

St. Alphonsus School News

Fall Term 2015



Fall Fun for
Everyone!

From The Principal

As the winter deepens and the darkness creeps further into “day” time, I am finding it increasingly difficult to pull myself out from under the covers. Nice flannel sheets...a big duvet...it’s all too cozy. In our house, the dogs like to sneak up on the bed in the wee hours when we have no resolve to fight them off, a habit which only compounds my problem. It’s like having furry, radiant heat logs snuggled in beside you. To add to my dilemma, my alarm clock has been acting up, causing me to sleep a little fitfully, worrying that I’ll miss its wakeup call. When the alarm finally rings, I just want to pull the blankets up a bit further, just for a few extra minutes.

As tempting as it is to hit the snooze button or simply lie in bed listening to music, I know that the longer I procrastinate, the more harried my morning will become. I find it very stressful to be late, so there is some motivation to heed the alarm. As well, if I lie there for too long, I become almost immune to the sound of the radio. Suddenly I am dreaming about the news piece or song being broadcast. Besides, as I remind myself often, I enjoy what I do and I love the people I work with: the students, the parents and the staff. There are many blessings that await as the day unfolds, starting with a warm cup of coffee.

It’s interesting to me that all this alarm angst is happening just as preparations for Advent are beginning. Many of the readings from the early part of this season speak of wakefulness. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus tells his disciples, “Stay awake, watch; for you do not know the hour when the time will come.” This is echoed in the letters of Paul: “Brother and Sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake up from sleep. Salvation is near...”

God’s call to us can be like an alarm clock, telling us it is time to get up and follow him. It is tempting at times to hit the snooze button, as it may feel like we are not ready to commit to what is being asked of us. We may not be ready to give up our warm beds, our cozy life, and move into the light of day. Then, I think we run the risk of sleeping through, not hearing the call at all and missing our opportunity to live the life that we are meant for. It may not always be as comfortable, but we can’t live our life under the covers.

As we enter into this Advent, I want to use this time to listen for the alarm that God sends to me. Hopefully, I can throw off the covers and seize the day, both literally and figuratively. As well, I hope that this season provides you with an opportunity to reflect on the blessings that you and your family have, and the ways in which you may be called to wakefulness.

Have a blessed Advent!

Peace,

Christine McInnis
Principal



School Plan 2015-2016

One of the tasks of the school administration is to develop a plan in consultation with the various members of the community, including staff, students and parents. Many of the initiatives pursued by schools require a long term approach for implementation. As a result, most school plans encompass more than one school year. This practice has been the case in our school. Over the course of the second half of last year, the staff began a process of identifying new priorities for our upcoming three year plan cycle. After priorities were identified, strategies were developed in alignment with our goals. The plan was formalized and put into effect. The staff has found that choosing one of the goals as our primary focus for each of the three years of the school plan allows us to move more deeply into the goal. This year our focus is Art Education.

Goal 1- Art Education: To enhance the visual arts program.

Teachers will use professional development time to become more familiar with the visual arts curriculum and to explore the use of a wider variety of media for visual arts.

Displays of artwork will identify elements, media and/or tools for the school audience.

Teachers will seek ways to integrate the visual arts into different subject areas.

Artists will be invited into the school, both to work with students and provide ongoing professional development for the teachers.

- **Cross-grade and school wide projects will be implemented to facilitate cooperative learning.**

Goal 2-Science: To increase students' scientific literacy by fostering their understanding of and engagement in scientific inquiry, technological problem solving and decision making.

Staff will continue to use professional development time to discuss ways to authentically engage students in curricular topics. We will review the foundations for scientific literacy and the inquiry process. Teachers will use this professional development as a springboard for enhancing their science program.

Teachers will share and discuss science activities that take place at their grade level.

A continuum of scientific skills will be developed across grade levels.

An inventory of science materials will be conducted, with new materials ordered to augment existing supplies.

Goal 3- Numerical Comprehension: To develop students' ability to think creatively and persist when solving mathematical problems.

Teachers will spend time in direct teaching of problem solving including modeling the thought process needed to solve problems.



Looking Back

September

September started with a fun **Meet the Teacher/Terry Fox Family Walk** event on the 17th. Families got a chance to talk to staff and then joined in a walk through the community in honour of Terry Fox and the Marathon of Hope. As well, there were hotdogs and drinks aplenty, courtesy of our PALS.

