

WEEKLY NEWS

Crystal Jones | Principal | St. Paul Catholic Elementary School

Calendar

Monday 18

Healthy Hunger - Edo

Day 9 - Christmas Kindness Notes

Tuesday 19

Day 10 - Christmas Sweater Day

Dress Rehearsal - AM

Christmas Concert @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday 20

Day 11 - Door Judging

Thursday 21

Day 12 - PJ Day

Pancake Breakfast @ 9:30 am

Friday 22

Early dismissal @ Noon

Merry Christmas!



Principal's Message

We have had an awesome week here at St. Paul as we count down the days until Christmas Break! Our 12 Days of Christmas organized by our Leadership Group is in full swing and all the activities have brought much joy and Christmas Spirit to our school community.

On Tuesday we have our Christmas Concert at the Church. Please review all attachments for detailed information. Raffle winners for Front Row Seating and Parking will be contacted on Tuesday.

We will not be issuing tickets for the show.

Parents, siblings and grandparents are welcome to attend, however we are not able to guarantee parking and/ or seating within the church.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs. Teryl Sporns for supporting and organizing our annual Christmas Pancake Breakfast. Teryl over the years, alongside many parent volunteers has made this event a very special and heart warming occasion each year for our students and staff! Each child creates a personalized placemat, our gym turns into a magical place, we get served a beautiful breakfast, and Santa himself usually pops by for a visit. This is Teryl's last year, so we are sending you much gratitude and we thank our new parents who will be taking over this committee and for all the hard work that goes into our parent led events - THANK YOU!

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mr. Jones

3rd Week of Advent - JOY!

One candle is pink — why? There are four candles on the Advent wreath. Three are purple and lit on the first, second, and fourth Sundays of Advent. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which we call Gaudete Sunday. On that Sunday, in addition to the pink candle, the priest wears a pink vestment, which he might refer to as a “rose.”



Gaudete is a word that means “rejoice,” and we rejoice on Gaudete Sunday because we are halfway through Advent. Some people have the custom of throwing Gaudete parties, and this is also a day on which Christmas carolers may begin carolling door-to-door.

The three purple candles are sometimes said to represent prayer, fasting, and almsgiving — the three spiritual disciplines that are key to a fruitful Advent.



Don't miss the chance to shape the future of Edmonton Catholic Schools. Your insights and feedback are important in guiding our decision-making. Please take a moment to complete the ECSD Annual Survey, which was sent home last week!

The deadline to return the survey is ***January 12, 2024***. Returning your completed survey is easy! Just send it back to your child's school or mail it back using the provided prepaid envelope. Every survey counts! Learn more at [ECSD Annual Survey](#)



JOIN US FOR

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Christmas Concert 2023

TUESDAY

19
DEC

6:30 PM

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
9830 148 ST NW



Program

WELCOME AND GREETING
MRS. JONES & MRS. CARR-JESCHKE

OPENING PRAYER
FR. DEAN DOWLE

GRADE 6
CHRISTMAS IS COMING

KINDERGARTEN
BABY JESUS WE LOVE YOU

GRADE 4
ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GRADE 1
VIOLET IN THE SNOW

