

## **Walk with Jesus, our living hope!**

**Dear Parents,**

**The next “Friday Night with Fr. Mario”** - Due to overwhelming requests, the SFdS E-Team has scheduled the next “Friday Night with Fr. Mario” for 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm on Friday, December 11. This particular Zoom meeting will focus on the Advent season in celebration of the current Liturgical season. If you have any Advent-specific questions or would like Fr. Mario’s thoughts on how to observe a meaningful Advent season during COVID-19, please join us for this second Zoom meeting. Based on the post-event feedback from the initial Zoom meeting, the team has decided to ask for pre-registration. Please note that our current Zoom account allows up to 100 participants per meeting. We encourage you to register early to secure a spot. If we have more than 100 participants wishing to join, we will provide an alternative way to enjoy the event after the live event has concluded.

Kindly register and submit your questions by Wednesday, December 9 so we may be able to plan accordingly. #FAITH #LEARN #ENGAGE

**Date: Friday, December 11**

**Time: 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm** (The meeting will commence promptly at 7:00 pm. Kindly join the meeting by 6:55 pm)

**Pre-registration** required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sdu-orT4uG91UHgm-50ErvhyHlZR9hfmr>

Questions submission: <https://forms.gle/wnDgXTuhzuzPSSUE7> or [sfdfsfamilyties@gmail.com](mailto:sfdfsfamilyties@gmail.com)

Registration/questions submission deadline: Wednesday, December 9.

**Christmas Sales Fundraiser** - A big thank you to everyone for making this fundraiser a success! A special thanks to the amazing volunteers who helped with sorting/delivery of Purdys orders last week. DFS orders will be coming next week, details to follow. A final tally of funds raised and top sellers will also be worked out soon. If you have any issues/concerns with your order, please let us know by emailing [Christmas.sales.sfdfs@gmail.com](mailto:Christmas.sales.sfdfs@gmail.com)

**Giving Tree/“Quarantree”** - Thank you to all who have already sent in their donation and decorated ornament! The tree is really starting to sparkle, and the children and staff are overjoyed with the creativity put into this project. We knew we could count on the ENGAGEMENT of our SFDS families as we make time to SERVE those who need it most. #MERCY  
Please be sure to submit your donation and ornament by Friday, Dec. 11 at the very latest so that the parish has time to distribute what gets purchased.

**READERS ARE LEADERS - even in Grade Two!** These primary students are busily reading away as they try to ACHIEVE a fundraising goal of their own. Please enjoy this updated video, made to promote their efforts: <https://bit.ly/SFDSreadingadventures> #LEARN #ACHIEVE #ENGAGE

**Krispy Kreme Donuts!** Please look for the flyer coming home this week to the “oldest and only’s” for information about prices and to let you know we are taking advantage of our partnership with Munchalunch for ordering. **Note that you will be able to order special donuts decorated for the season of Christmas!** All orders are to be done online and are due by 12pm on Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Donut pick up will be at noon on the last day of school: Friday, December 18th. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser.

**Photo Expressions Information: Portraits** - “The only company we know that is doing this, we offered 3 days of portraits in our local studio in November, for those who were unable to do so at school. There was great demand with over 100 portraits taken and we know there is more demand. We will be holding another studio day on a Saturday in January, and will continue until there is no more demand.”

Here are the upcoming dates:

**Fri Dec 4: 2 - 6pm**

**Sat Jan 23, 2021: 10am - 2pm**

**Mon Jan 25, 2021: 12 - 4pm**

And here is the link for booking:

<https://photoexpressions.ca/portraits/booking/studio-school-portraits-2020/>

**Virtues in Practice** - This month, as we attempt to instill further FAITH formation in our students and staff, we are focusing on *patience*: waiting or enduring without complaint. Students are learning about Saint Monica, St. Isaac Jogues and St. Rita of Cascia, all of whom had to bear great difficulties and shouldered on because of God’s grace and their ability to attain this virtue in their lives. Ask your children what they have learned about these interesting people. Consider sharing stories of *your own* struggles to practise this virtue, noting how things went when you were patient compared to when you were not. Pray together as a family during this Advent season when we patiently await the coming of the Saviour.

**PEC Minutes**....from our October meeting (and approved at our November meeting) may be found on our website. Please use the password: SFDS2020 #LEARN #ENGAGE