We had our **first school mass** with Br. Janusz on September 1th. Our grade four students received their bibles as part of the liturgy. Congratulations, friends! I wish you well on your journey to learn more about our faith.



Our **Student Council Elections** were held on Friday, September 26th. Thank you to all students who participated in the election process, especially those who were nominated for positions. Congratulations to the successful candidates. This year's student council is comprised of the following members:

Prime Minister:	Cole Lysak
Deputy PM:	Arianna Nagy
Ministers of Finance:	Jsabella Silva Aron Villanueva
Minister of Communication:	Christopher Lorenzana
Gr. 8 Premier:	Alex Reyes
Gr. 7 Premier:	Jackson Leschinsky
Gr. 6 Premier:	Peter Daza
Gr. 5 Premier:	Jessi Lysak Ben Philpot

They are a great group. I am sure we can look forward to the great events and activities that they will organize for the student body.

October

On October 2nd, our grade seven and eight classes went to Birds Hill park for our annual **Junior High Retreat Day**. The theme of the day was Giftedness It was a beautiful day, perfect for prayer, hiking, games and team-building.



October saw the completion of another successful **Book Fair**. Our stalwart crew of staff and parents always manage to make it a fun event. This year's theme was "Monstrously Good Books"; the art room, with its funky cool monster decorations was a delight for even the faintest of hearts! Our sales were close to \$5,000, which is a truly amazing number. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and support.

Our **Student Led Conferences** took place on October 21st and 22nd. As always, these conferences provided an opportunity to celebrate student learning and to set goals for the school year. Feedback from the students, parents and teachers was positive. We came out of the conferences feeling a sense of direction and purpose.

The **Dress Up and Dance** on October 24th was a ton of fun. Our committee has a report later in the newsletter.

Our student council hosted its first event on October 30th. The annual **Hallowe'en Sock Hop** gave everyone a chance to kick up their heels for the afternoon before heading home for a weekend of tricks and treats.

On October 31st, the school hosted a **Volleyball Tournament**. There were eight teams in competition, both boys and girls. The day went very well and all the athletes and coaches were thankful for the opportunity to enjoy some time on our courts.



November

Our school's **Annual General Meeting** took place on Monday, November 3rd. It was an opportunity for the board and the administration to discuss our plans with the parent community. I have included the School Plan Summary and a Financial Report from the board in this newsletter for parents who were unable to attend the meeting.

On Tuesday, November 10th the students participated in a **Remembrance Day Assembly**. It was a great opportunity to remember the people who have sacrificed so that we might live in peace and freedom. The grade eight class led us through a beautiful service with video, prayer, scripture and song. The students seemed to sense that it was a time of deep reverence and respect. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us .



A group of our grade five-eight students took part in **WE Day** on November 16th. WE Day is a social justice youth rally that aims to inspire youth to get involved in local and global issues through volunteerism and fundraising. It was an amazing experience to be at the MTS

center with 16,000 young people; the energy was palpable! Certainly the message of finding something you are passionate about and acting on it is a great one for all of us to take away from the day.



Looking Forward

November and December

On Friday, November 27th our **first term report cards** will go home. Parents will have an opportunity to review them with their children. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Advent assemblies will take place each Monday during Advent. Our first assembly will be on November 30th at 8:50 AM. Family members are always welcome to attend. This first Monday will be a purple colour day to mark the change in liturgical season.

We will be having our annual **Christmas gift wrap** on Thursday, December 10th, where we wrap presents brought in by the students for local missions. An information letter with details about the project has been sent home. Parents are welcome to join us for the gift wrapping and to indulge in a little hot chocolate.

Our **Christmas Concert** will be on Thursday, December 17th at 7 PM. Please mark your calendars and join us for either the afternoon dress rehearsal (1 PM) or the evening performance. You won't be disappointed!

The **last day of school** before Christmas is on Friday, December 18th. It will be a Red/Green colour day for students in anticipation of the big day. There is an 11:30 dismissal on this day.

Open House

Please mark your calendars for our school Open House on Sunday, January 31st. If you have friends or family that are interested in seeing the school and perhaps having their children attend here, this is an excellent opportunity for them to check it out.

