



## ICES PARENT UPDATE

November 23, 2020



Front entryway art by Kristy Parsons of KMP Designs

### **ADVENT CHAPELS**

Today the Grade 4 class lead our school in our first Advent chapel – Hope. Although our Advent chapels will look different this year, we have chosen to have these done “live”, rather than pre-recorded, using the Teams platform to provide opportunity for community building. These will be recorded and accessible through the school website, under the Chapels tab. Included with each chapel are the links to various songs as well as the videos of various speakers. The chapel guest today was Mr. John Voort of Compassion Canada – there is a link to his presentation as well as to a formal Compassion video.

To support our Advent chapels, each classroom has its own Advent wreath complete with flameless candles. Additionally, Advent devotions have been compiled for classroom use as a supplement which includes various pieces around the Advent theme of each week.

### **COMPASSION CANADA FUNDRAISING**

As is a tradition at ICES, students will once again be asked to raise money for Compassion Canada's Gifts of Compassion – Reals Gifts, Real Life. It is our hope that they earn the money that will be donated. This is not a fundraising project in which they may ask for donations. Classes will decide which gifts they hope to purchase and families will be informed of these choices. At our Christmas chapel, the donations will be provided and the purchases shared with the school community.

### **REPORT CARDS – Monday, November 23**

Report cards are now live on Power School. Letters regarding accessing these were sent home with students on Friday. If you have any challenges regarding this, please call our school office. We will be happy to assist you!

### **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:**

Conference Manager is open until Wednesday, November 25. This provides you with opportunity to schedule a time on Friday, November 27 for a parent/teacher interview with your child's teacher. Due to COVID protocols, these interviews will not happen in person at this time. Rather, we will be using the Teams on-line platform which allows us to still have a face-to-face conversation. We look forward to connecting with all of you! *Please see the attachment regarding Conference Manager.*

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

The next School Council Town Hall meeting will be on Monday, November 23 at 7:00 using the Zoom platform.

**Link is:** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99176080962?pwd=YnUvbnZTb3R5N2UxaVBsbDZrSm1GQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 991 7608 0962

**Passcode:** Ks7W6u

### **SORA – OVERDRIVE**

The school has purchased access to a virtual library called Overdrive, which can be accessed anywhere. Included are instructions on accessing this from home using your student log-in information.

*Please see the attachment regarding accessing Overdrive.*

### **THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, November 23** – Report Card One

Advent Chapel One – Hope – Grade 4

School Council Town Hall Meeting on Zoom – 7:00 pm

**Friday, November 27** – Parent/Teacher Interviews on Teams

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Monday, November 30** – Advent Chapel Two – Peace – Grade 3A

**Friday, December 4** – Christian Credit Union Banking Day

**Monday, December 7 – Friday, December 18** – Interfaith Food Bank Food Drive

**Monday, December 7** – Advent Chapel Three – Joy – Grade 5A

**Wednesday, December 9** – Early Dismissal

**Monday, December 14** – Advent Chapel Four – Love – Grade 3C

**Friday, December 18** – Christmas Chapel – Grade 1

Early Dismissal