



St. Mary's School Newsletter | June 2022



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Before & After School Club June Link

Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the 2021-2022 school year draws to a close, I want to express my deepest appreciation for all your support. With the change in health restrictions, we've been able to have parents assist more which has helped greatly. We look forward to celebrating our 90th Anniversary on Tuesday, June 7, with all our school and parish family. The *Songs of Spring* concert will highlight the outstanding work created in our fine arts program. It's a time to reconnect and celebrate!

Class lists are being finalized, and parents with children in double classes will receive a letter early next week. In addition, our staffing changes will be announced next week.. There are still a lot of end-of-year events to connect. Please join us for our last Farewell Mass on June 15 at 9:30 and the upcoming primary and intermediate talent shares. *Step Up* on June 15, is an opportunity for the students to meet their new teachers and get excited for the new year. Our new Kindergarten students (*#futuresaints*) will also be having their orientation event at the same time. We are renovating the library to become a new classroom, and will set up a 'Book Nook' to continue offering library services next year.

To our Grade 7 students and those who are leaving St. Mary's in other grades, we wish you success and happiness in your transition to your new schools. We thank God for the opportunity to learn. May you be willing to use your Christian attitude and knowledge to create a better world and a more perfect and just society.

The school will be open for one hour only on June 28. Term 3 reports will be released electronically. The classroom teachers will be available if you choose to send your child to school the final hour.

Have a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,
Brenda Krivuzoff, Principal



"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

- Pope Francis



Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 7 Spring Concert & 90th Anniversary Celebration 4:30-8pm
- ◆ June 8 St. Mary's Track Meet (K-7) Swangard Stadium
- ◆ June 9 New Kindergarten Parent Orientation on Zoom 1:30-2:30
- ◆ June 14 Grade 7 Farewell 7:00-9:30pm
- ◆ June 15 Grade 7 School Mass & Leadership Ceremony for Gr.6 9:30
New 2022-23 Kindergarten Student Orientation 1:30
Step Up for Grades 1-6 1:30
- ◆ June 17 Talent Shares (Intermediate Grades) church basement at 9:15
- ◆ June 22 Student Network Elections 9:15
- ◆ June 23 Talent Shares (Primary Grades) church basement at 9:15
- ◆ June 23 Father Rob Galea Concert 6:30 Gr.4,5 & 6 Choir perform
- ◆ June 24 St. Mary's School Online Raffle Draw 1pm
- ◆ June 28 Last Day of School
Term 3 Reports Released
10:00AM Dismissal



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Virtues In Practice

Helping Children Grow Closer to Jesus

St. Mary's school community has now completed the "Year of Charity" in our Virtues program. Students learned about the importance of intentionally developing "habits of doing good". Teachers have decided to continue this program; next year we will celebrate the "Year of Faith".



Virtues in Practice



Helping children grow closer to Jesus by imitating the virtues of the saints!

Available for FREE download at www.nashvilledominican.org
 Questions? VirtuesProgram@op-tn.org



Gr. 1 saying a decade of the rosary during May



Kindergarten Rosary Bracelets





Formal School
Uniform required

Community Connections

SAINT MARY'S SPRING CONCERT
SONGS OF SPRING
 AND 90TH CELEBRATION

TUES, JUNE 7TH | 4:30-8PM

You're Invited!
Free Admission
 The Church + School Gym
 5239 Joyce St | Vancouver BC

6:30PM	7:15PM
The Church	School Gym
Choral Performances	Band Performances
Jr/Sr: Ahead by a Century K/1: The Sun's Gonna Shine 2/3: Storm Jr: Klee Wyck Sr: The Bird with One Wing Prim/Jr/Sr: This is My Home, O Canada	4: Ukulele 5: Concert Bands x2 6: Anasazi, Warp Speed 7P: Manchester March, Spirit of the Stallion 7Q: Clarinet Caprice, The Avengers

We'll have Food Trucks onsite so...
Grab your Dinner or Just a Snack



Cash +
Credit Cards
Accepted

And Check out our other 90th Celebration Activities in between



Curriculum Updates



Grade 5 field trip to Victoria!



Enjoying performances from the St. Anne's Academy's jazz, concert choirs and band. They were touring from Kamloops.

"Who will help me bake the bread?" "I will!" Said the twos!



Saints Health and Physical Education

May has been another month of learning and growing through movement and goal setting. Our PHE program has complemented the Athletics program by covering the essential skills of track: sprints, distance, and relay racing. Kindergarten and Grade 1 students enjoyed sprinting 100 meters and it was wonderful to see their excitement grow as they started to set goals and ask to keep running! A delegation of Grades 3-7 students will be representing St. Mary's in the CISVA track and field meet. Best of luck to all athletes and big thanks to the volunteer coaching staff!

