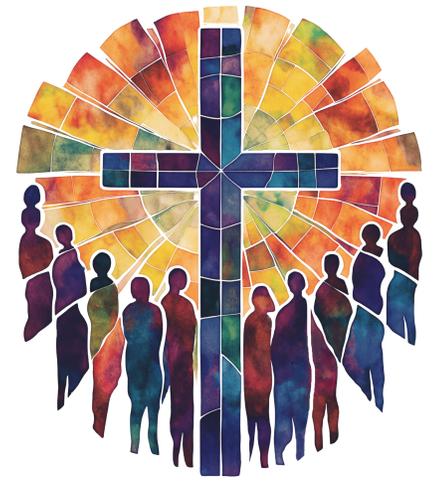




# St. Mary's School Newsletter

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Living,  
Celebrating, &  
**PROCLAIMING**  
**OUR FAITH**

“  
*When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.*  
*Isaiah 43.2 (NIV)*  
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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE



### *Dear Parents and Guardians,*

At last month's Catholic Educators' Conference, teachers heard from speakers about AI in education and brain research. While AI can help with research and planning, it cannot replace the vital human connection that supports students in developing critical and creative thinking for life-long success. We also explored practical strategies for creating brain-wise classrooms that keep students active and engaged.

We continue our journey through Lent, the 40-day Catholic season of preparation for Easter, focusing on spiritual renewal through three pillars: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These practices mirror Christ's 40 days in

the desert, helping believers repent, grow in virtue, and turn away from sin. Sunday liturgy is the greatest form of **prayer** as we receive the gift of the Holy Eucharist - the real presence of the Risen Christ. Attending weekly Mass is an essential part of prayer life. In school and home, we make daily prayer a habit, setting aside time each day to share our hopes, joys and fears with God. Praying the rosary and visiting the Blessed Sacrament can bring us closer to God. Lent is a time to **fast** from things or habits that may have become a roadblock to our relationship with God. Fasting may include giving up a favourite food, but it is also about self-control like limiting social media or refraining from negative language or judgement. In **almsgiving**, we try to do something kind for others, whether offering help unasked or giving to those in need. Keeping our eyes, ears, and hearts open to the needs of others allow us to experience the fulfillment of serving our neighbors.

I wish you a joyful and restful Spring Break with your family - an important time to relax, reconnect, and step away from the busyness of daily life.

Sincerely,  
*Brenda Krivuzoff*  
Principal

March 2026

*Season of Lent*

*Virtue: Mercy*

- 2 Author Eric Walters 9:00
- 3 Gr. 3-7 Reconciliation 9:15
- 4 Gr. 7 Boys Quarterfinals 9:30 Oval
- 5 Gr. 7 Boys Semifinals 10:30
- 6 First Friday Mass 9:10
- 9 Daylight Savings Time Starts
- 11 Stations of the Cross 9:30 (G6)
- 12 Out-of-Uniform \$2
- 13 School Closes for Spring Break  
12:00 Dismissal/No After School Club
- 16-27 Spring Break: School Closure
- 30 School Re-Opens



*Pink Shirt Day (handmade by Luke)*

# VIRTUE IN PRACTICE

## *Mercy: Caring for Those Who Suffer*

During March, we will practice the virtue of “Mercy: caring for those who suffer”.

According to Jesus, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy” (Matthew 5:7). Mercy is the desire to lessen the suffering of others. It has its deepest expression in the passion and death of Jesus on the cross. This saving act of mercy for all people overcame sin and death. When we sin, we suffer; and the only relief from that suffering is the mercy of God. When other people suffer, in body or spirit, we can imitate God’s own mercy through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The goal of Catholic Education is heaven, but knowledge alone will not get us there! “Virtues in Practice” will help our students to live out their faith in their everyday lives.

## ACHIEVEMENT



Mrs. Moffatt receives her 25 yr. service award from Superintendent Sandra Marshal and Bishop Richard Smith at the Catholic Educators' Conference February 13.





# ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Mr. Pascua and the Grade 7 Boys Basketball team for their strong performance today at the Richmond Oval! With their quarterfinal victory, the team has advanced to the semi-finals tomorrow morning, where they will face St. Andrew's at 10:45. The final games will be played at 1:45. The players should be very proud of their efforts. Reaching the final four out of all the teams in our league is an outstanding accomplishment. We wish them safe play and continued success in tomorrow's game. Thank you as well to our wonderful parent community for coming out to support the team at the Richmond Oval and throughout the season.

Go SAINTS!