GRADE 3
GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

GRADE 5
SILENT NIGHT

GRADE 2
DECK THE HALLS

CLOSING
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

THANK YOU TO MS. ZAHARY FOR ORGANIZING AND TO
MS. MINA PAK FOR PROVIDING ACCOMPANIMENT



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: _____

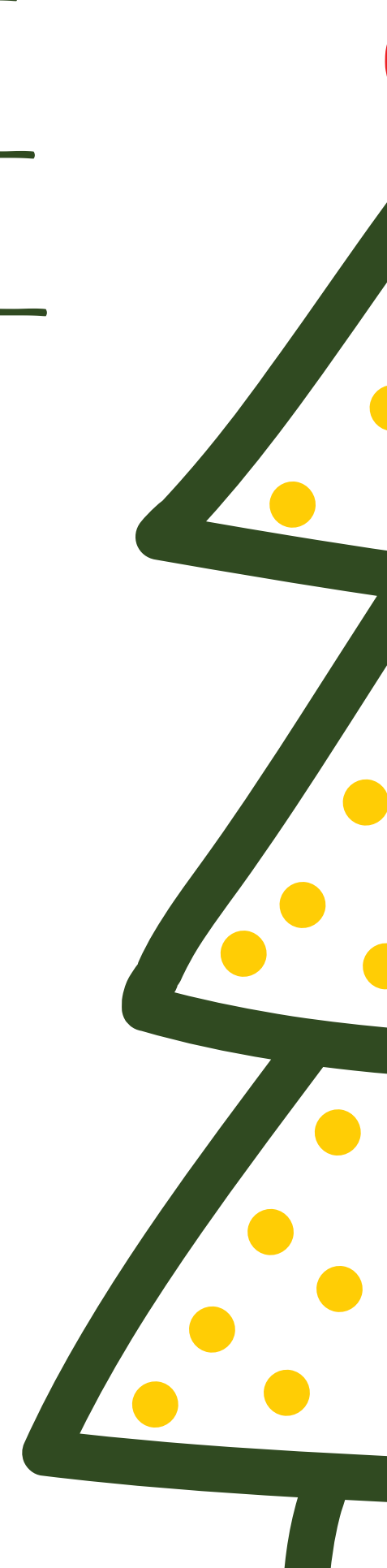
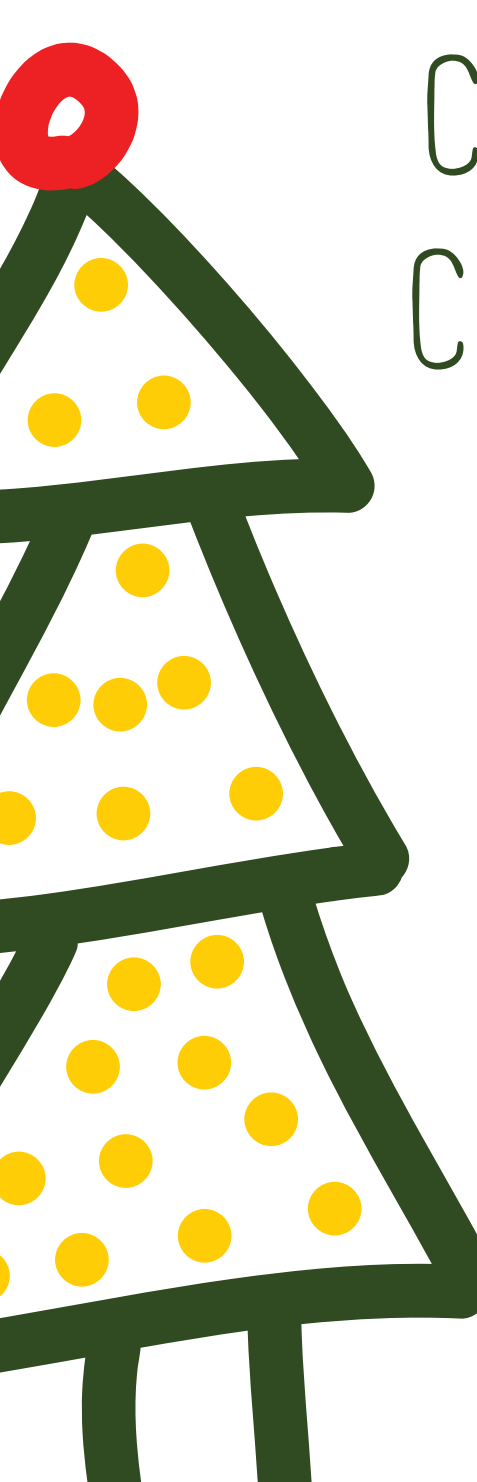
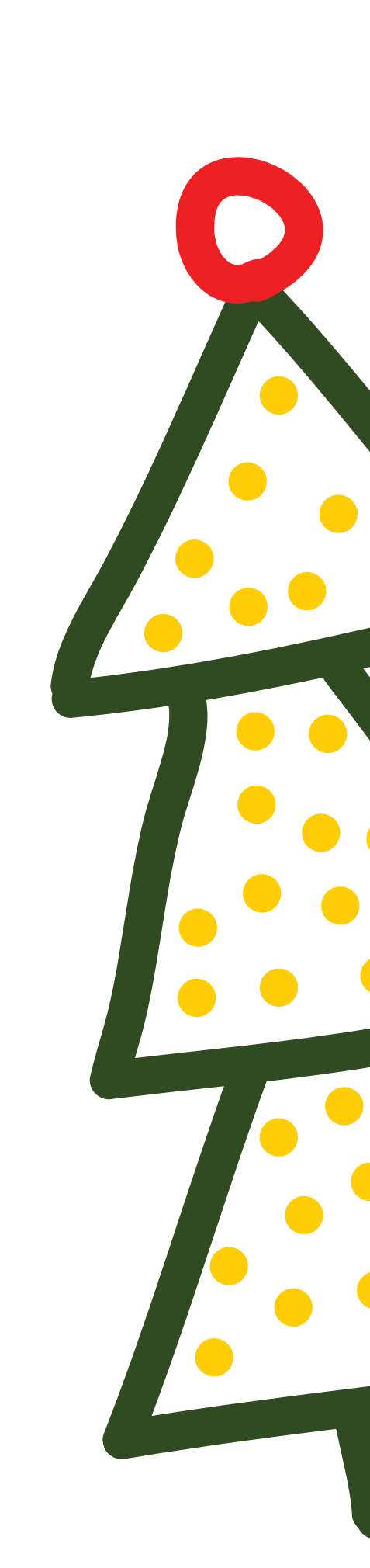
Tickets: 1 ticket x \$1.00 _____

