Dear Families,

Happy December! I am writing this newsletter to inform you about the current events at St. James Parochial School. The newsletter is also found on our website.

- The Grade 8 Bake Sale went extremely well in spite of the inclement weather. The students raised \$1,012.83 towards their class trip. A great job by all the 8th grade parents who organized the event and stayed until the Bake Sale ended.
- There will be no cafeteria lunch on December 19th and December 20th in order for the cafeteria staff to clean the cafeteria and get things ready for the new school year. Christmas class parties will be held on December 19th.
- Grades have closed on December 6th. Children will be receiving their report cards on December 13th. Please check your child's backpack for them in an envelope.
- Grade 2 students will be presenting their Advent Ceremony on Tuesday, December 10th at 9 A.M. in the gym.
- Students should be practicing their spelling words for the Spelling Bee which will take place on Wednesday, December 18th at 1:30 P.M. in our school gym.
- Our Christmas Pageant has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th beginning at 5:30 with the Chorus and the Christmas Pageant at 6:00 P.M. in the church. Please come early to get a seat.
- The Tommy Toy Drive is still collecting toys until December 6th. Any questions, please contact Kerri Beaudreault.
- Please collect your nut sale packages which arrived last week. They are in the main office. Thank you.
- Reminder: If your child is ill, please contact the main office or the nurse's office. Otherwise, a phone call will be made home. Thank you.
- Reminder: Due to inclement weather, we follow the Killingly Public School system. I will
 receive a call from Mr. Rioux and then I notify Mrs. Benoit who will send out a school
 messenger call to all families.
- Reminder: Please make sure that your child comes to school with boots, jacket, mittens and a hat for outdoor recess. Many of the students are not prepared for outside recess. Thank you.

- The Grade 3 Advent Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, December 10' 2019, at 9 A.M. in the gym. All are invited to attend.
- The Grade 1 Advent Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, December 17th at 9 A.M. in the school gym. All are invited to attend.
- The Awards Assembly is scheduled for Friday, December 20th at 10 A.M. in the gym. There will be no extended day on Friday.

Blessings,

Linda Marie Joyal/Principal

Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus, you alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. Through Baptism, you have claimed us for yourself, but too often we live as if we belong only to ourselves. May this season of Advent remind us that you have blessed us, so that, in gratitude, we may live the gospel more faithfully. As we prepare to celebrate the miracle of your Incarnation, may we attend to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters, the body of Christ in our midst. Amen.