Veritas Catholic School A Tradition of Academic Excellence

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January Newsletter

Principal's Message

Happy New Year! We hope that all of you had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas filled with joy and celebration with your families!

Thank you to all of our families for your patience and support during our delayed full return to school. Please see the separate letter emailed with this newsletter for further information related to our COVID safety plan.

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of January to the Holy Name of Jesus. On January 6th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Epiphany, which is when the Magi (also referred to as the Three Wise Men or Three Kings) traveled from the East to visit the newborn King, Jesus Christ.

Catholic Education Week is normally celebrated during the last week of January. However, it will be delayed this year until a time when we can better celebrate our Catholic Schools with less COVID-related restrictions.

I am excited to share with you that a new music teacher, Mrs. Melia Olson, has been hired! Please read page 2 of this newsletter to read more about Mrs. Olson.

Warmest Blessings,

Mrs. Tamara Berg Principal, Veritas School tberg@cispg.ca

Dates of Importance:

January 10 School Re-Opens! Soup and Bun Lunch

January 12 Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs

January 13 School Council Mtg @ 7pm

January 17 Soup and Bun Lunch VPSG Mtg @ 7 pm

January 19 Hot Lunch - Chicken Strips

January 24 Soup and Bun Lunch

January 26 Hot Lunch - Pizza Hut

January 28 PJ Day (School-Wide)

January 31 Soup and Bun Lunch



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Winter Weather: While mild winter temperatures are expected to return, the frigid temperatures may come back! Please remember that all students go outside during recess (morning and lunch) until -20° C. If the temperature is less than -20° C, with the windchill factor, students will remain inside. Please ensure your child has snowpants, toques, gloves, boots, and a warm jacket. Should school be closed due to unsafe driving conditions, an email will be sent from the school and a note will be on the school website.





Grocery Cards: Our grocery card program is an easy way to support Veritas' fundraising efforts! We have grocery cards available for Safeway, Save-On-Foods, and Wholesale Club in a variety of denominations. The school receives a percentage of your purchase in funds, at no cost to you! Everyone buys groceries - please consider buying from Veritas via etransfer to veritasaccounting@cispg.ca!

Veritas Collection: During the weekend of January 9, the envelope collection at Sacred Heart Parish is a special collection for Veritas School. The majority of funds raised during the special collection are used to support families who need tuition assistance. E-transfers can be sent to shpaccounting@sacredheartnews.ca or envelopes can be dropped off at the church or school. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

COVID Safety Plan: A separate letter that was emailed with this newsletter with more information regarding our Communicable Disease Safety Plan, which is available on our website.

On-Call Teachers and EAs: Veritas School is looking for on-call Teachers and Education Assistants. Please contact Tamara Berg at tberg@cispg.ca or 250-635-3035.

Welcome our New Music Teacher: Please welcome Mrs. Melia Olson as our new music teacher! Mrs. Olson has been working as a Music Teacher since 2015 when she opened her own music program, Tiny Tones. She has taught group music classes and ukulele classes for young children and is looking forward to working with our Veritas students for the remainder of this year! Welcome Mrs. Olson!





Thank you to all our families who donated baby clothes, food, diapers, and more for the Building Healthier Babies program in Terrace! All the donated items were collected on the last Friday before Christmas break and were greatly appreciated.



Lots of fun was had in the days leading up to Christmas Break . . .





Veritas Parent Support Group

100%

90%

80%

70%

60%

50%

40%

30%

20%

\$ 30 000

\$ 27 000

\$24 000

\$21 000

\$18 000

\$15 000

\$12,000

\$ 9000

\$ 6000



Fundraising Amount: Fundraiser profits will go towards items for the school and classrooms to benefit both current and future students. This year's fundraising goal is \$30 000. This thermometer shows the VPSG's progress throughout this school year!

Hot Lunch: Thank you to all Hot Lunch volunteers for supporting the VPSG Hot Lunch program by volunteering time on Wednesdays! Without your help, Hot Lunch would not be possible! Check your Wednesday email for the link if you did not order in December.

Upcoming Fundraisers: The VPSG has many new fundraisers planned for the winter and spring! Some of these include Little Honey B Photography, Growing Smiles Spring Plants, Valentines Cookie Decorating Kits, a Glow Run, and Creative Tea Towels!



Thank you for your continuing support of our Veritas Parents Support Group! All our welcome to the VPSG January meeting on Monday, January 17 at 7:00 pm. Our January meeting will be virtual. Please check the Wednesday email for further information regarding the virtual platform and how to join.