Student Government

How time flies when you're having fun! We have been very busy so far this year. One exciting event we have going on is "matching the teacher ..." Basically, every month we come up with an idea to match the teacher with. In November we are trying to match the teachers with their pets. Also, new this year, Student Government has decided to go "healthy" in the canteen. The canteen now stocks healthier items like muffins, juices and flavoured water (instead of pop), frozen yogurt tubes and many more items. The canteen will be open three Tuesdays each month to allow classes a chance to make purchases over lunch.

In addition to canteen, we already hosted an "active" Halloween sock-hop and had the canteen open during the competitive volleyball tournament. In the future there will be sock-hops and a junior high dance in February. Where the proceeds will go, is still being determined. We are also planning an event, as a group, to give back and help those in need sometime this school year. We have many exciting things planned for the school year so please stay tuned...

Cole Lysak, Prime Minister

Chess Club

Chess club has started up again! The group meets each Day 2 through lunch recess and eating time in the Anniversary Room. Students of all ages are welcome to join the group. If you have any old chess boards that you are not using at home, we would love to add them to our collection.



From the Gym

As usual, the fall has been a very busy time in the gym. All the classes are settled into our routines and are enjoying being physically active.

The primary classes have been working on moving safely in the gym. We have been playing cooperative games and are developing a sense of fair play. We are learning to use a variety of equipment and have been concentrating on throwing and catching activities. Our elementary friends have been playing volleyball lead-up games, participating in fitness challenges and enjoying a variety of low organized games. Our older students have been playing volleyball, working to assess and improve their fitness level and participating in different games and activities.

Our annual Terry Fox Family Walk was held on Thursday, September 17th. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed the hot dogs after the walk was finished. Thank you to everyone who participated and a special thanks to those who donated to this worthy cause.

Volleyball season has just finished up. We had four teams on the go (two boys teams and two girls teams) with more than 50 student athletes involved. Through the season the players participated in a number of tournaments (including two hosted at our school) and over 40 league games. Our developmental teams concluded their season with tournaments for boys and girls on Saturday, November 21st. Both teams had a remarkable season. We had playoffs for our grade 7/8 teams during the week of November 23-28. Thank you to everyone who came out to cheer our teams on. Thank you to Mrs. McInnis, Mrs. Slobodian and Miss van der Zweep for all of the time dedicated to coaching the teams. As well, thanks to Josh Kjarsgaard who refereed through the season, and to Kendra Bommersbach who helped at our developmental tournament. A special thanks to Mr. Beilman who willingly referees those playoff games. I am sure the athletes appreciate it; I know I do!



Our next inter-school sport is basketball. Stay tuned for further information.

That's all for now. If you have any questions or concerns about the Physical Education program, please come by the gym or call me at the school. Take care and stay active!

Blake McInnis
Physical Education Teacher



French Update

Since September each class has been extremely busy learning new vocabulary related to different themes, such as: Tout sur moi, la famille, l'école, les verbes en "ER", les loisirs, etc... Throughout these themes, classes are given various opportunities to take part in chants, songs, and language based games/ activities to help build and reinforce a basic understanding of the French language.

This year my main focus is on endorsing more oral communication in the classroom from all grades. Having students practice listening, hearing, and speaking will gradually increase their confidence, self-esteem and accuracy over time. Students are encouraged to use the French language rather than just learning about the French language. Classes have responded very well. I already find a greater number of students asking "Bonjour/Salut, comment ça va aujourd'hui?", while the younger grades have now started asking "Puis-je aller à la toilette? Puis-je aller pour un bois de l'eau?"

Bon travail tout le monde J

Please be sure to check out my classroom blog for up-to-date information regarding new songs and language based activities that are easily adaptable for home.

French language videos:

<http://kidworldcitizen.org/2014/01/09/french-cartoons-kids/>

<http://multilingualbooks.com/wp/cartoons/european-cartoons/french/>

French language games:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/families/games/>

<http://www.french-games.net/frenchgames>

<http://fslactivities.ca/kidsplayground/index.html>

<http://www.hello-world.com/languages.php/?language=French/>



If interested in browsing or ordering French books from Scholastics, feel free to email:

kristen.curwain@stalphonsusschool.ca



Dress Up and Dance 2015

The 19th annual Dress Up and Dance Social was held on Saturday, October 24th, and thanks to our wonderful school community, it was another huge success!

A big thank you to the many volunteers who provided their time to ensure the event ran smoothly and successfully. Thank you to all who generously donated prizes to the children's raffle, to the parish for supplying the tables and chairs, and to those families who participated in the St. Al's Pumpkin Patch!

