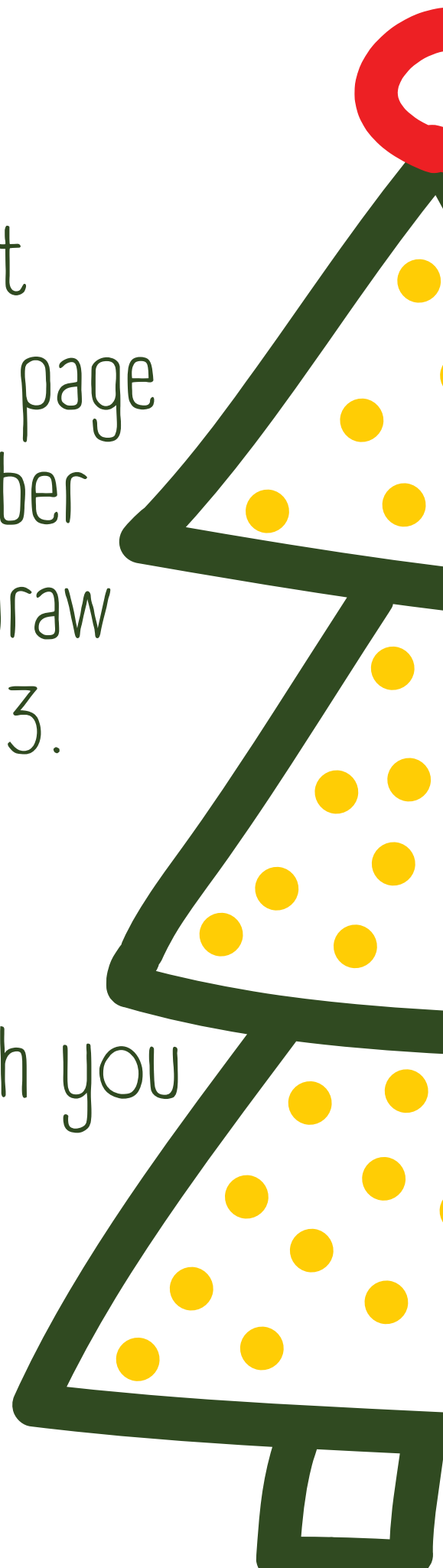
The St. Paul Elves have been busy preparing for a Christmas Concert on December 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church.

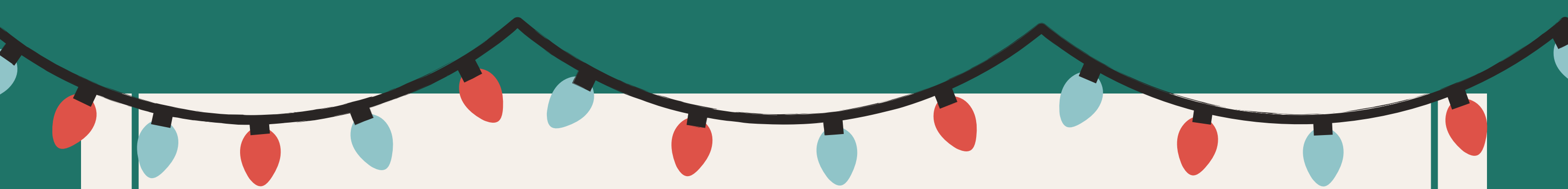
Students are to arrive no later than 6:00 PM and meet their class at in the Church Hall. Their teachers will meet them there and bring the class out when it is their time to perform. Students will return to the Hall and wait with their teachers until they are picked up by their families when the concert is over. With Candy Cane Lane in full swing, it is recommended that if possible, families walk to the Church.

St. Paul will once again be selling raffle tickets for the opportunity to win the "Best Seats in the Church" and "Best Parking in the Lot" for the Concert. Please send the second page of this letter back to the school no later than Friday December 15, 2023. Forms can be given to your child's teacher. The draw winners will be announced the morning of December 19, 2023. Cash only please.

Thank you! We look forward to celebrating the season with you on December 19th!

Kindly, Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Carr-Jeschke





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12 Days of Christmas 2023

DECEMBER 6	SANTA HAT&REINDEER ANTLERS
DECEMBER 7	CHRISTMAS RIDDLES
DECEMBER 8	CANDY CANE HUNT
DECEMBER 11	CHRISTMAS READING (W/BUDDIES)
DECEMBER 12	RED & GREEN DAY
DECEMBER 13	DOOR DECORATING BEGINS
DECEMBER 14	CHRISTMAS CAROLLING IN GYM
DECEMBER 15	CHRISTMAS CARD CREATION
DECEMBER 18	CHRISTMAS KINDNESS NOTES
DECEMBER 19	CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY
DECEMBER 20	DOOR JUDGING
DECEMBER 21	PANCAKE BREAKFAST & PJ DAY



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Spirit Wear 2023

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\$48.00



\$40.00



\$40.00



\$28.00



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\$24.00



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NEW PRODUCT!





