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From the desk of Mr Boonstra

 As a school community we plan to celebrate Christmas on Friday, December 22. Please consider joining us. The assembly begins at approximately 9:15 a.m.

 The Junior Choir, Recorder Choir and Bell Choir all performed this past Tuesday while on their Christmas tour. I understand the residents of St. Peter's and the Village of Wentworth Heights thoroughly enjoyed the delightful sounds of Christmas presented by our students. Thank you to the many boys and girls who participated and Mr. Boer and Mrs. VanEek for their directing. Meanwhile, our Concert Band and Senior Choir will be visiting the Wellington Senior's Residence, the ReSource Thrift Shop, Hamilton City Centre Mall and Juravinski Hospital on Dec. 19. We are grateful for the opportunity for our students to be able to share the Christmas message through song.

 Today was the final day to contribute to the school service project. Dozens of items have been brought in to support the work of Mission Services and those items will be given to the clients that Mission services supports. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this cause.

 On December 20th, our music department will be hosting the re-Source Thrift Shop volunteers for a tea social in order to show our appreciation for the work they do on behalf of CCS.

 I thought that I would provide a brief update from the fundraiser that we hosted back in the Spring. If you recall, we had a freezie fundraiser for Ryan's Rays. The funds were used to sponsor the work of Christian Horizons and specifically the work of the Martz family as they ministered to disabled children in Ethiopia. We are pleased to announce that \$472 was raised for this important work.

 Parents who pick up their children at the Immanuel Church parking lot are reminded that school rules should be followed even when you are at school. Many students are throwing snow and climbing the snow piles in the parking lot. It is difficult to supervise the students when you are there, so please help us keep everyone safe. You are also reminded to come and pick up your child from the playground. Please don't have your child come to your vehicle alone. The parking lot is too busy for children to be walking unsupervised. Thanks for your assistance.

 With the cold weather upon us, Mr. van Arragon is gearing up to get the ice rink ready! Hopefully after the Christmas break it will be good to go. You may even wish to think about skates or a helmet for your child for Christmas ?? We do have a wonderful system set up where you can borrow helmets or skate as well. However, if you have helmets or skates that you no longer use, we would welcome them as a donation.

 We plan to send out CCS - SK applications (and Come-Along K) to families who have their oldest in Jubilee School early next week. We ask that if you are interested in CCS -SK that you return the forms by Friday or the first week of school in January at the latest.

 **After School Care - Friday, December 22**
The last day of school before the Christmas break is Friday, December 22. Students are dismissed at 12:30 p.m. and the buses leave shortly after that time. We realize that some

families may not have child care arrangement for when the children come home early. As a result, CCS is extending its after school care program on that day. Ms. Amy is willing to begin supervising children at 12:30 p.m. until her regular time, 5:30 p.m. The fee for the extended hours is a flat rate of \$40/family or \$20/child. If you wish to use this service, please make arrangements with the front office or with Ms. Amy.

Upcoming at CCS

Bazaar Wrap Up Meeting	Monday, December 18
Senior Music Tour	Tuesday, December 19
re-Source Thrift Shop Tea Social	Wednesday, December 20
Pita Pit Lunch	Wednesday, December 20
Christmas Assembly	Friday, December 22
Christmas Holidays Begin	Friday, December 22
Dismissal at 12:30 pm	

January Milk Order: Parents, please note that if your child is scheduled to receive milk on Tuesday, January 9, that your child will receive that milk on Thursday, January 11 instead. This is due to the timing of our next milk delivery after the holidays. Questions? Feel free to contact Mrs. R. Van Voorst.

Kindergarten: The children were very excited to share their instruments with the Grade 8 band class and their Big Buddies! The instruments were creatively designed and they were beautiful - now you get to enjoy them at home. We have three parents joining us in the forest on Monday with KA. Two parents for KB on Tuesday will be wonderful - please be in touch asap if you can join us. W²

Grade 2 enjoyed an informative and exciting afternoon at the Battlefield House Museum today where we learned about the Canadian Christmas traditions of the Gage family in the early 19th century. Thank you to Mr. DeBoer, Mrs. Kemper, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Haanstra for joining us. It has been wonderful to learn about each of our family traditions and heritage from each family scrapbook presentation. The students enjoyed seeing items from other countries and tasting some of our classmates favourite cultural foods. Thank you parents for supporting your children in this learning. JV/MVB

Grade 3A enjoyed a visit to our gym class by Mrs. D. Wiebenga. Mrs. Wiebenga is a volleyball coach and we really appreciated the instruction she gave in our passing and smashing skills. The students were able to practice drills in these areas and had a lot of fun doing so.

Senior Choir - The choir has worked hard to prepare for our music tour next Tuesday. We are also looking forward to presenting at the Christmas Tea next Wednesday, where we will be honouring our volunteers from the Re-Source Thrift Store. It will be an exciting week. Students brought home a letter this week, with details about all the activities that will take place. Parents and friends are invited to join us at various city locations, as indicated in the letter. We hope to see you there! DVE

Prayer for the Week

Daniel 7:13-14 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

Father,

We praise you for who you are. Thank you for coming as a little baby in a dirty and stinky barn. Even though you came as a baby, we know you are our King and that your Kingdom will never be destroyed. Thank you for saving us from our sin. Thank you for this exciting time of year. Thank you for the beauty of our city right now with a fresh blanket of snow and crisp air. We pray for those who don't have homes right now or have homes with no heat. Thank you that we could contribute to Mission Services this week. Please bless and multiply those gifts.

Please continue to bless our school community!

In Jesus,

Amen

Junior Choir - Congratulations, students, on fine performances at St. Peter's Residence and The Village of Wentworth Heights this past Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs. Toman for accompanying us and taking pictures. You can view these on social media, and you can enjoy our singing at our next performance on the last day of school during the assembly. JVE

From the student council... Christmas Spirit Week is coming up! During the week of December 18th, Student Council has planned some FUN

Christmas-themed activities to get us excited and ready for the Christmas holidays.

Monday, December 18 - "Deck the Halls"

Students will decorate the door/entrance way of their classroom and then take a tour of the decorated doors in the school.



Tuesday, December 19 - "Tacky Tuesday".

Students are invited to wear something Christmas-y.. a Christmas hat, sweater, or even slippers - be creative!



Wednesday, December 20 - "Warm-up Wednesday".

Students are able to purchase hot chocolate for \$1.00 to raise money for our sponsor child.

Please bring your loonie on or before this day. They will also get to watch a Christmas movie with their grade partner class while enjoying the hot chocolate.



Thursday, December 21 - "Thoughtful Thursday" On this day, each class will do something thoughtful for another class as a "secret" - a song, card, or an act of kindness.

Friday, December 22 - "Flannel Friday".

Students are invited to wear anything with a flannel pattern (*note: the clothing has to have a flannel plaid pattern, not just the flannel material). Important: If you are participating in the Christmas assembly and need to wear something for choir/band/etc, you can change in to your flannel outfit after the assembly.



We can't wait to have a Christmas-spirit filled week!

We hope that you were able to make all of your toy purchases at the **Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse Sale**. 10% of all purchases (including online purchases) goes towards the school. Please submit all stamped receipts (make a copy for yourself) to the Office by Monday, December 18.

The Fundraising Committee thanks you and reminds you that the purpose of the fundraising events is to raise money for the ongoing needs of the school and to offset the rising costs of tuition.

UPCOMING IN JANUARY (more information can be found on ccshamilton.ca/fundraising)

Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Pita Pit Lunch