We would also like to thank Mrs. Resendes for all of her help throughout the month of October, we are so grateful to you. A big thank you as well to Mr. Cox for all of his help organizing and moving tables on Thursday evening for set up, we really appreciated it.

The social raised just under \$2500.00. All proceeds will be used by PALS for various projects throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing everyone next October for another fun-filled Halloween social! Thank you again for making it a wonderful school community event.

Keleigh Nider, On Behalf of the Dress up and Dance Committee



PALS

PALS would like to thank the school community for the success of our inaugural Wine Tasting.. The event was a lot of fun and was a great community builder. The event this year raised just over \$3000 and will be used to buy items for the classrooms.

Also, big thanks to our fantastic Halloween Social committee that did a wonderful job. This event sold out again and always proves to be a great evening for both parents and children.

As the chair for PALS committee I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Sheri Russell and we have a daughter Annika who is in grade 4. I am excited to be part of this dedicated group of parents, the numerous volunteers and the school community who consistently demonstrate dedication to St. Alphonsus School. PALS meetings are monthly and are listed in the school calendar. New parents are always welcome and attending the meetings goes towards your volunteer hours. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. I look forward to a successful and fun year with the PALS committee !

Thank you and Enjoy the Festive Season as it approaches!

Sheri Russell

Chair

Buddy Bench

We are pleased to announce that we received a donation of a buddy bench from the Kibiuks, grandparents of Isabella Love in grade 1. The concept of the Buddy Bench is that it is a place for students who are feeling lonely or upset to go. When someone sees a student on the bench, he or she would go and see how they can help the student, whether it is solving a problem or simply inviting them to play. Please check out our Buddy Bench on the playground. If you'd like more information you can check out the following link: www.buddybench.org.



Gala is on the Way!



**UNDER THE BIG TOP...
COME ONE COME ALL**

*St. Alphonsus School Gala XXVII
Annual Fundraising Dinner and Dance*

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Fort Garry Hotel and Conference Center 222 Broadway

Tickets on Sale January 2016

Payment plan available for ticket and sponsorship purchases.

School Board News

Our AGM was held on November 9th. At the meeting, [the Members](#) elected two new Board members. We wish to welcome Kyla Kramps and Jonathon Schinkel to the Board of Directors.

Portfolios for the 2015-16 year are as follows:

Chair: Mike Choiselat

Vice Chair/Project Management/Finance Committee: Michelle Luedtke

Human Resources/Fundraising Committee: Rom Magsino

Bingo: Marion McKenzie

Fundraising Committee: John Czezowski

Parish Liaison/Fundraising Committee: Sandy Raposo-Lloyd

Maintenance Committee: Brian Buchan

Project Management/Maintenance Committee: Jonathon Schinkel

Volunteer Coordinator/Public Relation: Kerry Martens

Recording Secretary/Finance Committee: Kyla Kramps

Principal: Christine McInnis

Financial Administrator: Alvina Hoard

Pastor: Br. Janusz Maron

Parents and parishioners are welcome to attend the open portion of Board meetings, which are generally held on the second Monday each month at 7:00 PM [at](#) the school. Check the calendar on the school website for further details.

On behalf of all members on the [Board](#) and the school community, I would like to recognize **Kathy Kisil**. Kathy completed two full terms (six years) as a member of the Board of Directors. We wish to thank her for her hard work and excellent service to the [Board](#).

Michael Choiselat
Chair, St. Alphonsus School Board of Directors



School Board News Cont'd

Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2015

Another fiscal year has come and gone. One last task to complete before we can say our final goodbyes to last year is to give a brief summary of our financial status as of June 30, 2015. Enrollment for the 2014/2015 school year was 220 students compared to the prior year of 226. Despite our enrollment decreasing slightly our academic revenue from tuition and government grants remained relatively consistent. Other revenue decreased slightly mainly due to timing of funds coming in. Expenses remained consistent year over year with the exception of annual salary increases for staff and additional professional fees incurred.

The end result for the year is a deficit of \$25,306. It has been several years since the School has had a deficit; however there is no cause for concern. The School is very proactive in its financial planning and anticipates that every once and a while we will have occasions where we end up in a deficit position for the year. The surpluses that we have had in previous years more than offset this minor deficit.

