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Mission Statement
With a pioneering spirit we, the Community of St. Catherine of Siena, are dedicated to fostering a learning environment that encourages academic excellence, faith expression, leadership and the celebration of



our individual gifts.

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**Advent Prayer:
Come, Lord Jesus!**

Update #15

Update for Dec. 2, 2009

WOW! Can you believe it is December already?!

Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who are making their First Reconciliation this week! It's a big step in your sacramental journey. We pray that you will always stay close to Jesus.

Speaking of Christmas...

For those of you who have been to the school lately, you know that our Advent and Christmas festivities are in full swing. A big thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the foyer for the season. It looks very festive!

A Message from St. Michael's Parish

We will be having rehearsals on December 13th and 20th from 2 to 3pm at St. Michael's Parish in preparation for the children's Christmas pageant. The pageant will be held at 9:45 a.m., just prior to the 10am Mass at St. Michael's Parish on Christmas morning.

There are parts for animals, key nativity characters and lots of angels. Costumes will be provided. Please join us for an opportunity to share the true story of Christmas!

For further information, feel free to contact Cheryl Talbot at 519-675-0773.

Poinsettias

These beautiful plants are in and available for pick up today from 3 - 5 pm, and Thursday from 12 - 8 pm. Thanks again to our Catholic School Council for their efforts on this!

Mitten Tree

Our mitten tree is up and ready to receive your donations. Feel free to add them to the tree in the foyer beside our altar. On behalf of the recipients, we thank you for your generosity.

School Mass

Please join us on Thursday, December 10 at 10:00 at St. Michael's Church for our Ad-

vent Mass. We will be celebrating with our friends from St. Mark's. We hope to see you there!

Intermediate Hockey

Best of luck to our Intermediate hockey players at their tournament this Friday! Thanks Coach D'Oria for your commitment to the team!

Christmas Dress Up Day

December 9th come dressed as your favourite Christmas item. It might be a tree, an elf, a shepherd, or perhaps "the man himself!" Please donate a toonie to complete our stable of animals in time for Christmas. We are nearing our goal!

Coming Up...

Interview Night	Dec 3
Intermediate Hockey Tournament	Dec 4
London Knights Game	Dec 6
Photo Retake Day	Dec 7
Piano Recital	Dec 8
Christmas Dress Up	Dec 9
Advent Mass	Dec 10
Christmas Concert	Dec 17
Christmas Holidays	Dec 19

As we take the time to consider the Advent season, we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." Among our prayers we count our many blessings, you among them. Thank you again for your continued support. It is a pleasure and a privilege working with you and your children each day!

