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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The month of December has arrived and the Holiday Season is fast approaching! As the holiday frenzy sets in, as we are preparing our baked goods, shopping for gifts and decorating our houses, let us take a moment to be thankful and appreciative of the people that surround us. I would like to thank all my staff (teachers, support staff, daycare educators and lunch monitors) for their dedication and hard work, but also for their warmth and huge hearts. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for their time, for their enthusiasm and positive energy. And last, but not least, a special thanks to all 291 students who make Dante such a special place. Thank you for your smiles and your laughter. You brighten up our school and make each day a special one.

Although it is quite early in the month, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a most wonderful Holiday Season filled with love and laughter. May the New Year bring you health and happiness! See you all on January 6th, 2020.

Best regards,

Irini Margetis
Principal

SPIRIT OF GIVING CAMPAIGN-DEC. 4 TO DEC. 13

Again this year we are counting on your generosity as we ask you to make donations for Holiday baskets that we will send to several organizations and campaigns.

As you may know, the Spirit of Giving is a fundraiser organized by CTV in conjunction with many EMSB schools. In addition to collecting items for the Spirit of Giving, our school will also be supporting the fundraising efforts of Sun Youth, St. Brendan's Parish, as well as the needs of our own community. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for these charities.

Our campaign will begin on Wednesday, December 4th and end on Friday, December 13th. This is a unique opportunity for our students, your children, to learn about the plight of the poor in Montreal. Thank you for your donations of non-perishable food items. Thank you for caring about others.

TRIANGULUM UNIFORM SUPPLIER

We received the unfortunate news that our gym uniform supplier, Triangulum, has closed its doors. We are currently looking for a new supplier and will advise you once the Governing Board has approved the company.

HUMEUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Please remember that you have until **December 16** to sell the products and return the profits (and unsold items) to the school. The only products that may not be returned are the chocolate bars. Thank you to those who contributed by making a donation. We appreciate everyone's support!



Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 4

Spirit of Giving Food Drive Begins

DECEMBER 5

Grade 4 Field Trip

DECEMBER 10

Governing Board Meeting 6 p.m.
GB and PPO Holiday Dinner 7 p.m.
(members only)

DECEMBER 11

Pizza Lunch

DECEMBER 13

Spirit of Giving Food Drive Ends

DECEMBER 16

"Humeur" Fundraising Campaign
Ends

DECEMBER 17

Grade 3 Field Trip
Celebration of Light

DECEMBER 18

Rosemount HS Holiday Concert

DECEMBER 19

Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 20

Dress-Up Day

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 5

Holiday Break

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA-DECEMBER 19TH

Once again this year, thanks to our Governing Board, our PPO parents will be treating our students and staff to a holiday breakfast with Santa! On December 19, children may come to school wearing their PJ's. Please note that slippers will not be permitted. Students must wear closed shoes. Seeing as the number of students has increased since last year, there will be 2 sittings; Pre-Kindergarten to grade 3 will be eating at 9:15 a.m. whereas grades 4 to 6 will be eating at 10 a.m. You may want to serve your child a snack or light breakfast before they arrive to school.

DRESS-UP DAY-DECEMBER 20TH

On the last day of school before the holidays, students who wish to do so may "dress up" for the occasion (dress, suit, etc.). This is not mandatory and children who do not wish to dress up may wear their regular school uniform. Please be reminded that students will be sent outside for recess on that day and that they must be able to wear their snow pants.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND OUTDOOR RECESS

As you have noticed, the weather conditions vary greatly, from snow to rain, from warm days to cold days. As a general rule, children will be sent outside for recess unless it rains or if the school yard is too icy, or if the temperature drops to -20 °C (with windshield). Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately and ready to play outside. We strongly suggest that you place a change of socks in your child's school bag. Thank you for your cooperation.

ADOPT A CHILD-DRESS DOWN DAY-HUGE SUCCESS!

Thanks to your contributions, Dante School will make 28 children from St. Brendan's Parish happy this coming Christmas. On behalf of these families, thank you for your generosity!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR-HUGE SUCCESS!

Once again this year, the book fair was a huge success thanks to all of you! The total amount of sales reached \$6,265. Our school will receive 60% of this amount in credits to purchase books for our students.

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

– Aristotle