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# St. Martha School

Dear Parents/Guardians

## Important Dates

**December 14<sup>th</sup> & 21  
No School**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> Frosty  
Frolics**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>-  
Success Assembly@  
11:35am**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Liturgy Hosted by  
the EEP Team**

**December 21-  
January 7  
Christmas break**

Fort McMurray is such a great community for us to live in. However, as we all know, there are some families and individuals in our city and in our St Martha Family who, because of various reasons, are struggling emotionally and financially right now. So, What can we do to help make a difference for those families? We do have a couple of things happening at St Martha School in December that you can do in order to make a difference.

Ask parent council how you can get involved in The Helping Hands Committee. Throughout the whole year, this group helps families cope with medical emergencies or other types of strife such as home loss due to a fire. As a part of this you might be asked to cook a meal for that family, for example, or help acquire furniture or other items that could help. As a Catholic School, you would be living our philosophy of charity and compassion in the tradition of Jesus.

Santa's Anonymous is another great opportunity to help out the less fortunate in Fort McMurray, including in our school. Santa's Anonymous is an organization that provides a full Christmas dinner and presents for families who wouldn't otherwise have Christmas. **Here is where you, as parents and guardians of St Martha School, come in. We will have our annual Giving Tree in the front lobby.** You can take an ornament off of the tree and take it home to put on your own tree. This year, St Martha is specifically giving to **boys and girls aged 10-12 years**. Please bring an unwrapped new gift for that child and place it under our Giving Tree. We will then ensure that those gifts get to Santa's Anonymous for those families who need them. Again, by doing this, we will be living the gospel of Christ.

December is such a glorious month as we celebrate the coming of Christ. May your Christmas be a blessed and happy one!  
Merry Christmas!

James Park      Jana Slaney

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### Absent and Late

If you know your child is going to be absent it is imperative that you call the office at 780-799-5704 between the hours of 7:45am – 8:30am or email [terri.friesen@fmcsd.ab.ca](mailto:terri.friesen@fmcsd.ab.ca) as well as the teacher.

### Giving Tree

You're invited to buy a present for a Fort McMurray child in need this Christmas.

**How:** Your child can choose and keep an ornament off the Giving Tree in the St. Martha Foyer.

**What:** Your family can purchase a present for a boy or a girl aged 10-12 years.

**Then:** Place the UNWRAPPED gift under the Giving Tree to be delivered by Santa's helpers Anonymous



## Announcements

### St. Martha Christmas Concerts

**Wednesday, December 12th**

**Division 2 @ 6:30pm**

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Division 1 @ 6:30pm**

**Thursday, December 13**

**EEP & Kinder**

Am Concert: 9:00- 10:30am

Pm Concert: 1:00-2:30pm

**EEP and kinder will be in the school gym.**

Your child will come to school only for the concert. Please ensure your child is in their classroom 15 minutes prior to their show time.

### Power of Positive Parenting

**What:** Power of Positive Parenting

**When:** Tuesday, December 4th at 8:30am.

**Where:** St-Martha's in the FNMI classroom.

**Who:** Open to any and all parents.

**Why:** Connecting parents with a positive support from the community.

## **Congratulations to our November Students of the Month**

### **Grade One**

**Milan Samimi  
Alisha Littleton  
Alexy Dilapdilap**

**Haylee Drover  
Jeremy Coolen  
Ethan Hemmings**

**Evan Hemmings  
Sophia Du**

### **Grade Two**

**Zoey Bye  
Hannah Bennett  
Petra Cato  
Mico Domingo**

**Seerat Sidhu  
Kenneth Lagura  
Zoe Mercer**

**Hayden Houghton  
Layla Penney  
Ella Lalonde**

### **Grade Three**

**Jada Green  
Emma-Lee Coombs  
Alysha Morehouse  
Serenity Herman**

**Camila Oliviera  
Ayla Samimi  
Riley Coolen  
SJ Pass**

**Riley Coolen  
Tchissola N’Gola  
Easton Ellis**