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Dear St. Mark Families:

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Alternatively, you may call the office between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM for clarification.

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Happy New Year! And to our families who celebrate the Orthodox tradition, **Merry Christmas!**

Today, our students marked the Epiphany and the close of our Jubilee year, *Pilgrims of Hope*. Just as the three Wise Men followed the star to find Jesus, we are reminded to continue our journey with Christ and with one another.

"Hope is the companion of faith and the guide on every journey." – Unknown

Here are our activities to note for the days as known:

- Thursday 8 January – Grade 9 immunization Presentation
- Friday 9 January – Rec 8/9 Skating (weather pending)
- Monday 12 January – Hot lunch orders due in PowerSchool
- Monday 12 January – Debate club will begin for interested students (lunch hour)
- Monday 12 January – Rec 8/9 Kick sledding and Ice biking
- Tuesday 13 January – Rec 7 Kick sledding
- Wednesday 14 January – Hot lunch
- Wednesday 14 January – Rec 7 Fitset Ninja

Please also note that our next School Council will be on Monday 19 January 2026. A link will be shared in next week's update.

As well, our first student-led conferences will be on Thursday 22 January 2026.

- 1:00-2:40: virtual/online/Teams meetings
- 3:00-6:30: in-person meetings at the school

A link will be provided soon to book your times with your student's teacher(s). Watch your email for the link.

Recreation Academy students: third payment of \$300 is also due on Friday 16 January 2026. This covers most field trips for the months of February and March.

ECSD Annual Survey

A paper survey was sent home with students yesterday (Tuesday 6 January 2026). These surveys help guide decisions and direction by the school division over the course of future years.

Each family is asked to fill the survey and:

- Mail the survey using the postage paid envelope included, OR
- Return the survey to the school which will be sent to the division main offices

The division is asking surveys to be completed and returned by **Friday 23 January 2026**.

Grade 9 High School Family Information – Preparing to register

A message from our instructional coach:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

*As you prepare to register your Grade 9 student for high school, we want to provide important information about **catchment schools**.*

*A catchment school is the designated high school for students based on their **home address**. Each school division establishes boundaries to ensure students attend schools within their local community. The Catchment school for St. Marks is generally St Joseph High School.*

Key Information:

- *Your child's catchment school is determined by your primary residence which is in PowerSchool. If you have recently moved, please update PowerSchool.*
- *Students living within the catchment area are given priority for registration.*
- *Families living outside the boundary may request a transfer; however, acceptance depends on available space.*
- *You can confirm your catchment school by using the address lookup tool on your school division's website. <https://schoolmap.ecsd.net/NextYear.aspx>*

Please note that some specialized programs (e.g., Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Arts or Athletics) may have separate admission processes and may accept students from outside the catchment area. These schools generally have alternative entrance requirements so be sure to check High School Open house dates are found here - <https://www.ecsd.net/openhouse>

Catchment areas help balance enrollment, ensure equitable access to resources, and support strong community connections.

If you have questions or need assistance, please visit the school division website [ECSD.net](https://www.ecsd.net) or contact the high school directly if you have program specific questions, however, attending the Open Houses will answer most questions.

Thank you for your attention to this important step in your child's education.

St. Mark Athletics

St. Mark's MBA has arrived; the first practice for the inaugural season has begun on Monday, Jan. 5th. Students and staff are very excited to have our own league, which features the Raptors, Lakers and Celtics as our teams. Special thanks to Mr. Stabile, Mr. Ferzli, and Ms. Lyndsay (a teacher at Cardinal Collins) for organizing and coaching the league.

Wishing you a good week.

J. Hertlein & A. Stabile

Administration



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