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## December 2018

The 2018-2019 school year is really going full steam ahead now, and November was a whirlwind of activity in the midst of our academic learning. It was hard to keep pace at times with all of the activities! We were honored to host a number of Polish veterans of World War II to our Remembrance Day celebration. Construction is still happening at our building with the roof replacement winding down. We also enjoyed two weeks of Alien In Line skating that all the students were able to enjoy.

In preparation for Advent and Christmas, we are making a school-wide effort to gather food for the Edmonton Food Bank. They are always in need, especially at this time of year, so we wish to thank the parents of Św. JP II and JFLA for the support of this worthy social justice effort.

Three important events are coming up:

1. Our Św. JP II elementary Christmas concert is happening right away on **Tuesday December 4. It starts at 6:30 PM. Gym doors open at 6:00 PM.**
2. Demonstration of Learning and Parent/Teacher interviews are on **Thursday, December 6 from 1:00–4:00 PM and 5:00–8:00 PM**
3. Parent surveys are now being taken home to be filled out by Wednesday, December 5.

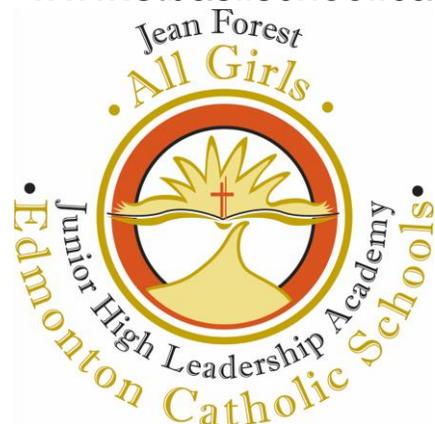
On behalf of the entire staff of St. Basil School, have a most blessed Christmas and Happy New Year! We will see you when classes resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

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### School Council and Parent Fundraising Society Report

Both School Councils and Fundraising Societies met in late November to review the school's recent survey and test results! We strongly urge parents to attend the meetings to gain insight on the school's business and trends and to have a say in where fundraising dollars are spent.

The Executive members for 2018-2019 are:

#### Św. JP II School Council

Chair: Pavel Stefanczyk
Vice Chair: Jose Martinez
Secretary: Anna Bohdanowicz

#### JFLA School Council

Chair: Debbie Kawulok
Vice Chair: Carole Dacko
Secretary: Faith Webonga

#### Św. JP II Parent Fundraising Society

Chair: Pavel Stefanczyk
Vice Chair: Jose Martinez
Secretary: Anna Bohdanowicz
Treasurer: Eva Strecheniuk

#### JFLA Parent Fundraising Society

Chair: Debbie Kawoluk
Vice Chair: Carole Dacko
Secretary: Faith Webonga
Treasurer: Marcella deJong

**Św. JP II School Council and Parent Fundraising Society**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 29**  
**Time: 7:00 PM**  
**Place: St. Basil School Staffroom**

**JFLA School Council and Parent Fundraising Society**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 29**  
**Time: 5:30 PM**  
**Place: St. Basil School Staffroom**

Remember, parents are welcome to attend all meetings. We would love to see you there. If you have any questions, or if you have any ideas for meeting agenda items, please contact Mr. Simmons. You can also contact:

- **Św. JP II School Council and Society Chair** Pawel Stefanczyk
- **JFLA School Council and Society Chair** Debbie Kawulok





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### Upcoming Events

Our newsletter will be sent each month by email. It will also be posted on our website at [stbasil.ecsd.net](http://stbasil.ecsd.net). Our website contains much more detailed information about the school. The newsletter will also be posted in our school's main lobby beside the office.

### December/January Events

#### December

- 4: Christmas concert (6:30 PM)
- 6: Św. Mikołaj (Św. JP II)
- 6: Demonstration of Learning
- 19: Baby Jesus Christmas Party (JFLA)
- 20: Thursday: Full Day of classes
- 21: Opłatek (Św. JP II). Early dismissal
- 22: Christmas break begins

#### January

- 7: Classes resume
- 17: Faith Day
- 22: Junior High band concert

### No Stone Left Alone

The JFLA girls participated in the No Stone Left Alone celebration once again. They took the time to remember the individual soldiers who lost their lives in service of Canada.