Summarized Financial Statements

Balance Sheet	June 2015	June 2014
Current Assets	\$ 857,962	\$ 865,832
Capital Assets	<u>992,052</u>	<u>1,063,665</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,850,014</u>	<u>\$ 1,929,497</u>
Current Liabilities & Debt	\$ 436,945	\$ 491,122
Net Assets	<u>1,413,069</u>	<u>1,438,375</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,850,014</u>	<u>\$ 1,929,497</u>

Statement of Revenues & Expenditures

Academic Revenue	\$ 1,509,331	\$ 1,511,522
Other Revenue	359,586	374,719
Expenses	<u>(1,894,223)</u>	<u>(1,837,527)</u>
Excess Revenues over expenses	<u>\$ 25,306</u>	<u>\$ 48,714</u>

If you would like to see the complete financial statements please make a request at the office.

Thank you again to all the individuals and groups that contribute to the success of our School! If you have any questions please forward them to me through the School office.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Luedtke, CPA CA
Finance Chairperson

From the Parish

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration Join us on Friday, December 4th for

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration - a wonderful way to prepare your heart for Christmas. Come and spend a few moments in prayer with the Lord. Adoration will begin after the 8.30 am morning mass.

Christmas and Advent at St Alphonsus Parish

Families of St Alphonsus School are invited to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Wednesday, December 16th at 7.30 pm with the parish this December. Please check you parish bulletin for the time and date. Several priests will be available for confessions at that time.

Father Janusz will also be available for Confession on Saturday, December 19th from 3:30 to 4:15 pm and again on Monday, December 21st, Tuesday, December 22nd and Wednesday, December 23rd beginning at 6 pm. He will remain in the church as long as is necessary.

On Christmas Eve, the 7:30 pm mass will be a **Children's Mass**. All are most welcome to attend. Mass will also be offered at midnight and at 9 am and 11 am on Christmas Day.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy takes place at the 11 AM mass. This wonderful program opens the Liturgy of the Word to the youngest in our community. Every week they are invited to listen to the Word and participate in an activity bringing a tangible aspect to scripture. Children 4 - 9 years are invited to participate.



St. Alphonsus Roman Catholic Church

315 Munroe Avenue, Corner of Munroe & Brazier, 204-667-9580

 Christmas Eve at 7:30 pm & Midnight
Christmas Day at 9 am & 11 am
December 31 at 7:30 pm
January 1 at 9 am & 11 am 

Please come and celebrate Mass with us. All are most welcome.





Social Justice News

The St. Alphonsus School Social Justice Committee called "Generation Now" has formed once again this school year and has been hard at work, putting into place some wonderful social justice campaigns to promote awareness of important issues and to participate in monetary support to various avenues locally, nationally and globally.

In November at the MTS Centre, Generation Now was a part of the WE Day Manitoba celebration. We Day is "the movement of our time, empowering a generation of young global citizens through an inspirational event and a year-long educational initiative" as described by Craig Kielburger, the founder of Free The Children. This event takes place across North America and in the UK. We are including some of the photos we took at the celebration. Thank you to Mrs. McInnis, Mrs. Resendes and Mrs. Wandowich for accompanying the students!

Various students have had the opportunity to attend workshops beyond We Day. One group attend sessions on "Truth and Reconciliation" and the other spent the day at Development and Peace's "Create a Climate of Change" workshop. A high school student, Michael Resendes, came to speak to the entire school about his experience in El Salvador this past summer. Michael was able to show us pictures of the books purchased for the new library in El Salvador. The funds for these books came from the used book sale we hosted last January that raised \$1400! Thank you for your support on the exciting endeavour.

Generation Now has met on-going to inform each other of possible social justice campaigns that we could bring to our school community. This year, the group has selected to work toward the following avenues: Development and Peace and Habitat for Humanity.

Various opportunities for building education and awareness are being planned by Generation Now and the staff members including Mrs. Pieczonka, Mrs. Swingle, Mrs. Resendes, Mrs. Wandowich and Mrs. Slobodian. Some of these learning opportunities include raising awareness about poverty, bullying and sustainable development.

Thank you for your continued support toward the Winnipeg Harvest food bank collections and thanks in advance for your on-going support and generosity.

Please watch for coming up fundraisers to support Development and Peace through the sale of Raifiki chains handcrafted by Kenya Mamas that will be available to order at the office and at the Christmas concert (along with some other student created treats and crafts).

