

Port Perry Place



Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Residents Council

December 4

Sacher Torte Day

December 5

Intergenerational Visits

December 9

Cheers with Emilio

December 12

Santa Claus home Parade

December 20

Yvette Entertains

December 21

Christmas Day

December 25

Terry Entertains

December 31

Ways to Celebrate Christmas in Canada

1. The Snowy Wonderland: A White Christmas Dream

One of the most iconic aspects of celebrating Christmas in Canada is the blanket of snow that covers the country during the winter months. Canadians eagerly anticipate a "White Christmas," and for many, this means a picturesque landscape of snow-covered forests and frozen lakes. Families often take advantage of this winter wonderland by engaging in activities like ice skating, sledding, and building snowmen.

2. Decking the Halls: Festive Decorations Galore

Canadian homes and streets come alive with colorful decorations during the Christmas season. Outdoor light displays, Christmas trees adorned with ornaments, and wreaths on doors are common sights. Many Canadians also enjoy putting up intricate nativity scenes and elaborate outdoor decorations, turning their neighborhoods into festive wonderlands.

3. A Multicultural Feast: Traditional Christmas Foods

Canada's rich cultural diversity is reflected in its Christmas feasts. While the classic turkey and stuffing remain a staple, you'll also find unique regional dishes. In Quebec, tourtière, a savory meat pie, takes center stage. In the Maritimes, seafood lovers indulge in a Christmas Eve tradition known as "Feast of the Seven Fishes." Meanwhile, butter tarts, a sweet treat, are beloved across the country.



Ontario
Association
of Residents'
Councils



Family Council

Port Perry Place is inviting all family members to join us and be a part of the family council. Interested parties, please contact Family Council Head Chair.

Gerrylantomasi@gmail.com



Please join us the first Wednesday every Month for the Resident's Council meeting.

President- Peter J.
Vice President – Joanne S.

IPAC updates,

The flu season is upon us and the home will be reaching for consents for residents to be immunized. Please feel free to drop by the IPAC office if you're in the house to give consent.

If you're experiencing any symptoms, to keep our residents safe, please do not visit the home. Remember if you are visiting your loved ones, please perform your 4 moments of hand hygiene.



Calling All Bingo Lovers

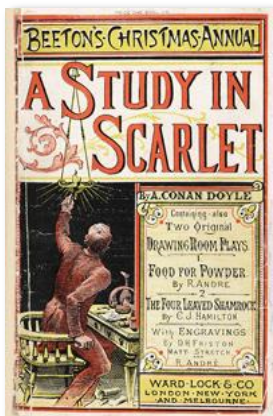


Bingo is celebrated throughout December in church halls and community centers because December is Bingo Month. The game dates all the way back to 1530, when Italians

played a game called *Lo Gioco del Lotto d'Italia*. Some even say that this game was used to fight government corruption. Instead of winning a pot of money, those holding winning numbers were elected as local leaders.

The French first introduced a playing card full of numbers. Then in the 1800s, the Germans used the game as a tool to teach children math and spelling. It first appeared in America in 1929 at a carnival near Atlanta, Georgia, where it was called "Beano." When an excited winner shouted out the word *bingo* by mistake, an entrepreneur named Edwin S. Lowe overheard the faux pas, renamed the game, and employed a Columbia University mathematician named Carl Leffler to create 6,000 randomly numbered bingo cards. Leffler purportedly went insane from the task. A Catholic priest asked Lowe to show him the game

From Beeton to Baker Street



Samuel Orchard Beeton, an English publisher from the 1800s, was best known for publishing his wife's book, *Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management*, a guide for keeping house in Victorian England. Beeton went on to launch a new magazine that came out only once a year, called *Beeton's Christmas*

Annual. His 1887 issue contained three stories, including a story by a writer named Arthur Conan Doyle titled "A Study in Scarlet," featuring a detective named Sherlock Holmes and his friend and assistant, Dr. Watson.

