



VINCENT MASSEY P.S. DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



A Peanut & Nut Safe School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 2-13 – Candy Cane Donations Accepted
- Dec. 2-13 – Food/Toy/Mitten Drive
- Dec. 3 – Int. Girls Volleyball Tournament
- Dec. 4 – Int. Boys Volleyball Tournament / Poinsettia & Coffee Pick Up
- Dec. 13 – 19 Selling Candy Cane Grams
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3 – Winter Break
- Jan. 6 - Welcome back!



Principal's Message

Happy December everyone!
 It's hard to believe that we are almost at winter break. Thank you for ensuring your students are coming to school with the appropriate outdoor wear for this wonderful late fall weather.
 As we move further into the year, our focus remains on building our community through investing in your children every day. Our clubs are up and running, sports teams are keeping students active, and classrooms are building strong relationships. We are grateful for each day and thankful for the land on which our community is located. I would like to give a special thanks to our volunteers and Parent Council members for all you invest in our community. Also, a shoutout to our office staff for their kindness, dedication, and immeasurable skill each and every day. Stay well!

DECEMBER 2024	
† 1	First Day of Advent
* 6	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
* 8	Bodhi Day
☾ 13	Birthday of Imam Aga Khan
* 17	Amitabha Buddha's Birthday
☉ 21	Yule/Winter Solstice ●○
† 25	Christmas◆
☆ 25	Eve of Chanukah
* 26-Jan 1	Kwanzaa African Canadian and American (26●)
* 26	Boxing Day
☆ 26-Jan 2	Chanukah
+ 26	Zarathosht-no-diso (FC)

[A Note from your
School Community Council](#)

As we say Hello to December, we welcome the end of the first block of the school year and reflect back on the success of it! November brought SCC our busiest month, with fundraising and hosting our first Winter Clothing Swap.

The Clothing Swap, hosted on November 13th, was a great success! With your donations we were able to host this event and give back to our VMPS Community. A BIG THANK-YOU goes out to our VMPS Community for their donations and to the Students and Volunteers who helped set-up and run this event. Look out, we may be hosting a Spring/Summer Clothing swap in the new year.

Our Poinsettia and Coffee Fundraisers wrapped up on November 25th. Once again, these fundraisers and their success are all dependent on our VMPS School Community and YOU did not disappoint! Thank-you to ALL the School Community members who purchased or helped to advertise a Poinsettia or Coffee product. Both Fundraisers will be ready for pick-up on **December 4th from 2-6pm in the school gym.**

Vincent Massey is holding a Holiday Community Charity Drive from December 2nd to 13th. To kick off this event, we challenged the students to bring in 1 can of food on December 2nd, with hopes to collect 410 cans of food! What a great way to kick off and give back to our community! We will continue to collect non-perishable food items, winter hats, mitts, socks and unwrapped new toys to give back to

those in need until December 13th. Thank you for your donations.

SCC is still meeting and working hard on ideas for the remaining of the school year. Just a reminder of our Boston Pizza and Maverick Donut Company fundraisers running throughout this school year. If you dine at Boston Pizza Bowmanville, write **Vincent Massey PS Bowmanville** on the back of your receipt and drop it in the box at the front door. Boston Pizza will donate a portion back to the school. At Maverick's Donut Company, located at 2378 Durham Regional Hwy 2 Unit 4 in Bowmanville, when you purchase their products, please bring your receipts into the office and at the end of the school year Maverick's Donuts will donate a portion back to the school.

Once again, new to VMPS is our "Donation Button". An option to donate straight to the school via School Cash Online and skip the fundraising initiatives.

Our next meeting of SCC will be **December 2nd at 6pm in the School Library.** Come out and introduce yourself; meet some great Parents, Kids and Staff and share any ideas or thoughts you might have.

Looking forward to meeting you!

ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPOTS

Please remember that all accessible parking spots must remain available and unblocked to those who require them at all times, especially during pick up and drop off.

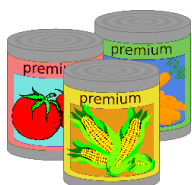
CHOIR AND BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

On **Tuesday December 10th** the Intermediate band and Junior/Intermediate choir will be treating family and friends to a holiday concert.

Come Enjoy the performance at
6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium

OUR TOY & FOOD DRIVE

Vincent Massey is going local this year in our support for people in need. We know that we can make a difference by collecting non-perishable food items and/or new unwrapped toys for the **Salvation Army**



THE ONE CAN CHALLENGE IS ON!!

Donations are accepted every day, but we would love to see every student AND staff bring in **ONE CANNED GOOD ON DECEMBER 2nd** to kickstart our campaign.



THE HAT, MITTEN, AND SOCK TREE

Students are encouraged to place new hats, scarves, mittens, socks and/or gloves on our tree. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

HELP BEGINS AT HOME

If you and your family are in need of some assistance to bring joy to your holiday season, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office.



CANDY GRAMS



IN DECEMBER, STUDENT COUNCIL WILL BE OFFERING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A "CANDY CANE GRAM" FOR A FELLOW STUDENT.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF FULL-SIZE CANDY CANES ANYTIME STARTING TOMORROW TO HELP WITH THE PROJECT.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE SELLING CANDY CANE GRAMS DECEMBER 12TH – 19TH DURING THE SECOND NUTRITION BREAKS.

\$1 EACH or **CLASS SET FOR 50 CENTS EACH.**

COB'S BAKERY

We would like to give a huge shout out to Cob's Bakery here in Bowmanville. Every Thursday our Nutrition Program Volunteers go and pick up any items that were not sold that day. Friday, our students enjoy fresh bread for their snack.