

# ORGANISER'S TOP 8 CHRISTMAS TIPS

## Tip 8

Before hitting the shops to buy presents for the kids, arm yourself with a list of who you need to buy for including their age, clothes and shoe size and interests. Also, spend some time online to get some ideas of what to buy and to compare prices.

## Tip 7

When buying Birthday gifts during the year, buy two for each person and put the second gift away for Christmas so that the "Silly Season" is not so stressful (but make sure you remember where you store it!).

## Tip 6

To simplify preparations for hosting on Christmas day, plan your menu well in advance by using one of the many online menu planners (search "plan Christmas dinner").

## Tip 5

Once you have your Christmas menu planned be sure you place your order early for your seafood, turkey, large quantities of bread etc from your local provider.

## Tip 4

In anticipation of the treasures that come home at the end of the school year buy a file, folio or small tub for each child's artwork (buy multiple for previous and following year's work).

## Tip 3

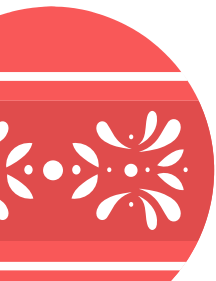
Make time to sort treasures to keep at the end of the school year. Keep only what will fit in a file, folio or small tub. Refrain from putting the pile aside to sort later.

## Tip 2

If you are hosting a meal on Christmas Day be sure to count out plates, cutlery, platters etc for each course you are serving. Borrowing items in advance from a neighbour if you need a few extra things.

## Tip 1

Take time to enjoy your family on Christmas Day by remembering "the best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other"... Burton Willis.



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