



Nurturing the Heart, Mind and Spirit



Vancouver, BC

St. Mary's School Newsletter | November

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Principal's Message



November is an important month for remembrance – a time to pay tribute to those who have come before us.

On All Saints Day, Nov. 1, we give God thanks for all the saints. They have faithfully followed God and in so doing, touched the lives of so many here on earth.

On Nov. 2, All Souls Day, we prayerfully remember the souls of our departed loved ones. We miss them dearly and wish they were here with us.

The history of the armed forces in Canada is as long as the Country itself. On Nov. 6 at 10:30 am, Grades 2, 3, and 4 will honor the fallen members of the military during the Vancouver No Stone Left Alone Ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery. Mrs. Moffatt is organizing the event this year, and we have invited classes from St. Helen's, St. Francis De Sales, and St. Catherine's School to join us along with representation from the military.

All St. Mary's Students will take time to remember our Canadian soldiers in a school-wide service led by our Grade 7 students at 11:00 in the school gym. All parents are welcome to join us.

Thank you to all our parents, especially the PEC and PEC Fundraising Sub-Committee, who have been working tirelessly to prepare for St. Mary's Parish Masquerade Ball tonight. We appreciate your generosity and contributions to the silent auction baskets. They will surely raise significant funds for the school building project.

Sincerely,

Brenda Krivuzoff



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Not Forget

Upcoming Events

- ◆ St. Mary's Gala Dinner & Silent Auction Nov. 1 6pm
- ◆ Kinder Vision Screening Nov. 4
- ◆ NSLA Nov.6 10:30 (Ocean View)
- ◆ Gr.5 Band Clinic Nov. 7 10:15 (Music Room)
- ◆ Remembrance Day Service Nov. 8 11:00am (gym)
- ◆ Gr. 7 Spirit Day Nov. 9
- ◆ School Closure: Nov. 11
- ◆ School Photo Retake Day Nov. 14
- ◆ Gr.6 Immunization Clinic Nov. 18
- ◆ School Mass Nov. 20 at 9:30
- ◆ Kinder Hearing Screening Nov. 20
- ◆ Professional Day: School Closure Nov. 22
- ◆ Gr.7 Visit ND Nov. 27 at 8:45
- ◆ Out of Uniform Nov. 29
- ◆ CBIA Tree Lighting Nov. 30 at 4:45 (Intermediate Choir)

Before and After School Club registration November link.

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I Can Lead



Our Student Council delivering boxes of food to Collingwood for the the Morning Star Breakfast Program.



Students enjoying our new Curva Spinner on the playground.

There are still Golden Gala apples available! \$5 for a 5lb. bag! Please drop by the office if your interested in purchasing them.





I Can Be Active Like A Saint

October has been a steady month of growth and development of our young Saints!

We began the month with the CISVA Cross Country Championships, and are proud of the athletes who stepped up to compete in this challenging event!

The Ultimate Frisbee program has been running rain and shine. Players have been steadily developing the fundamental skills of catching while running, cutting, passing, and understanding space. Keep up the great work!

Our inaugural Intramural volleyball program has been very successful with students in Grades 5-7 playing mini-tournaments during lunch hours. Intramurals provide practice and experience in competitive situations for learners of all levels. Great job to our Grade 6 and 7 leaders who are serving as officials and score keepers. They are gaining skills, experience, and perspectives in officiating and have been reliable and competent.

In the gym, steady growth, learning, teamwork, confidence, and resilience was developed among our volleyball players. With weekly practices, 22 games and 7 tournaments, our athletes, officials, Grade 6 and 7 lines and scorekeepers, and parent volunteer drivers have been busy! A special huge thank you to the coaches who generously contribute their time, minds, and hearts to developing our athletes' skills and character. Thank you also to the parents who support the players to continuously develop the virtues that lead to success long after the game is over.

November will see the completion of the volleyball season, continuation of the Ultimate Frisbee Program, and the beginning of basketball practices. I will send out on-line registration through an e-mail in the next 10 days.

Keep active, and growing, Saints!





