

# JBCS MINI NEWSLETTER

## DECEMBER 2024 UPDATE

### Season's Greetings!

We know this time of year is busy, here is an extra newsletter to help remind you of all the exciting things happening! A very safe and happy holiday season to all our families and friends from the JBCS staff!

### School Holiday Schedule

Winter break is from Monday, December 23rd through to Friday, January 3rd.

We will see you back at school on Monday, January 6th.

### Learning Updates (Report Cards)

Learning Updates will be available on Parent Connect starting December 18 at 4:00 p.m. Once you've had a chance to review the report, we encourage you to have a conversation with your child about their achievements and progress. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their learning and also discuss areas of growth.

Link to Parent Connect:  
<https://parentconnect.sd61.bc.ca>

### Winter Concert

Our winter concert is Thursday December 19th at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. We ask family members who can – please attend the 1pm concert. The 6pm concert is for family members who are not able to attend our concert during the day. Children are expected in their classrooms at 5:45 p.m for the evening concert.

### 1000 X5

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. Drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the red bin in the hallway in front of Strong Start!

### Please Report Absences

Phone: (250) 383-7152

Email: [jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca](mailto:jamesbay@sd61.bc.ca)

## Free Christmas Dinners 2024

The Mustard Seed – Every Friday – Dinner & a Movie Night. On the 2nd & 4th of every month (December 14th and 28th), the Mustard Seed holds a dinner with live music. Address: 625 Queens Ave (250) 953-1575

December 16th 5:30-6:45 – Community Holiday Dinner – No Need to Register – Fernwood Community Centre. Address: 1240 Gladstone St. (250) 381-1552.

Dec 17th 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Christmas Lunch – Address: Our Place, 919 Pandora (250) 388-7112.

Dec 19th 3-5 p.m. – Turkey Dinner & Gifts – Alliance Club Youth Empowerment Society. Address: 533 Yates St. Back-Alley Entrance (250) 383-3514.

Dec 20th 4-6 p.m. – Gordy Dodd's Annual Christmas Dinner. Address: Our Place 919 Pandora (250) 388-7112

Dec 20 Noon – 1 p.m. – Turkey, Stuffing, Potatoes and Veggies – Rainbow Kitchen. Address: 500 Admirals St. (250) 384-2069

Dec 25th 8 – 10 a.m. – Christmas Soup – The Soup Kitchen. Address: 740 View St. (778) 440-7687.

Dec 25th 12 – 2p.m. – Annual Recovery Christmas Dinner – Turkey Buffet, Coffee, Dessert and Stockings! Everyone is Welcome, 12 – 1 p.m. a Recovery Meeting Upstairs. St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, Kirk Hall Entrance, Address: 680 Courtenay St. (250) 384 – 5734.

Please see attachment sent out in email for further community food supports.