Doyle had not originally intended to become a writer of mystery stories. He studied medicine at the University of Edinburgh in his native Scotland. One of his professors, Dr. Joseph Bell, inspired him greatly with his amazing powers of deduction. It is said that the character of Sherlock Holmes is based on Dr. Bell.

Doyle moved to London to practice medicine, but work was slow, and he wrote in his free time. When "A Study in Scarlet" was first published, it did not garner much attention. However, as Doyle introduced more adventures, the public clamored for more Sherlock Holmes stories. Eventually Doyle quit medicine to become a full-time writer.

"A Study in Scarlet" is marvelous in that it shows the first meeting between Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson and paints a full picture of Holmes' many eccentricities. It is also famous for being the first detective story to include a magnifying glass as a detective's tool. Only 11 complete copies of the 1887 *Beeton's Christmas Annual* are known to exist, and copies in excellent condition are collectors' items worth more than \$100,000. Doyle would go on to write more than 50 Sherlock Holmes stories, and his famous detective would forever influence the future of the crime and mystery genre.

POETRY CORNER

December is a magical month, hustling and bustling to get things done.
 Shopping and Decorating is lots of fun.
 Making their lists out, not to forget anyone.
 The tree is wonderful, sparkling and bright.
 The houses are decorated outside for the night.
 The kids are excited, their eyes all aglow.
 Started the countdown for days left to go.
 Their letters to Santa are filled with wishes, and dreams.
 For a new sled and maybe a puppy dog please.
 The cookies and carrots are put on a plate.
 Just for Santa and Reindeer in case it's late.
 The glass of milk is refreshing and cold, there's barrels of water for the reindeer to behold.
 They have to keep moving so everything's right,
 you might even hear. Merry Christmas to all
 and to all a good night- Ho HOHO

Cutting-Edge Fun



Nothing announces the arrival of the holiday season like the smell of freshly baked cookies. If you're looking to spruce up your baking this year, ditch the common round shape for some fun cookie cutters during Cookie Cutter Week, held

the first week of December.

While evidence shows that ancient Egyptians created interesting molds for baking cakes, Queen Elizabeth I of England is said to have popularized the novelty of baking cookies in the shape of her guests. Gingerbread men and women soon became popular in bakeries across 17th-century England.

Today, you can find cookie cutters in every conceivable shape and size. Some manufacturers will even create custom cookie cutters. Some people enjoy collecting cookie cutters, and serious enthusiasts belong to the Cookie Cutters Collectors' Club (CCCC). In fact, it was the CCCC that originally conceived Cookie Cutter Week about 30 years ago. Members enjoy benefits such as a quarterly newsletter and an exclusive cutter designed to commemorate Cookie Cutter Week.

December Birthdays

If You were born between December 1–21, you are Sagittarius, the Archer. Archers are optimistic, energetic, generous, and honest. They enjoy exploration and keep an open mind during new encounters. Those born between December 22–31 are Capricorns, the Goat. Capricorns are the most stable and serious signs of the zodiac. Reliable, resourceful, and determined, they make excellent leaders and managers.

Paul G December 3
Ryan H. December 3
Shirley K December 7
Yvonne P December 13
Betty B December 14
Janet G. December 26



Dice Day Roll Call



Dice may be the ultimate random number generators, but there is nothing random about the date of National Dice Day, which always falls on December 4. Some of the oldest known dice are more than 5,000 years old; they were part of a backgammon set from the historic Burnt City in Iran.

Why are dice sometimes called “bones”?

In olden times, the *talus*, or ankle bones, of hooved animals, such as sheep and goats, were used as dice. Since then, the name *bones* stuck. The dots on dice are called *pips*, and the six sides of a die also have names: ace, deuce, trey, cater, cinque, and sice. Speaking of *die*, where did this term for a single-number cube come from? It comes from the Latin word *datum*, which means “something given or played.” On December 4, you can do both: give dice as a Dice Day gift and then “let ‘em roll” in your favorite game.

