



December Monthly Round Up

What happened at St. André Bessette in December?

December 2024

December was a month filled with joy and hope associated with this holy season. In addition to the continued teaching of the curriculum, teachers engaged students in various Advent and Christmas activities through the month. We ended the month with a fun spirit week before heading into our Christmas break. We hope you enjoy this edition of our round up, showcasing all the highlights of December!



Staff were meeting on Monday mornings in December to pray together and reflect on each week of Advent. Thank you to our Adult Faith Ambassadors for leading us in our morning liturgies. It's such a wonderful way to start off our week.



Virtue of the Month: Hope

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)

God helps us to work for a more peaceful world even when we feel discouraged.

From the perspective of the Catholic Graduate Expectations, a person of hope...

- Sees more good than evil in the world
- Acts legally and morally



As mentioned in our November newsletter, our Playground Activity Leaders (aka, PALs) have been trained and are available to lead activities at recess times for the younger grades. Their initiative is to promote cooperative play at recess, particularly during pavement only recesses. They can be found by looking for the area marked off with their flag, pylon and the students wearing the red pinnies.



Thank you, Father Fraser, for celebrating another special Mass with us and for blessing our Advent Wreath. We are also grateful for your visits to our school and classrooms, where you taught us how to prepare for Jesus' birthday by deepening our prayer life.



Eco-Team Update!

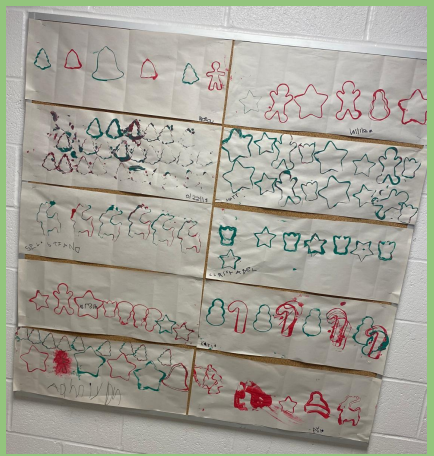
Our Litterless Lunch campaign is showing great progress, with a noticeable decrease in the amount of garbage in the lunches we checked! Keep up the fantastic work by packing lunches and snacks in reusable containers and using refillable water bottles.

We're also excited to introduce a new ECO initiative! Students will begin monitoring lights and other devices to ensure they are turned off when no one is in the room. We'll continue reminding both students and staff to switch off lights and devices when leaving a room or when they're not in use. Let's keep making a difference together!



Our kinders had their Christmas concert on Dec 18th. They had many practices to prepare for this special day. Thank you especially to their educators who helped put this morning together.

CHRISTMAS ART!



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK!

Thank you to our Youth Faith Leaders for organizing such a fun spirit week! The Christmas spirit was strong at St. Andre Bessette! There was art, caroling in the hallways, guess the Christmas song, Christmas scavenger hunt and more. Thank you also for all the donations of non-perishable food items and gift cards. These were delivered to families in our community that were in need of extra support this season.



Bessette at the movies! Moana 2.

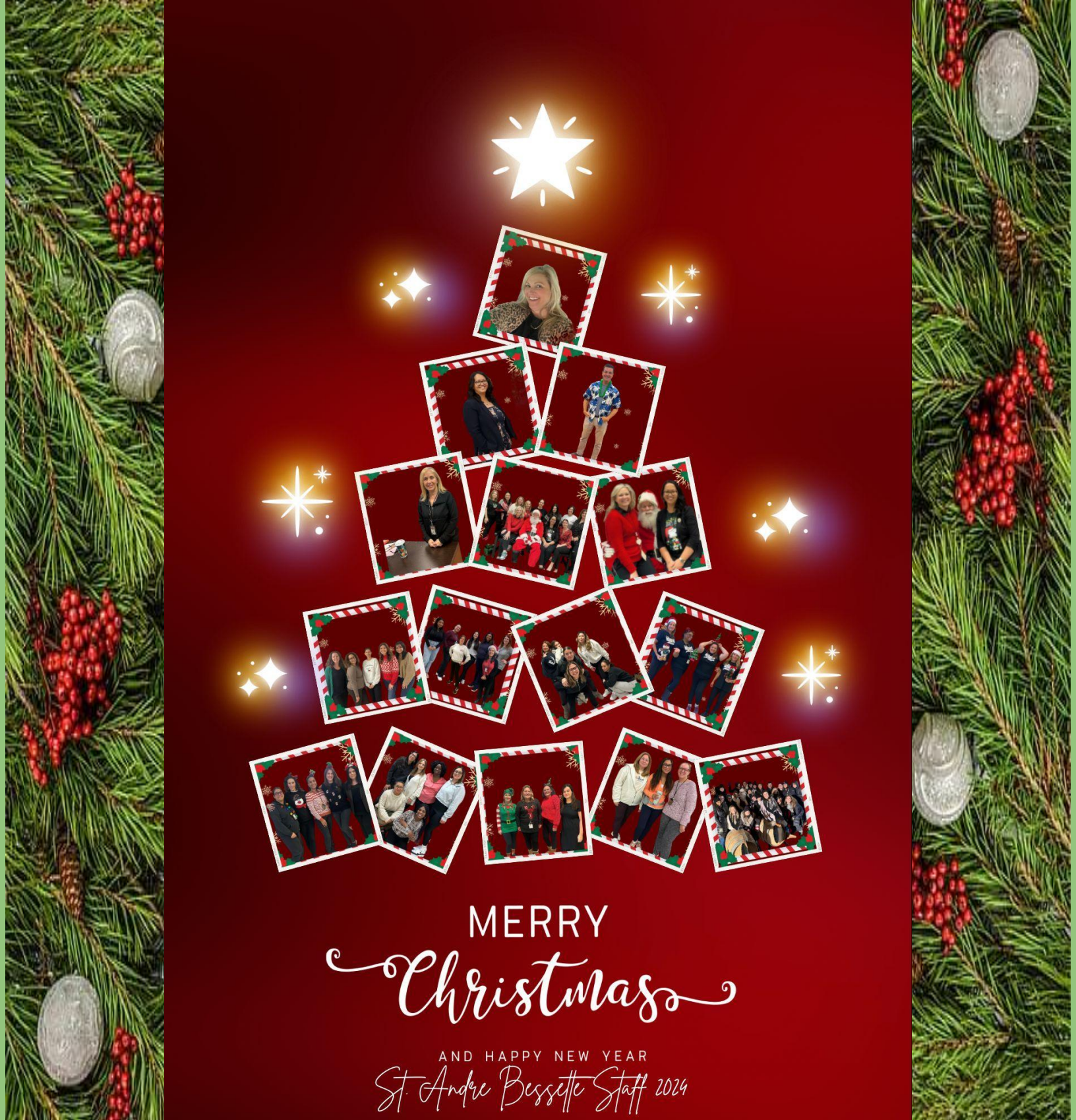


Each class decorated a gingerbread house.



Special delivery! Giving teachers coffee and sugar on the last day of school!





Important Dates/Reminders:

Jan 6 - Welcome Back!
Jan 13 - Catholic School Council 6:30 pm
Jan 20 - PA Day (no school for students)
Jan 24 - Dominoes Family Pizza Night

Tuesdays - Pizza
Wednesdays - Subs
Thursdays - Beef Patties
Friday Jan 17, 31 - BBQ Chicken