



NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Kindergarten 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p>13</p> <p>Welcome Back!</p> <p>Jian's S&T</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Cameron's S&T</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Kanon's S&T</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Autumn's S&T MW</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Erica's S&T</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Elijah's S&T</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Face to Face Ministries</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Family Night- Advent Wreath</p> <p>Carter's S&T</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Haidyn's S&T MW</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Sri Harshini's S&T</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Finn's S&T</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Kaiden's S&T</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Kashton's S&T</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Kelia's S&T TTH</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Daily Advent Celebration begins</p> <p>Kinsley's S&T</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Collins's S&T</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Early Out Christmas Sweater Spirit Day</p> <p>Alex's S&T</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Manuel's S&T</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lukas's S&T MW</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Luke's S&T</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ravali's S&T</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mateo's S&T</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Vada's S&T</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Advent Concert at OLPH TTH</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Ryker's S&T</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Marthus's S&T</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Christmas Mass at OLPH MW</p>

Christmas Break – December 23-January 7



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OUR Learning

We have been working hard over the last few months! We have focused on letters and the sounds that they make, and have learned all consonant and most vowel sounds! We will continue working on our this very important skill, as well as understanding how to use letters and words to make messages, and exploring how messages can convey meaning beyond just words: interpreting motivations, illustrations, and sequencing events in messages. We will also be incorporating more opportunities to practice our developing printing skills!

We have been working on subitizing, one-to-one correspondence and simple addition/counting on. We will have a lot of opportunity to practice forward and backward counting with our countdown to Christmas. Advent is an incredibly important time in the Catholic Faith, and we will be exploring this by reading the Bible, participating in our daily Advent celebrations, and discussing what Christmas means to us!

Notes and reminders

Show and Tell

To further our literacy learning, including oral communication and asking/answering questions. We will have themes for other cycles, but for this session your child can choose any item that they would like to show their peers-can be a favourite toy, stuffed animal, book, photo etc. Your child's show and tell day will be indicated on the monthly calendar as S&T.

Events

November 22

Face to Face Ministries will be at the school performing and celebrating our Catholic Faith. TTH students are welcome to join us during our scheduled session times (8:40-10:10; 2:10-3:00).

November 23

Family Advent wreath making night-come join us to make an advent wreath to celebrate Advent at home!

December 3

First Communion Mass for Madonna Students 12:30pm at OLPH Parish

December 4

Every day of Advent season we will be holding an advent celebration starting at 8:50am. We will sing *Violets in the Snow* and will have a reading from the Jesse Tree. All are welcome!

December 15

Advent Concert at OLPH-all students will be performing in the Advent concert! We hope to see you there!

December 22

Christmas Mass at OLPH Parish 10:00am. TTH students and families are welcome to join us for Mass!

December 23-January 7

Christmas Break – please let me know if your student will be starting Christmas Break early!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please ensure that your child is dressed for the weather every day! Though we are still experiencing a bit of warm weather, we will soon consistently be in the negatives! Starting soon, **warm boots, snow pants, a warm coat, mittens, and a warm hat** will be essential every day. Boots and gloves/mittens should be at least partially waterproof as we go outside twice a day; items covered in snow will be wet by lunch recess. If your child has fleece/knitted mittens, please send multiple pairs so students have a dry set for second recess.

If you have financial barriers to obtaining these items, please let Mrs. Fortier or Mme Gravelle know!

3-Way Conferences

Thank you to everyone who came out to see myself and the other teachers this week at 3-way conferences, and an even bigger thank you to those of your who had interviews scheduled for Thursday night that had to be rescheduled to November 16. If you did not have a chance to schedule a meeting, please get in touch with me- I would love to discuss your child's learning with you!

Safe and Kind Playgrounds

Prior to the fall break, our school community has been working on ways that we can play safely and kindly with one another (including those in other grades), especially at recess and on the playground. Monday and Thursday students participated in a safe play workshop with our Mental Health Capacity Builder, Emma and Mme Gravelle- this focused on personal space awareness and safety on the playground. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to play safely and kindly at recess.

As a school staff, we are continuing to experiment with playground access and scheduling, as well as creating classroom pairings for reading buddies to build relationship across grade levels.

We can encourage our students/children to show kindness and empathy on the playground by not only modelling, but explaining to children why we are taking the actions we are: "your sister is crying because she is scared, I'm giving her hugs to help her feel better" or "we are going to call grandpa tonight because it always makes him happy to hear from us."

If you are interested, [here](#) is a lovely Ted-Ed talk about empathy education from Jonathan Juravich.

If your child voices concerns over any play on the recess, please do not hesitate to reach out!