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Spirit Wear 2023

Adult Sweat Top and Hoody

698M _ ACTIVEWEAR SIZE CHART



\$48.00



\$40.00

Sizing	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Width	20	22	24	26	28	30	32
Length	28	29	30	31	32	33	34

Youth Sweat Top and Hoody

998B _ ACTIVEWEAR SIZE CHART

Sizing	YS	YM	YL	YXL
Width	16	17	18	20
Length	21.5	23.5	25.5	27.5





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Spirit Wear 2023

Adult Jogger

20JHBM0 _ ACTIVEWEAR SIZE CHART

Sizing	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Waist	13.5	15	16.5	18	19.5	21
Inseam	28.5	28.5	29.5	29.5	30.5	30.5



Youth Jogger

20JHBB0 _ ACTIVEWEAR SIZE CHART

Sizing	YS	YM	YL	YXL
Waist	9	10	11	12
Inseam	19.5	23.5	26.5	28.5



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Spirit Wear 2023



Adult DriFit

S350 - ATC™ Pro Team Short Sleeve Tee

GARMENT MEASUREMENTS								
Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
Chest - <i>Half Measure</i>	18 1/2"	20"	21 1/2"	23"	24 1/2"	26"	28"	30"
Chest - <i>Full Measure</i>	37"	40"	43"	46"	49"	52"	56"	60"
Body Length from HPS	27"	28"	29"	30"	31"	32"	32 1/2"	33"
Sleeve Length-CB	17 3/4"	18 1/2"	19 1/4"	20"	20 3/4"	21 1/2"	22 1/4"	23"

Finished measurements in inches. Refer to "How to Measure" guide for detailed information on measurement instructions.

Youth DriFit

Y350 - ATC™ Pro Team Short Sleeve Youth Tee

GARMENT MEASUREMENTS					
Size	XS	S	M	L	XL
Chest - <i>Half Measure</i>	15 1/4"	16"	17"	18"	19 1/2"
Chest - <i>Full Measure</i>	30 1/2"	32"	34"	36"	39"
Body Length from HPS	20"	21 1/2"	23"	25"	27"
Sleeve Length-CB	12 1/2"	13 1/2"	14 1/2"	15 1/2"	16 1/2"

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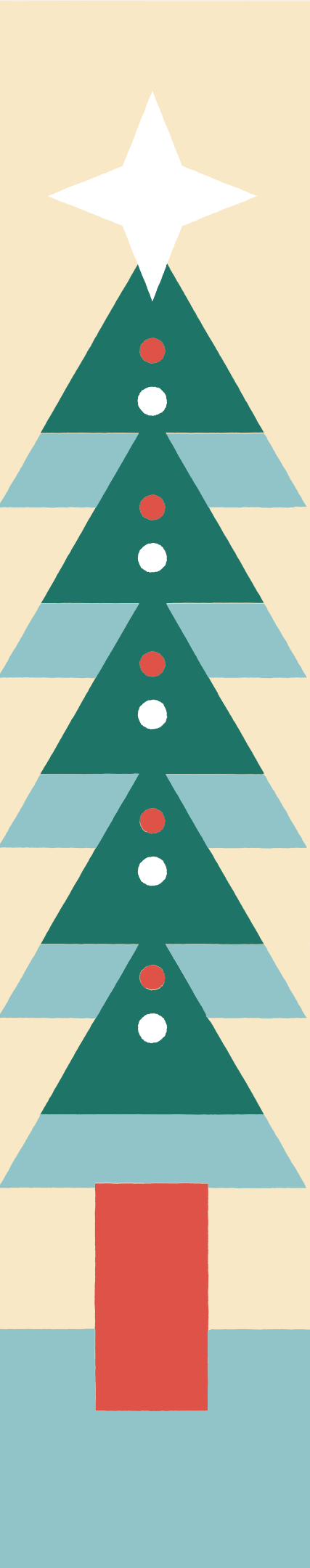
\$28.00



Socks

- Small - 5-12.
- Medium - 6-9.
- Large - 9-13.

Toques are 1 size fits all



St. Paul School

Giving Trees 2023

KINDERGARTEN MITTS AND GLOVES

GRADE 1 A/B TOYS (AGES 4-7)

GRADE 2 TOILETRIES

GRADE 3 GIFT CARDS (WALMART, SUPERSTORE)

GRADE 4 BOOKS & STATIONARY

GRADE 5A TOYS (8-12)

GRADE 5B BABY ITEMS

GRADE 6 COZIES FOR MOMS

NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE

*Items collected will be donated to WINGS
(Women In Need Growing Stronger)*