*Home of the*



**SM SAINTS**  
ATHLETICS





## Gr. 2 First Reconciliation

We celebrate the Gr. 2 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in February. May the grace of this sacrament draw them closer to God and help them grow in goodness and virtue. Bless their families and teachers who have lovingly guided and supported them in preparing for this sacred moment.  
*Our Lady of Mercy, pray for them.*



## CELEBRATING 100'S DAY





# LEARNING

Grade 5 visits with our MLA Adrian Dix



Author Visit by Eric Walters



Notre Dame Regional Choir Festival with the Senior Choir and Rock Band



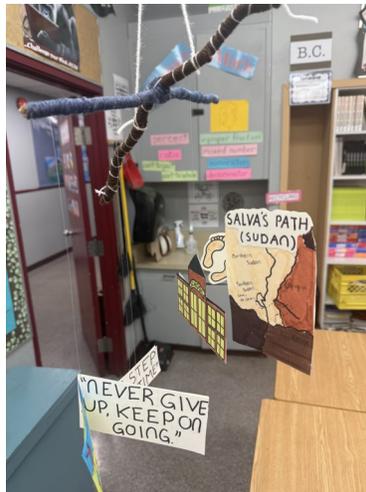


# LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Grade 3 Robson Square Ice Skating



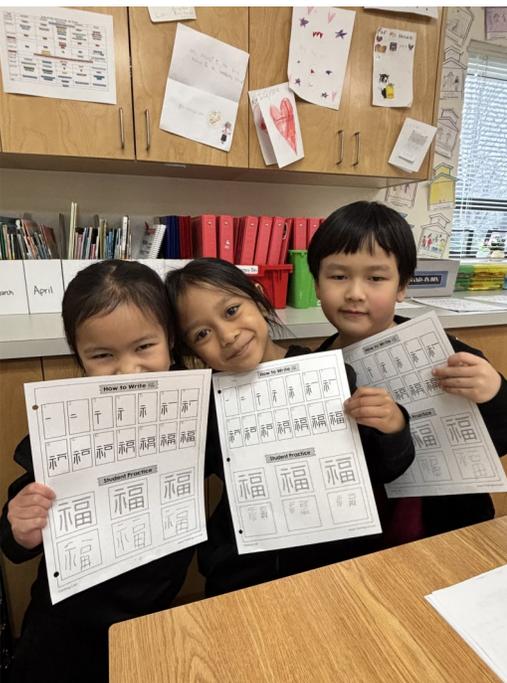
1P States of Matter science experiment.



6M Mobiles based on the novel "A Long Walk to Water"



Grade 4 STEM Popsicle Stick Bridges



6 Learning how to write "Good Luck" in Chinese for the Lunar New Year



STEM Gr. 5Q Mousetrap carts

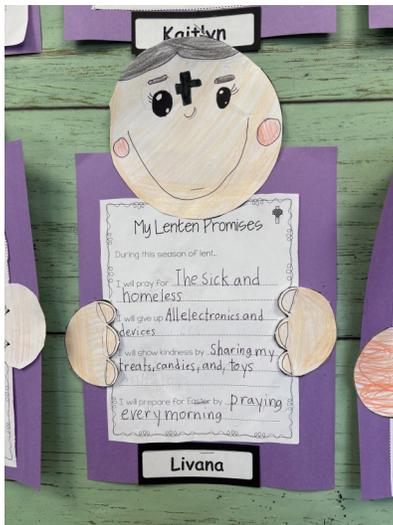


Grade 1P before their Bhangra performance

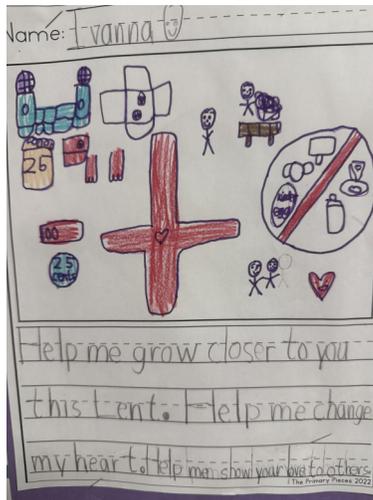


# COMMUNITY EVENTS

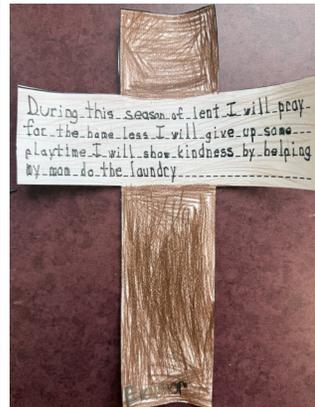
## Pancake Breakfast



Grade 3 Lenten Promise



Grade 1M Lenten Reflection



Grade 6L Being Expressive

Grade 2 Lenten Promise

## JOIN OUR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Grade 3 Valentine's Chocolate Box Art

We are delighted to offer the SAINTS Before & After School Club at St. Mary's School, providing convenient care with reasonable rates. Club registration is guaranteed.

Dedicated ASC phone line: **604-428-0357**. Please use this number to contact club staff **between 3:00-6:00 pm on school days** if you will be late or if someone else will be picking up your child.

Please click on the updated link below for more information.

[March Registration Link](#)

