

Nurturing the Heart, Mind and Spirit



Vancouver, BC

# St. Mary's School Newsletter | February 2020

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## Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

As we celebrate the mid-point of the school year and Catholic Schools Week, I'm grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this beloved school community. Our aim as a Catholic school is to deepen each child's relationship with Jesus, along with nurturing and developing young students as caring and active participants in a lifelong journey of learning. When I visit classrooms and interact with students, I'm overjoyed; I see the valuable efforts of my staff as they deliver fun and impactful educational experiences. Our new technology is up and running. Students in Grades 6 and 7 now have individual Chromebooks to use to enhance inquiry and project-based learning. Grades 3-5 have an additional new cart of Macbook Air laptops to share, and our K-2 students have a new set of iPads.

The Church offers us special graces from God through the sacraments. Congratulations to all our Gr. 2 students who celebrated their First Reconciliation last evening. I wish to thank our pastors, parents, and Mrs. Moffatt and Mrs. Lewis for facilitating a positive experience of confession for our young people. Thank you for trusting our team of dedicated teachers, educational assistants and support staff to serve your family.

Sincerely,

Brenda Krivuzoff, Principal

Gr. 2 Reconciliation



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Hip Hop Week Feb.3-7
- ◆ Hip Hop Dance Performance Feb.7 1:45-2:30
- ◆ Catholic Schools Week Feb. 9-14
- ◆ Catholic Educators Conference - Feb.13-14 (NO SCHOOL)
- ◆ Family Day - Feb.17 (NO SCHOOL)
- ◆ Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast for students Feb.25 9-11
- ◆ Mass Feb.26 at 9:30am Ash Wednesday
- ◆ Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day Feb.26
- ◆ Ryan Liard Youth Empowerment Program Feb.26 1:45

Here is the link to the February After School Club: <https://forms.gle/KLMuK6F6SvJTyr388>

The After School Club link is ALWAYS available on the front of our webpage under the QUICKLINKS. section

I can love like a SAINT!



Pink and black t-shirt prices for Bullying Prevention Day have been reduced!

Youth sizes - \$18

Adult sizes - \$22

Place your orders by Friday, February 7th

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# I Can Be Active Like A Saint

## Hip Hop Week, February 3 - 7

The Hip Hop performance is a culminating activity for students to share their dance routines with each other. All our students will be in the gym at one time and we need a large area for performance space. **There is very limited space (standing room only) behind the students for parents. If parents choose to attend the Friday 1:45 performance, please line up at the gym door at 1:30. Doors will not be open before 1:30. The performance will last about an hour.**

We have a new option this year! We will be filming using Facebook Live, so you can see the performances from the comfort of your office or home. Log in to @smsaints604 to connect.



**Limited Edition SMS Logo Graphite Drawstring Sportspack with Earbud available for sale for \$10. If you would like one for your child or yourself, please stop by the office with exact cash only. Available while quantities last!**

Our decade is off to an active start in the gym, on the snow, and soon to be on the ice and in the water. St. Mary's is proud to offer rich and diverse opportunities to develop the whole child. From swimming lessons in Grades 2-4, skating in Grades 5 and 7, snowshoeing in Grade 3, Cross Country skiing in Grade 6, inter-school basketball in Grades 5-7, intramural basketball in Grades 4-7, and Hip Hop classes for K-7, students discover many ways that they can be active for life. Physical literacy is developed through adjusting balance, coordination, speed, strength, endurance, breathing, and spatial awareness in different environments.

With all of the different activities and travels, the Athletics lost and found is overflowing. Please check it out, and consider using one of the label fundraisers.

Thanks to all staff, coaches, and parent volunteers who make all of these experiences possible.

Enjoy all of your winter adventures!

Mrs. Kozak



Grade 6 Nordic Skiing Experience



# I Can Be Active Like A Saint

## St. Mary's 2nd Annual Basketball Wrap Up Fundraiser

Save the date! St. Mary's will be holding their 2nd Annual Basketball Wrap up Fundraiser on **Friday, February 28th from 3-6pm** at the school gym. There will be music by Table Tutors, skills and shooting competitions and prizes to giveaway!

We are inviting and encourage everyone to join this family fun event. We will also celebrate the successful basketball season that was had by all our teams.

PEC Sub-Committee



The Senior Boys Basketball Team's hard work and dedication paid off as they were able to win the Holy Trinity Tournament.

They are featured in the North Shore News (see our facebook page @smssaints604



The Grade 5 Boys came in 1st place at the OLS Tournament last week! Their ability to focus, work hard as a team and persevere during their competitive matches was outstanding. Well done boys!

# I Can Build Community Spirit

## Vancouver Opera Performance

On January 30, St. Mary's had the privilege of hosting The Vancouver Opera as they performed a new composition titled *The Flight of The Hummingbird*. This opera, composed by French Canadian Maxime Goulet with libretto and creative design by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas and Barry Gilson, interweaves the history of colonization, the impact of trauma, and the importance of caring for each other into a call to action. It is the story of the great forest that caught on fire and how the animals rally together to do what they can to stop the fire. Our students were completely engaged in the performance and are called to reflect on the final words "The nothing we do is the something undone." Mrs. Ryznar

## Valentines for Vets Program

On Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Kindergarteners with the help of our Grade 7 buddies took part in a program offered by the Canadian government called, Valentines for Vets. Where children across the country make hand-made Valentines to remember the sacrifices of their nations' Veterans. It was a wonderful experience shared with our buddies. Here's what some children wrote in their cards:

"Thank you for being brave."- Shayne

"Thank you for taking care of our planet."- Mateus

"Thank you for caring for us."- Anna

I'm positive every valentine is going to make someone special smile. Mrs. Marino





# I Can Build Community Spirit

## Local Burnaby Author Visits SMS Primary Classes

Nancy Duarte, a former St. Mary's student, shared her book, "Too Many Kisses" with all the primary classes on January 24th.