As we finalize our summer plans, children are encouraged to spend as much time outdoors and in nature as possible! There are many camps, clinics and clubs to join to keep children active. As always, programs that are age-appropriate in their training and competition, and that respect the child as a whole person: physically, socially, emotionally, creatively, intellectually, and Spiritually are of tremendous value.

On a final note, Collingwood Park, which has become the pinnacle location for PHE classes, is doing a survey about park renewal. The **survey is available until June 3rd, 2022** at: shapeyourcity.ca/collingwood-renewal. Some of the features we appreciate about Collingwood Park for PHE are: wide open spaces to play games, not broken up with obstacles such as pathways, benches, trees, etc., washroom facilities, and a basketball court and baseball diamond. The drainage at the baseball diamond needs remediation. Community gathering places, while worthwhile, also result in excessive garbage at the park. Your input to the survey can help our PHE, DPA, and Extra-Curricular sports programs.

I wish everyone good health and look forward to the celebrations and vibrant community life that June brings. Ms. Kozak



Grade 2's working on strength and balance with a partner



Grade 5's practicing balance



Kindergarten Start Line



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Saints Athletics

As we wind up Track and Field season we are thankful to our coaches who gave their time to work with the students on the specific events. Thanks to Mr. Mogatas for coordinating CISVA Track & Field season. We are proud of all our athletes that have accomplished this season. We are awaiting official results from the Day 1 meet. We are excited to see our growth and development in Track & Field accumulated over the past couple of years. Great work, SAINTS!



Grade 3 Mixed Relay



Sofia competes in 10 yr. old girls long jump.



Grade 5 boys 60m. Caleb advances to Day 2 finals.



Theo is about to make his move to win the Gr. 7 800 m heat and event!



Rhian from Gr. 3 finishes the 4x100m girls race qualifying them for the final next week.

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Bike to School Week

Congratulations to the students, parents, and staff who participated in Bike to School Week May 30-June 3. We tracked active travel all week: 60 students and staff biked, skateboarded, and our walkers brought us up to 147 trips!

Bike to School Week fits in well with our curriculum and builds on the green initiatives in our school. There are also physical and mental health benefits to cycling. With our success this year, I'm hopeful to continue to build on the program. I have requested a HUB cycling course for the future.

Incentive prizes were awarded to individuals. Congratulations to the Gr. 4 class who had the most active travel during the week. They won a field trip. Students are encouraged to continue to bring their bikes, scooters, etc. for the rest of the year.



Saints Fundraising



Thank you to our St. Mary's community for raising \$530 for BC Children's Hospital on Jean's Day in May!

VOLUNTEER HOURS UPDATE

After June 17th, the PEC will be reviewing volunteer hours for parents who have chosen Full Participation this year. Shifts will soon be posted for work and participation that needs to be completed up until the end of the school year, and volunteers will be credited accordingly. Please continue to check the OnVolunteers website, sign up for available jobs, and show up for your assigned shifts. [ONVOLUNTEERS PORTAL HERE](#) Full Participation requires 40 hours to be completed.

ST. MARY'S - THE BIG 2022 RAFFLE + HOURS

Please remember to purchase and promote tickets for the big 2022 raffle which supports the fundraising initiatives for a new school! [THE BIG 2022 RAFFLE TICKETS](#)
There are only 20 days left until closing. The goal is \$20000 and we're currently sitting over \$11000. The raffle draw will take place on **June 24th, 2022**.

The PEC would like to offer additional opportunities for parents to show their support in this fundraiser by offering **a credit of 4 participation hours!**

In order to receive credit for your hours, follow the steps provided **before June 16th**. It will then be required for all participants to complete this submission form in order **before June 16th** to receive credit for your hours. <https://forms.gle/vieVWvNBxG9pszTU9>

Follow these steps to help promote this fundraiser in the community today:

1. On Instagram, **FOLLOW both stmarysvancouver and smsaints604** OR on Facebook, follow **both St. Mary's Parish – Vancouver and St. Mary's Elementary School**.
2. **LIKE** the Big 2022 Raffle post as featured in the attached photo on either Instagram or Facebook
3. **TAG** 5 friends on that post on either Instagram or Facebook.
4. **SHARE** the Big 2022 Raffle post either on Instagram or Facebook.

Once you have completed all these steps, **take a screen shot of the post with your 5 friends tagged.** Complete this submission form to receive your participation hours.

<https://forms.gle/vieVWvNBxG9pszTU9> ONLINE FORM SUBMISSIONS FOR CREDIT HOURS MUST BE DONE BEFORE JUNE 16TH

We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with this fundraising event and our vision of a new St. Mary's School.





