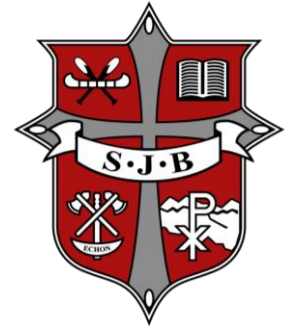




ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL NEWS



JANUARY 2021

Happy New Year from all of us at St. John Brebeuf!

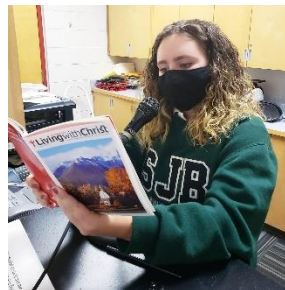
We had a wonderful Advent season at SJB, with many activities designed to prepare ourselves for Christ's birth. Our student council organized an Advent Acts of Kindness challenge for both students and staff, we held weekly virtual Advent prayer services, students wrote Christmas cards for residents of two Abbotsford seniors' homes, we raised enough money for Ruth and Naomi's Mission that Mr. Bittante's hair and beard were dyed red and green, and once again we held a school-wide homeroom door decorating contest!

With such an unusual and challenging start to the school year the Christmas Break was welcomed by all of us. We were able to rest and regroup and spend quality time with our immediate families, celebrating the holiday- and are hopeful for what 2021 will bring us!

January is set to be a very busy month as first semester classes are finishing up and then exam preparation will begin! We then will shift our focus to preparing for our annual Open House. While prospective families typically come visit the school to tour our campus and see some of our programs in action, this year they will be invited to come get a glimpse of what Catholic Education looks like at a high-school level remotely as our Open House is going virtual. Staff and students are presently working hard to put together an online experience that will showcase SJB as a great place to grow faithfully, academically, physically, and emotionally. Our Open House will take place in early February- keep an eye out for more information later this month!

Once a Bear, *always* a Bear! If you're an SJB alumnus we encourage you to join our alumni group on Facebook as a way to reconnect with your fellow alumni, stay connected to the school, and get your invitation to our upcoming inaugural Alumni Golf Tournament! Join the alumni page now at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SJBalumni>.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the students, staff, and families at SJB, and thank you for your support of Catholic Education.



ATHLETICS UPDATE

Bears fan! Basketball practices will be continuing as they did before Christmas. Schedules can be found on the athletic calendar at stjohnbrebeuf.ca/athletics. We will continue to look for updates from BC School Sports and do everything we can to keep our student-athletes safe while giving them opportunities to play basketball.



ATTN SJB ALUMNI:

Help us build our alumni network and reconnect with old friends from SJB at the same time! Join the Facebook group or visit us online at stjohnbrebeuf.ca/alumni.

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