## Pancake Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Please check the OnVolunteers website for opportunities to help out with our annual Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday, February 25th.

We're looking for 6 parents to set-up, prepare pancakes, distribute and clean-up.

## Mardi Gras

On February 25, our school will be having a Pancake Breakfast for students as well as a Mardi Gras assembly. Vive le carnaval!





# I Can Lead

## Happy Catholic Schools Week

From February 9-14, St. Mary's School will be celebrating our annual Catholic Schools Week. This is an opportunity to pause and be grateful for the opportunity to practice our Faith on a daily basis at school. At the 9:30 Mass on February 9, students (and older siblings) are invited to wear their school uniforms to Mass to show the congregation their pride in St. Mary's. Our priests will each be presented with a "spiritual bouquet" which every class has helped to create. On Monday we will have a special Catholic Schools Week assembly, after which students will receive a special treat. Tuesday, classes will participate in a trivia contest to test our growing knowledge of the saints and our Church – with prizes for the primary and intermediate class winners. Wednesday, students will have a chance to express their gratitude to those who make their Catholic education possible. Thursday and Friday, staff members will attend the Catholic Educator's Conference so students will have an extra long weekend to enjoy!

## Pray for Australia

Friday, January 31st was our Out of Uniform Day to support Australia. We raised **\$638.35** for the Australian Red Cross Society. Noelle Gomez, in Grade 4, custom painted the t-shirt she wore with a koala bear and it read, "Pray for Australia." Thank you to everyone who made a donation!



*School Gate Closure  
is at 3:20 everyday.  
Please ensure your  
children are picked up  
by that time.*

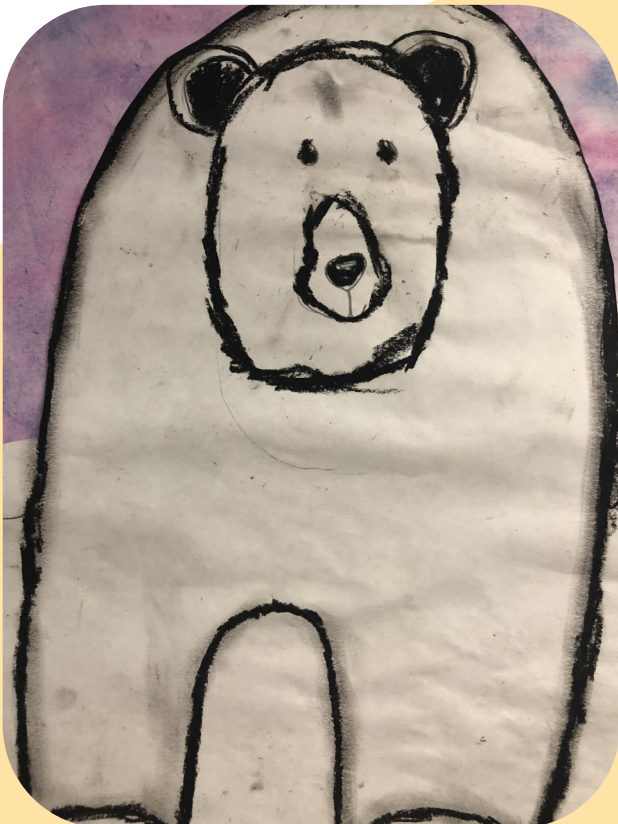
# I Can Build Community

## GRADE 7 PIZZA LUNCHES

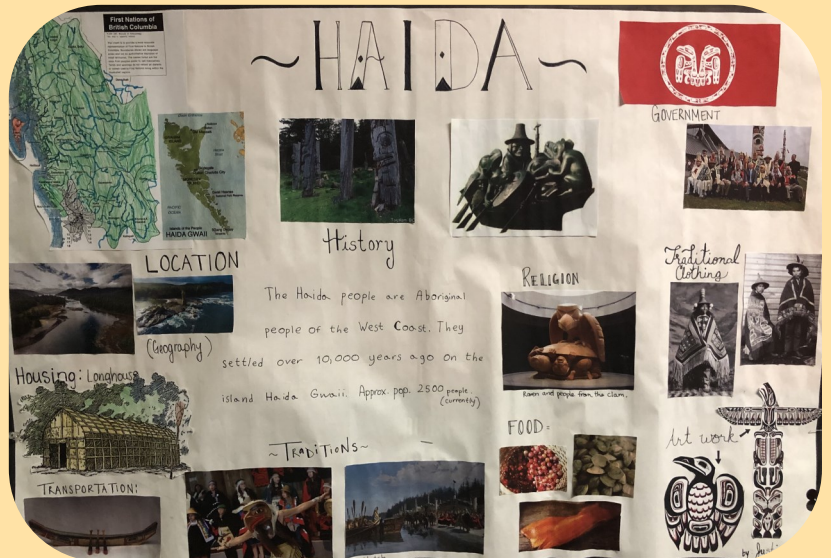


The Grade 7 class is hosting 3 pizza lunches this year (**February 21st, April 24th and May 29th**). These fundraisers will be used to help raise money for the class legacy gift to the school. For \$5 your child will get a slice of pizza, a juice box and a Rice Krispie square. Extra slices of pizza can be purchased for \$2 each). A link to the order forms was sent out on Monday. If you want to order, please fill out the form and send in your payment by **Wednesday, February 12th** in an envelope labelled **Gr.7 Pizza Lunch** with your **child's name** and **grade**. The Grade 7 class and I would would like to thank you in advance for your support in our fundraising efforts.

Mr. Quick



Gr.3C Art of Polar Bears and winter Skies.



Gr.6 First Nations Project.



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