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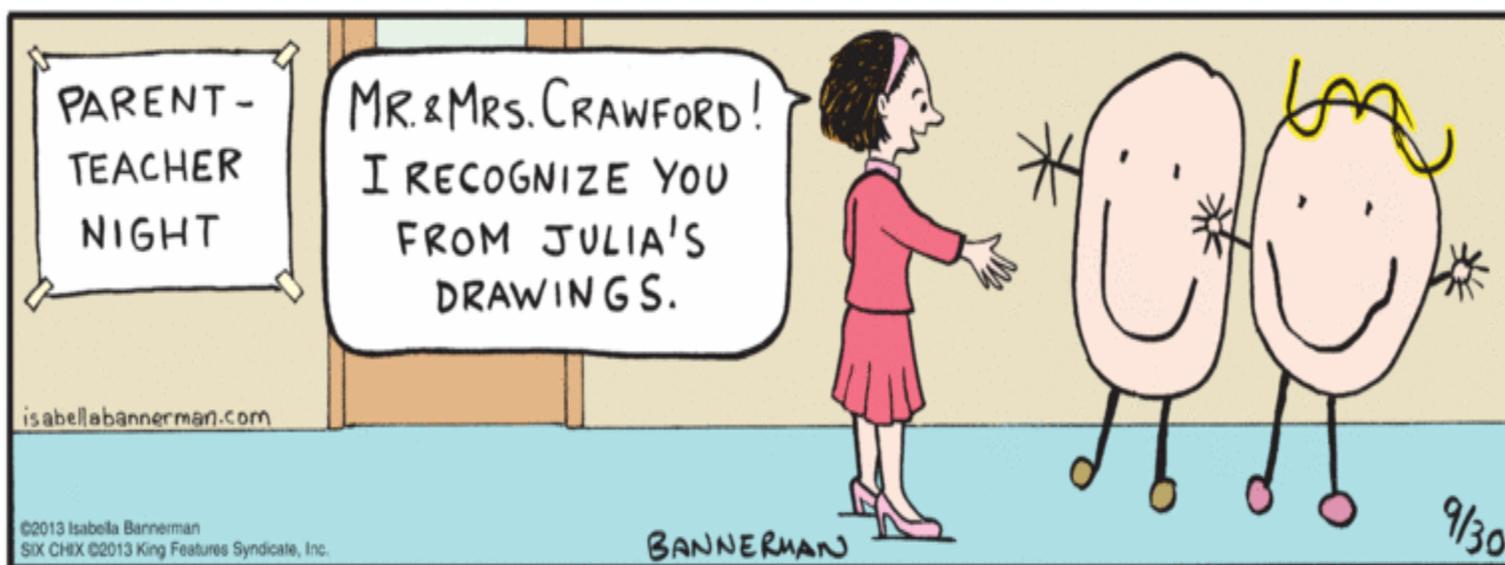
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### Demonstration of Learning

On December 6, we will be holding our Demonstration of Learning for the whole school. **This year there are two important changes** to our reporting and assessment that all parents need to be reminded of:

- Firstly, junior high students no longer receive a report card in December. They will only receive two online report cards; one at the end of January and another at the end of June. This means that the Demonstration of Learning/Interviews is even more vital for junior high parents to gain information on the academic progress of their children. Elementary students (K–6) will receive their first of three report cards in December as was done in past years
- Secondly, junior high teachers will again be using a scheduled appointment format to do parent interviews. Parents will be able to book teacher interviews on an online website. Information of how to book appointments has been sent home. Elementary teachers will hold the same “open door” format as in past years.

**Please see the last page of the newsletter for details on how to book a junior high teacher interview!**





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### Alien-In-Line November 13–23, 2018

For two action-packed weeks in November, all students from grades K–9 were treated to a special kind of Phys. Ed. class. With professional instruction, they learned all the basic skills of in-line skating. Although some were a little nervous at first, by the end all students were playing games, doing tricks, and enjoying the new skills they had acquired. It was amazing to see the confidence levels build as the week wore on. Students and staff alike were happy to participate.





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### Remembrance Day

We were blessed once again to be able to host a current member of our armed forces as well as a number of Polish Veterans from World War II at our Św. JP II Remembrance Day celebration. JFLA also held a poignant celebration that highlighted dance and singing. It is always such a vivid reminder for us of the real sacrifices that our service members have made and continue to make in defense of our freedoms.





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### Your Administration Team



**Mr. Stephen Simmons**  
Principal

**Mrs. Jolene Thompson**  
Assistant Principal

This fall continues to be a blessing for us on our journey with the students and staff of St. Basil. We appreciate the support and involvement of those parents whose time given to the school is so much appreciated. Have a blessed Christmas season and may the love of Jesus Christ wash over your family.

Stephen and Jolene





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Dear parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on December 6, 2018. Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school at 780-477-3584. Please note that Mrs. Curtis will be in the gym throughout the evening, and Mrs. Marciniak and Mrs. Caouette will be available in their classrooms if you wish to see them.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) and enter the code **gfmrz**



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Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



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**DO NOT DELETE** the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home. Bookings must be finalized by December 5, 2018 at 3 PM

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to [www.schoolinterviews.ca](http://www.schoolinterviews.ca) and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

