



West St. Paul School

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Dear Families,

As we head into the winter break, excitement is building. The holiday headwear and festive sweater days gave the kids a chance to watch their classmates and others walking through the building. Three more days of dress-up are happening next week: Monday 20th - Winter Vacation Day, Tuesday 21st - Holiday Character day and Wednesday 22nd – pyjama day at school.

We had many very proud young students walking around with their pink and blue, 'COVID-19 VACCINATED' stickers on Tuesday as the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority set up a vaccination clinic for five- to eleven-year-old students in our gym. It was interesting to watch and listen to these students who clearly understood that they were getting vaccinated to help both themselves, their family and others remain healthy.

Earlier in the school year our students in grades 6, 7 and 8 were given student Photo Identification cards through Lifetouch. Lifetouch has now delivered Photo ID cards to us for our students in Kindergarten through to grade 5, so those will be sent home with your child soon. With more and more facilities requiring identification and a vaccination QR code to enter (Assiniboine Park Zoo, swimming pools, sports facilities, museums), Photo ID cards should be kept in a safe place.

The link to our West St. Paul Winter Concert will be emailed to families on Monday, December 22.

We will continue to receive money in classrooms to support the Be a Santa to a Senior Program for Middlechurch Home until early next week. Money collected goes directly to Middlechurch Home to ensure all residents have an opportunity to open a Christmas gift at Christmas time.

As temperatures have continued to be favourable, all students continue to go outside to play each day. When kids are outside for recess, their masks often get wet and need to be changed. Parents are encouraged to send several reusable masks to school with each child that can be changed during the day and then brought home to be washed. Because we encourage students to wear their mask as often as possible, it is typical for a student to use 2-5 masks each day.

We encourage families to update their information on Parent Connect regularly. In the case of an emergency, it is important that we have accurate phone numbers, addresses and daycare centre information.

In the morning on Wednesday, December 22, we will celebrate our annual pancake breakfast. Pancakes and sausages will be cooked in the gym and delivered to classrooms by school staff. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be using volunteers for the pancake breakfast this year. Students are asked to bring a reusable plate and cutlery from home in a zipper-type bag. Dirty dishes will be taken home at the end of the day on Wednesday.

We hope everyone stays safe and enjoys their holiday break!

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