



# Sir John Moore C.S.

## December 2023

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### Office Update

Happy Holidays! Over the last few weeks, and continuing into December, students have been learning about several different traditions and customs celebrated around the world and within our own school. We are hoping for your help in identifying some of the different celebrations and events that are enjoyed by our Sir John Moore Families. Coming home this week, you will find a Celebration Information form that we are hoping families can complete together to share about some of the traditions celebrated in your home, so that we can learn more about our families and continue these celebrations at school as well. Please return forms before the holiday break.

This holiday season, we hope that you are able to relax, rejuvenate and spend time with those that you love over the 2-week winter break.

### Weather

The snow and winter weather has arrived! As students are outside for at least 40 minutes each day, and sometimes longer depending on phys ed and DQPA. Please dress for the weather and consider sending in an extra pair of socks and mitts to school each day.



### December Character Trait- Compassion

This month, students will be learning about compassion. Compassion means to care about others, treat them with kindness, and feel a strong desire to help people in need.



### Parent Council

We are so grateful for our amazing parent council committee. This past month, the team organized and executed two very successful fundraisers to help our school community. Thank you to the school community for helping with these fundraisers by selling and purchasing either cookie dough or poinsettias. These two fundraisers have raised over \$4000.00 that will go right back into our school for items such as art supplies, gym equipment, class trips, books, items for individual classrooms, etc.

We are always looking for new participation on the committee and would love to have your voice as part of the team. If you are interested, please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Learning Commons. All are welcome!

### **Operation Christmas Tree**

Thank you so much for all the generous donations so far for Operation Christmas Tree! We will continue to collect items over the next two weeks with all items collected being donated to families in need in the St. Clair Township. Here is what will be collected between December 4-15:

December 4-8- Non-Perishable Items

December 11-15- Toys



### **Milk Program**

The milk program has been running very well! We have a great team of helpers in grade 6/7 that help with the delivery each day. As we are approaching the holiday season, no milk will be ordered during the last week as we do not want any to go to waste. Therefore, we will sell the milk until it sells out this week. A note will be sent home prior to the break letting you know how many milks are still available on your child's milk card to assist with future purchasing.



### **Looking for Game Donations**

We continue to run a school recess games club as well as an alternative recess program and are looking for some gently used board or card games. If you have any games that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to us. We will certainly put them to good use!



### **Sloan's Field Trip**

We are all looking forward to a schoolwide trip to Sloan's on December 18 and 20. A permission form was sent home this week with further details as well as a Sign-Up Genius Link looking for lunch donations. This is such a fun day for the students and a great opportunity for students, staff, and families to connect outside of school in an outdoor environment. We are grateful to be able to use Outdoor Education funds to support the cost of this trip.

### **Holiday Assembly**

Students and Staff have been starting to prepare for a holiday assembly on December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> during the school day. Each performance will highlight different classrooms. Please stay tuned for further details from your child/ren's classroom teacher for further details. All families are encouraged to attend!



## **Inclement Weather**

Sir John Moore is in ZONE 3 - In the event of inclement weather, listen to the local radio station or check your mySBI App for information regarding bus cancellations and school closures. Please keep the following in mind: In the event of fog, buses that are cancelled in the morning will run in the afternoon. When buses are cancelled in the morning due to snow, buses will not run in the afternoon.

## **Upcoming Dates**

December 5- Pajama Day

December 6- Subway Lunch

December 13- GLSS Band

December 13- Foodland Lunch

December 18- Sloan's Field Trip

December 18- Red and Green Day

December 19- Winter Sweater Day

December 20- Sloan's Field Trip

December 20- Festive Wear

December 21- Holiday Assembly

December 21- Silver and Gold Day

December 21- Boston Pizza Lunch (please note change in day due to Sloan's Field Trip)

December 22- Holiday Assembly

December 22- Pajama Day

December 25- January 5- Holiday Break

January 8- Student's Return from break