



# Our Lady of Providence Press

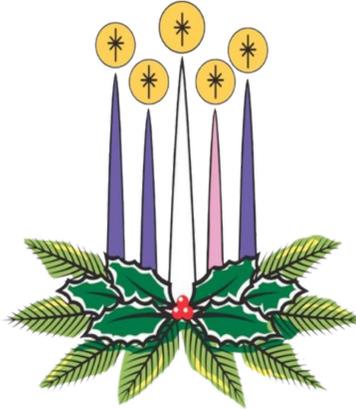
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Dear Families,

Advent is a season of joyful, expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning coming. During this time we prepare our homes, our hearts and ourselves for the birth, or coming, of Christ. It is my sincere hope that during this Advent season you take the time to reflect with your families and experience the true meaning of Christmas and what it means to prepare ourselves for Christ to be born in our hearts. At school we will be encouraging students to tell us how they are preparing their hearts, how they are listening for God and looking for Him to be present in their lives. How are you preparing your homes and hearts? Are you waiting in joyful anticipation for Christ to be born in your heart? On behalf of the staff of Our Lady of Providence, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed and very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



Jack MacDonald  
Principal

### Important December Dates

Reindeer Theme Day .....	2
Pizza Day.....	2
Santa Hat Theme Day .....	7
Pita Pit Hot Lunch .....	8
Christmas Sock Theme Day .....	9
School Advisory Council ((6:00 P.M.) .....	13
Green Day Theme —The Grinch .....	14
Ugly Christmas Sweater Theme Day ...	16
Pizza Day.....	16
Red and White Theme Day .....	21
LaBottega Hot Lunch .....	22
St. John's College Band Performance (9:30 A.M.) .....	21
Christmas PJ Theme Day .....	23
Last Day Before Christmas Break.....	23

### Important January Dates

First Day Back to School.....	9
Kindergarten Registration Begins .....	9
Pizza Day.....	13
PA Day.....	16
Pita Pit Hot Lunch .....	19
Grade 8 Parent and Student Open House at St. John's College (6:00 P.M.).....	23
Pizza Day .....	27

### ADVENT PRAYER

God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.  
  
Amen.

### ADVENT COLLECTION OF CARING

We are collecting needed items to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Brantford during the Advent season. During the month of December, we will be collecting the following:

- Week 1—November 28 to December 2: Toothbrush
- Week 2—December 5 to 9: Toothpaste
- Week 3—December 12 to 16: Shampoo
- Week 4—December 19 to 23: Tissue

Any donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support helping those in need in our community!

### School Bell Times

<b>Yard Supervision Begins</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Instructional Block</b>	<b>8:45 AM — 10:25 AM</b>
<b>First Nutrition Break</b>	<b>10:25 AM — 11:05 AM</b>
<b>Instructional Block</b>	<b>11:05 AM — 12:45 PM</b>
<b>Second Nutrition Break</b>	<b>12:45 PM — 1:25 PM</b>
<b>Instructional Block</b>	<b>1:25 PM — 3:05 PM</b>

### Outdoor Supervision

A reminder that there is no supervision outside before 8:30 AM or after 3:05 PM, with the exception of bus supervision.

Kindergarten will go directly into their play area in the morning, under the supervision of staff.

All visitors are also reminded to please sign in at the office upon entering the school. Thank you.

# GRADE 8 STUDENT & PARENT OPEN HOUSE JAN 18

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

[www.sjconline.ca](http://www.sjconline.ca)



St. John's  
College

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Our Lady of Providence is designated **ZONE 4**. This means if bus transportation is cancelled in Zone 4, then the school is closed for **ALL** students and staff! Decisions to cancel or delay transportation will be made prior to 6:30 AM.

Please check the Board website ([www.bhncdsb.ca](http://www.bhncdsb.ca)) or listen to Jewel 92 (92.1 FM).

You can also visit the transportation website at [www.stsbhn.ca](http://www.stsbhn.ca) and sign



## COLD-WEATHER INFORMATION



Recesses will be outdoors unless outdoor temperatures fall below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  (including windchill) then, in accordance with Board policy & guidelines, OLOP students will have indoor recess. Please ensure that your child(ren) have appropriate clothing to enjoy our Canadian winter! Students should come to school with boots, hats, mittens/gloves and proper outerwear, such as snowpants and a winter jacket.

We also encourage parents to send an extra pair of socks, pants and mittens/gloves, which can be kept in your child(ren)'s backpack or cubby, in case they get wet during outdoor recess. **Please remember to label your child(ren)'s belongings** so if they are misplaced, they can be returned to their rightful owner! Also, a reminder that students who are not well enough to play outdoors during nutritional breaks should remain at home until they feel well enough to participate in a full school day.

## ALLERGY ALERT

Just a reminder that we are a **peanut/tree nut safe** school. We have students and staff with severe, life-threatening allergies to **peanuts and tree nuts**. Also, please note that the use of peanut butter substitutes (e.g., Wow Butter) is not permitted as it is difficult for staff to monitor and may cause anxiety for those with a life-threatening allergy. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep **ALL** of our kids safe!



## VOLUNTEERING

If you are wishing to volunteer in the school, for a class trip, etc., please ensure that you have an up-to-date police check and/or declaration. If you are unsure, please contact the office. We also kindly ask that, police checks are submitted to the office **at least 3 days prior** to an event (i.e., trip) taking place. This ensures adequate time for it to be processed.

**ONLINE  
KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION**

JAN 9 - FEB 24  
[catholiceducation.ca](http://catholiceducation.ca)

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