Together we always make a difference,

Generation Now



*Top: Michael Resendes
Middle: Truth and Reconciliation Day
Bottom: WE Day 2015*

Volunteer Opportunities

As the year progresses, some parents are wondering more about volunteer opportunities within the school. There are a number of different ways in which parents can fulfill their volunteer incentive hours while helping out at the school. Below is a list of some of the opportunities available, as well as contact information for the person in charge of the particular area. If you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to contact the volunteer coordinators or call the school office.

Volunteer Opportunity	Contact Persson	Phone Number	Time frame
Volunteer Coordinator	Kerry Martens	204- 228-0473	Year Round
School Bingo	Arlette Reyes and Prima Galapon	632-4111 669-1223	Thursday evenings, ongoing
Dress Up and Dance Hallowe'en Social	Keleigh Nider	204-612-1448	September /October
MCEA Provincial Bingo (Casino Bingo)	Lisa Lachance	204-224-8148	Ongoing
Gala Dinner & Dance	Melanie Bilenky & Starlene Mosienko	204-801-4951 204-471-5840	Planning-year round Dinner-Spring
Family BBQ	Lisa Rowbotham	204-474-0126	Spring
School Board	Mike Choiselat	204-661-6500	Year Round
Open House	Kerry Martens Christine McInnis	204- 667-6555 204- 667-6271	January
Maintenance/Gardens	Richard Lambert	204-667-6271	Fall /Spring
PALS	Sheri Russell	204-334-5117	Year Round
Coaching	Blake McInnis	204-667-6271	Volleyball Sept-Dec Basketball Jan– Mar.
Book Fair	Helen Dembicki	204-667-6271	October
Used Uniform Sales	Open	204-667-6271	Throughout the year
Tech Committee	Doug Martens	204-228-7333	Year Round
Vision/Hearing Screening	Michelle Wolf	204-667-6271	Fall/January
Library	Kerry Babiuk	204-667-6271	Year Round
Special Events (Christmas Concert, Gift wrap, etc.)	Christine McInnis	204-667-6271	Year Round

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
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SUNDAY DIMANCHE	MONDAY LUNDI	TUESDAY MARDI	WEDNESDAY MERCREDI	THURSDAY JEUDI	FRIDAY VENDREDI	SATURDAY SAMEDI
		1 Gr. 6 card club Canteen open for Alt K, grade 3 & 6	2 9:00am School Mass (food bank collection item is can fruit/vegetables) 11:30 – 11:50 Social Justice meeting	3 Gr. 1 & 4 Culturama Day	4 D2 7:00 – 9:00pm Confirmation Candidates youth night at St. Joseph the Worker	5 9:30 – 11:30am Junior Sports Crew
Common Good-We must all consider the good of others, and the good of the whole human family, in organizing our society – economically, politically, and legally. <i>Human Dignity</i> can only be realized and protected through our relationship with society-at-large. We must love our neighbour, locally and globally, and prioritize the good of the human family over commercial interests		6:00 – 7:30pm – First Reconciliation/Communion parent & child workshop in Parish Hall		7:00pm PALS meeting (off site)		
6 Second Sunday of Advent St. Nicholas Day	7 8:45am Advent Assembly	8 Kindergarten field trip to MYTP in AMI Canteen open for grades 1, 5 & 7 Unwrapped Christmas gifts due 6:00 – 7:30pm Confirmation workshop in Parish Hall	9 Grade 7 & 8 Card Club	10 1:45pm Christmas gift wrap in gym 11:30 – 11:50 Social Justice meeting	11 D1 Grade 5 & 6 field trip to MTTYP	12 9:30 – 11:30am Junior Sports Crew 9:00 – 12:00 – Confirmation Candidates Hamper packing and delivery (sign up required)
13 Third Sunday of Advent Kindergarten students attend all week 	14 8:45am Advent Assembly 3:00pm – 5:00pm Cooking Club 7:00pm School Board Meeting	15 Canteen open for grades 2, 4 & 8 5:30 – 7:30pm Altar server Advent party	16 7:00pm Gala Meeting	17 7:00pm Choir performance at Kildonan Place Mall	18 D6 Last day of classes 11:30am dismissal No PM Bus Red/Green Colour Day	19
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	21 First day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Masses at 7:30pm and Midnight	25 Christmas Day Masses at 9:00am & 11:00am	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		School resumes Monday, January 4 th , 2016 (Day 1)