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,

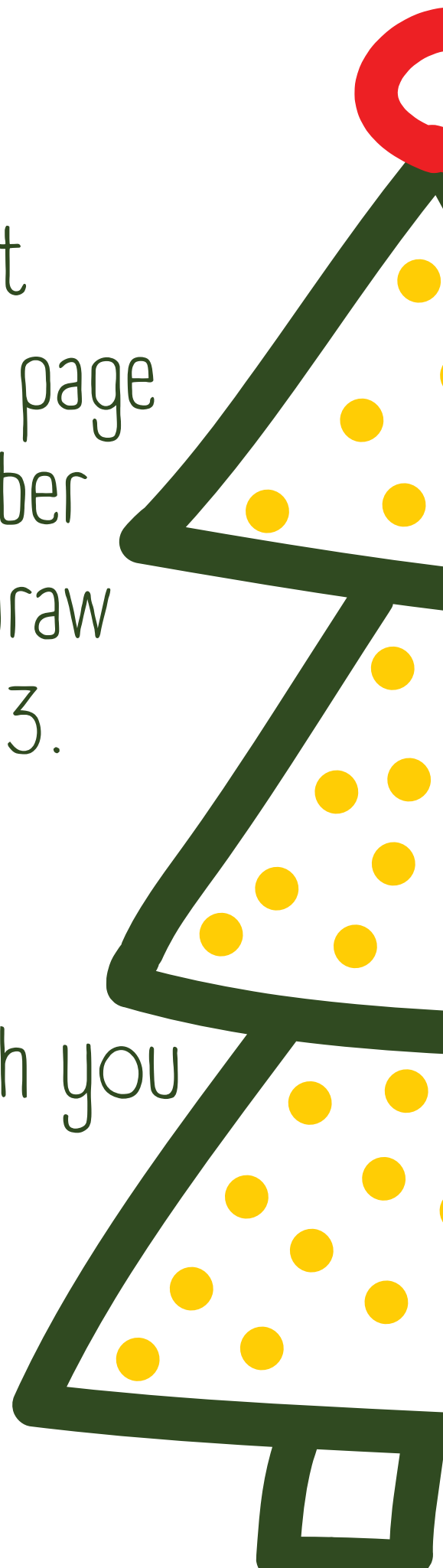
The St. Paul Elves have been busy preparing for a Christmas Concert on December 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church.

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





CHRISTMAS Basket Raffle

Tickets: \$1/Each or
3 for \$2.00

Peanuts Themed



Grinch Themed



On Sale December 15-21, 2023

It's the season

FOR PANCAKES & PAJAMAS!



Thursday, December 21st, 2023

St. Paul School Gymnasium

Pancakes provided courtesy of the School Council