I Can Build Community

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Funniest:

- Kinder V: Liam
- Kinder MC: Abigail
- Grade 1: Annabel
- Grade 2: Zoe C.
- Grade 3C: Caleb
- Grade 3P: Zola
- Grade 4 : Noelle
- Grade 5 MM: Janika
- Grade 5 SR: Lukas
- Grade 6: Jessica
- Grade 7: Jonah

Most Original:

- Kinder V: Sophie
- Kinder MC: Olivia
- Grade 1: Gabriel
- Grade 2: Caleb
- Grade 3C: Jonathan
- Grade 3P: Caylee
- Grade 4 : Kaithlyne R.
- Grade 5 MM: Charlize
- Grade 5 SR: Style
- Grade 6: Iris
- Grade 7: Matthew

Dynamic Duo:

- Kinder V: Aaron & Armaan
- Kinder MC: Mateus & Anna
- Grade 1: Rykiel & EJ
- Grade 2: Chloe S. & Kiera
- Grade 3C: Alex & Leo
- Grade 3P: Mason & Jake
- Grade 4 : Emma & Audrey
- Grade 5 MM: Caleb & Hikaru
- Grade 5 SR: Anna & Angel
- Grade 6: Alexis & Terrylle
- Grade 7: Glenn & Rachel N.

Best Character:

- Kinder V: Juliette
- Kinder MC: Gregory
- Grade 1: Maegan
- Grade 2: Dominic
- Grade 3C: Edressa
- Grade 3P: Isabella
- Grade 4 : Tyler
- Grade 5 MM: Selena
- Grade 5 SR: Mariald
- Grade 6: Caitlin
- Grade 7: Yra





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I Can Build Community Spirit

First Communion Enrollment Mass



The First Communion Enrollment Mass was celebrated on Sunday, October 27th. Students brought up the offertory gifts, which included commitment forms that all Grade 2 students completed. The commitment forms show what the students will do to prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist in May. This year, our school community will also welcome three Grade 3 and two Grade 5 students into the preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion!

Staff, parents and students walking to Central Park for our Walkathon Fundraiser!





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Walkathon Results

Thank you to all the families and sponsors for making this years Walkathon a success. To date we've raised over \$30,000. The money raised will support some of our operational expenses such as furnaces and furniture for classrooms, library books, sports equipment. It will also go towards partially or fully funding special activities such as Hip Hop Dance Week, Gr.4 & Gr.7 Outdoor Education and the Vancouver Opera performance of *Flight of the Hummingbird*. Thank you again to the PEC, staff, students and families for all your support.

If you haven't already done so, please continue to send in outstanding Walkathon pledge forms and money.

The Prize Winners as of 4:00 pm on Monday, Oct. 21 are as follows:

The Intermediate & Primary classes that had the highest percentage of their fundraising goals met were:

1st Place – **Grade 5M** raised \$3,744 and **Kinder V** raised \$2,145 and earned one day out-of-uniform, a free field trip and a free lunch!

2nd Place – **Grade 5SR** raised \$3,285 and **Grade 2** raised \$2,617 and earned 1 out-of-uniform day and a treat! **(Winning class was based on overall percentage not \$ amount raised)**

Top Fundraising Families:

1st Place – Gomez/Fabros Family (\$1,160) Angel Gr.5SR Prize: \$175 ecard at Best Buy

2nd Place – Quilatan Family (\$1,010) Selena Gr.5M Prize: \$100 Cineplex ecard

3rd Place – Raguero Family (\$995) Dylan Gr.4 & Quinn Gr.1 Prize: \$50 Cineplex ecard

Top three students in each class (top fundraising families not eligible)

These students received a Cineplex Child's Adventure Movie Pass:

Kinder V - Raeziane \$315, Anson \$280, Sarah \$200

Kinder MB - Victoria \$313, Hans \$270, & Gregory \$240

Grade 1 - Andre \$550, Kassandra \$390, & Amelia \$165

Grade 2 - Brendon \$650, Dominic \$190, & Alexander \$187

Grade 3C - Jonathan \$250, Jaden \$190, & Hannah \$140

Grade 3P - Zola \$350, Mikaela \$175, & Isabella \$132

Grade 4 - Darren \$350, Emma \$350, Kristian \$236, & Kaitlyn \$225

Grade 5M - Caleb \$265, Theo \$220, Zayden \$200

Grade 5SR - Sheldon \$510, Naila \$230, & Matthew \$170

Grade 6 - Desa & Sam \$350, Caitlin \$390, Amelie \$285

Grade 7 - Glenn \$600, Isaac \$540, & Mervin & Leah \$311

\$200 Visa Prepaid Card draw winner: Romelda de Guia for Glenn Deloeg

\$450 Best Buy ecard draw winner: Sofia Delos Santos for Dominic Tupas

Walkathon T-Shirt - 50 students received a free Walkathon t-shirt for pledges of \$150 or more

Congratulations to all prize recipients!



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