Saints Fundraising

ST. MARY'S - BIG BROTHER CLOTHING DRIVE JUNE 2022 + HOURS

Thank you for your effort and donations to our clothing drive. The submission link is now available. <https://forms.gle/nHwmZrXaqeMRtsnyZ> ONLINE FORM SUBMISSIONS FOR CREDIT HOURS MUST BE DONE BEFORE JUNE 16TH

After you have made your donation drop off at the Big Brother warehouse, please use this [link](#) to complete the submission form to receive credit for your participation hours.

4 hours for the first 2 full garbage bags of clothing items brought to the BB warehouse. 0.50 hours will be given for each additional full garbage bag brought to the BB warehouse.

You must keep your receipt (take a photo of it). It will then be required for all participants to complete this submission form in order to receive credit for your hours. <https://forms.gle/nHwmZrXaqeMRtsnyZ>

This clothing drive will be open until July, however, if you have made your clothing donation to BB prior to June 16th, you will need to submit receipt by JUNE 16TH, 2022. Drop offs made after June 16th, 2021 will be NOT credited for parent participation/volunteer hours but will still be included in our clothing drive fundraiser. Again, have your online form submission in by June 16, 2022.

We will NOT be hosting a drop off at our school gym like previous years, however, we have the opportunity to drop off our donations at:

Big Brother Warehouse at #221 - 15 Braid Street, New Westminster.

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 10am to 5pm. (Closed weekends and Statutory Holidays).

To participate and donate, here are the steps:

1. **Gather your clothing items and put them in garbage bags. CLOTHING ITEMS are the only items that will be counted towards our fundraiser. All other items can put in a different garbage bag and be dropped off but will NOT be compensated as part of our fundraiser. (See attached list for acceptable items).**
2. **Fill your garbage bags with as much clothing items they can fit. No need to pre-weigh your bags.**
3. **Bring your bags to the BB warehouse.**
4. **Wear a mask and abide the safety protocols on site.**
5. **Let the attendant know you are dropping off donation bags for St Mary's School.**
6. **Each bag of clothing items will be weighed by the attendant and the school will receive \$0.20 per pound. (Again, only the bags with CLOTHING ITEMS will be compensated as part of our fundraiser).**
7. **Obtain a receipt for your record.**

This is a great way to support Big Brothers who rely heavily on these donations programs to fund their mentoring programs. While we are giving back to this program and the community, we also get to raise some funds for our school! Thank you in advanced for you continued support!

Ryan Raguero

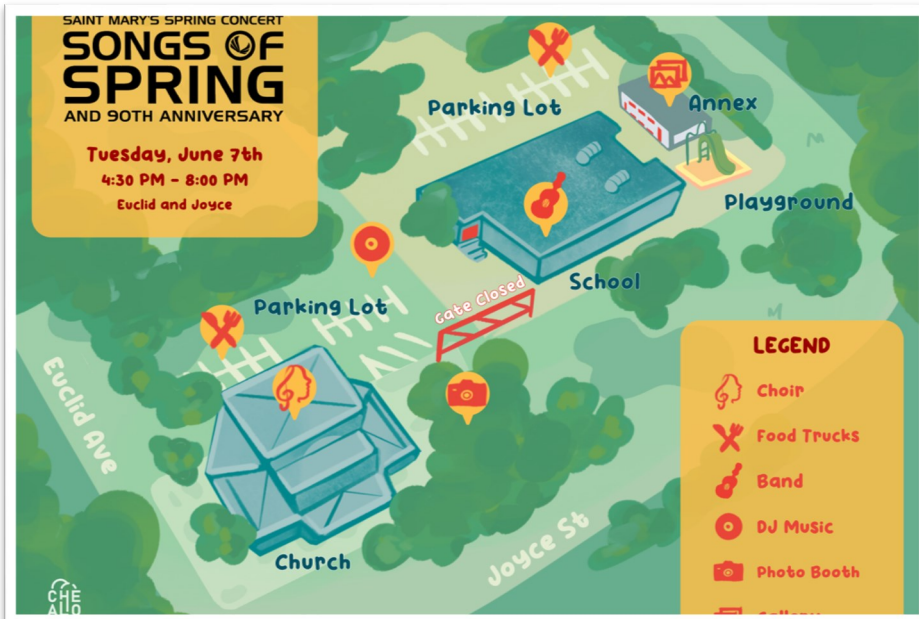
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SAINT MARY'S SPRING CONCERT
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Fun Day games



If you have questions or would like to register please email summercamp@stmary.bc.ca.

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