

Dear Families of Miller,

The third week of Advent is one of Joy. This Sunday we exchange the penitential purple of the season to pink, and we celebrate "Gaudete" or "Rejoice" Sunday. In this third week of Advent, our attitudes take on a more eager and urgent sense of anticipation.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 15th

Marauder Academic Recovery
Session - 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Dec. 17th

Virtual Advent Liturgy
Last Day of Classes Before
Christmas Break

Dec. 18th - Jan 2nd

Christmas Break

January 3rd

Classes Resume

Weekly Update

- Following a two-year hiatus from performing before a live audience, **Miller's School Band, Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz Group and Assembly Band, The Marauder Rockers**, had a chance to share their gifts and talents, performing for live audience in Gym A on December 8th. The theme of the concert was *Star of Wonder* and each of the groups performed a variety of musical pieces with many that included the sounds of Christmas. Congratulations to all the students involved in these groups, over one hundred students strong. The evening was well worth the wait!
- Congratulations to the Jr. Girls' Basketball Team which is the **2021 MIBC Tournament Champions** after defeating Campbell in the final. The Jr Boys' Team competed in very competitive games throughout the tournament and placed 4th overall -- A terrific start to the season for both of our Jr. Teams.
- Our school-wide Advent Project - **Christmas Hamper Campaign** - will continue for one more week. We need your support as we plan to provide 34 hampers prepared by the Regina Food Bank and Resurrection Parish for families in our Miller community. Please encourage your child to donate in period 1 or make a donation at <https://reginacatholicschools.schoolcashonline.com>. We are hopeful your generosity will help us to make a difference during this challenging time for some of our families.
- **Our final Hat Day for Hampers** is on December 14th. Students are encouraged to pay \$2.00 and wear a hat at school for the day. All funds raised will go to our Christmas Hamper Campaign.
- In the spirit of Advent, our Miller community is continuing to prepare our hearts for Christmas through our **Miller Advent Kindness Calendar** (see attached) which is referenced daily in our morning prayers. Miller staff, students and families are all encouraged to take part.
- Our **Annual 12 Days of Christmas** is continuing with a special Christmas activity for each of the 12 school days prior to Christmas break. Our SRC is doing a great job at spreading Christmas cheer through the halls of Miller (see attached poster).

Miller Website

www.rcsd.ca/miller



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Miller Weekly Reminder

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<HTTPS://WWW.RCSD.CA/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX>

From Student Services

- There will be a **Lunch & Learn** on Tuesday, December 14th for any students in grades 11 and 12 considering a career in medicine. Sign up for this pre-med information session in Student Services.
- A reminder to all students to use the **MyBlueprint** program. You can check your graduation status, create a resumé, and research post-secondary programs and schools. You can also complete surveys to learn what career pathway may be best for you.

Upcoming

- This weekend, the **Jr. Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams** will be participating in the combined Sheldon & Campbell Collegiates' tournament - Hardwood Classic. Good Luck Marauders. We know they will represent Miller extremely well!
- **Marauder Academic Recovery Session - December 15th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.** This is our third Academic Recovery Session this semester, set aside for students who have incomplete or NHI (not handed in) assignments or assessments. Students with NHI's are expected to attend this after-school session to complete all assignments or assessments. This is an important time in the semester as once we return from Christmas break, there are only 14 instructional days remaining until CFDs. We strongly encourage parents to visit Parent Portal this weekend.
- Our Miller **wrestling team** has their first meet December 15th at FW Johnson Collegiate. Wishing both our veteran and rookie wrestlers all the best in their first competition of the season. Go Marauders!
- **Spiritwear from Santa? Consider the Miller's Spirit Wear Store.** We have a variety of spirit wear items for any Marauder on your Christmas list. Check out our Spirit Wear online store on our school website at <https://www.rcsd.ca/school/Miller/Pages/default.aspx#/> As well, we have gift certificates which can be purchased in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. Just call the Main Office to purchase one.
- Our school-wide virtual **Advent Liturgy** is scheduled for December 17th. As directed by our Senior Administration, students will be dismissed one hour early on the last day. Therefore, we will be on an alternate class schedule that day, and lunch dismissal is scheduled for 1:20 PM.
- **Christmas Break** is December 18, 2021, to January 2, 2022, inclusive. Enjoy and be safe!!

Reminders

- **Create the habit...bring a mask every day!** We appreciate the effort our students are giving to keep our Miller community safe. It is important for our students to create the necessary habit of coming to school every day with a mask in their backpack or binder, so they are ready to mask up when entering our doors. In addition, each student is reminded of the importance of wearing their mask properly, being sure to cover their nose.
- The staff parking lot off Winnipeg St. continues to be utilized by families to pick up and drop off students. The parking lot is not large enough to accommodate additional vehicles. As well, the winter conditions of snow and ice only add potential hazards. **In our best effort to prevent accidents and injuries, we must insist that student pick up and drop off occur on Winnipeg Street (or one of the adjacent side streets), and not in the staff parking lot.**
- **Student Fees - School Cash Online** has been accessible since Oct. 1st. In order to offer the special courses/programs we do at Miller, we need all student fees to be paid. School Cash Online allows for parents/guardians to pay online (Remember RCSD no longer will accept cheques). We strongly encourage all families to register online and pay your school fees. <https://reginacatholicschools.schoolcashonline.com>
- Working to keep our school community safe: **The COVID-19 Daily Screening Questionnaire** can be found on our Miller website. Please be reminded that staff and students are to use this risk assessment each day before coming to school. If you are interested in current or upcoming COVID-19 immunization clinics, please access the Sask Health Authority website at <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/your-health/conditions-diseases-services/all-z/covid-19-saskatchewan/covid-19-vaccine-clinics>

Blessings to all,
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