

Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the month of November we express our gratitude for the saints, witnesses to the Gospel who challenge us to find our own path to holiness. We are grateful for the lives of all who have gone before us to meet the Lord, especially those we know and hold dear. We thank our soldiers and veterans who have offered their lives on our behalf. It is an act of extreme charity to pray for the dead so that they enter into the fullness of eternal life. Our Grade 2 and 6 classes will attend this year's No Stone Left Alone ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery on Friday, Nov. 5 at 10am and then on Nov. 10, Grade 4 students are leading our school-wide Remembrance Day Service at 11:00.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are set for Nov. 12. We encourage all families to book your zoom conference time with your child's teacher. If you would like to speak to a specialist teacher please email them directly.

Congratulations to the Grade 7 'A' Team who just advanced to the quarter finals at Harry Jarome on November 9th!

Yours sincerely,
Brenda Krivuzoff
Principal



A healthy family life requires use of three phrases: *May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry, and never, never, never end the day without making peace.* - Pope Francis



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 5 Gr.2 & 6 NSLA 10am (Mountain View Cemetery)
- ◆ Nov. 10 Gr. 4 Remembrance Day Service 11:00
- ◆ Nov. 11 School Closure for Remembrance Day Holiday
- ◆ Nov. 12 School Closure for Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30-5pm
- ◆ Nov. 16 Photo Retake Day
- ◆ Nov. 19 School Closure for Professional Day (no Before or After School Club)
- ◆ Nov. 22 Book Fair Kick off Assembly 1:15
- ◆ Nov. 23-26 Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ Nov. 24 School Mass 9:30
- ◆ Nov. 26 Out-of-Uniform (Book Character Theme) \$2

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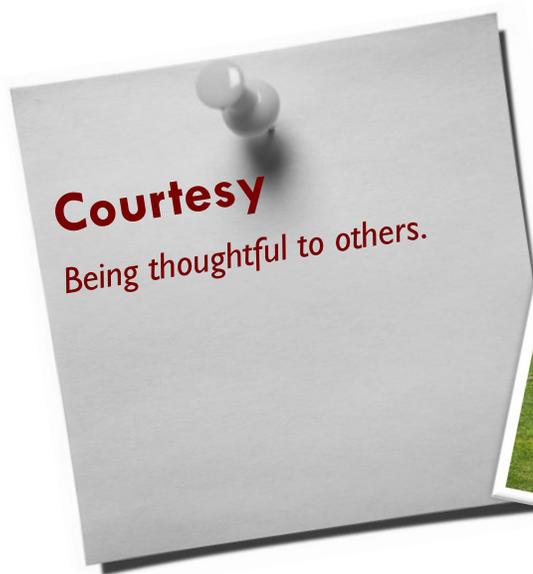
Virtues In Practice

Helping Children Grow Closer to Jesus

This month in our “Virtues in Practice” program, we will focus on the virtue of “**courtesy**” which means **being thoughtful of others**. Having good manners is certainly a part of “courtesy”, but a fuller definition includes selflessness and empathy. We are courteous when our attention is on others’ needs and wants - not just our own.

“Saint Joseph, in this month dedicated to all the Saints, please teach us how to be thoughtful of others, following your example of loving and caring for Mary and Jesus.”

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



Students have been making cards for health care workers to acknowledge their amazing work during the pandemic. We appreciate all the efforts of everyone in health care during these most challenging times.

Several classes will be participating in the Archdiocesan Christmas card writing program for the men and women who are incarcerated and others in need. These cards, written by our students, lift the hopes and spirits of those in prison and others in difficult circumstances; especially during this season when many may have been forgotten by family and friends. They will be distributing these cards to men and women in prison, as well as to people in need, who are not in prison, through our outreach ministries.

Virtues in Practice



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

Available for FREE download at www.nashvilleddominican.org!

Questions? VirtuesProgram@op-tn.org

Year of

Charity

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“I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.”
—John 13:34

“Beloved, let us love one another . . . The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”
—1 Jn 4:7-8

CHARITY is loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself. Through the theological virtue of charity we place God above all things and recognize that what we do to the least of our brothers, we do unto Him.

THE YEAR OF CHARITY offers an opportunity to commit to making God our priority and to love not only people across the globe—but the people right next to us.



Community Connections

Halloween Activities - Oct. 29

Best Costumes (Students):

Kindergarten:

- Funniest – Rehan
- Most Original – Maisie
- Dynamic Duo – Kristian and Dwayne
- Best Character – Arya

Grade 1:

- Funniest – Michael
- Most Original – Emma
- Dynamic Duo – Cat and Kayla
- Best Character – Alexander

Grade 2M:

- Funniest – Gaby
- Most Original – Jenelle
- Dynamic Duo – Elijah and Anton
- Best Character – Mateus

Grade 2MB:

- Funniest – Marius
- Most Original – Samantha
- Dynamic Duo - Juliette and Victoria P.
- Best Character – Eoin

Grade 3:

- Funniest – Andre
- Most Original – Marcus
- Dynamic Duo - Quinn and Sofia Z.



Grade 4:

- Funniest – Milo
- Most Original – Zoe
- Dynamic Duo - Armin and Max
- Best Character – Victoria

Grade 5L:

- Funniest – Jonathan S.
- Most Original – Gia
- Dynamic Duo – Jaden and Krystle
- Best Character – Caleb





Best Costumes (Students):

Grade 5SR:

- Funniest – Caleb
- Most Original – Sofia
- Dynamic Duo – Allen and Tigrius
- Best Character – Angela

Grade 6:

- Funniest – Gelo
- Most Original – Daine
- Dynamic Duo - Shailagh and Trisha
- Best Character - Reggie

Grade 7Q:

- Funniest – Lukas
- Most Original – MJ
- Dynamic Duo – Ashani and Naila
- Best Character – Javier

Grade 7P:

- Funniest – Selena
- Most Original - Vince
- Dynamic Duo - Caleb and Zayden

Best Costume (Staff):

Dynamic Duo:

Mrs. Bevacqua and Mrs. Kozak – Crayons

Most Original:

Mrs. Marino – Astronaut

Funniest:

Ms. Maier – Viking

Best Character:

Mrs. Caldwell – Edward Scissorhands

Students Voted for their Favourite Pumpkins:

1st Prize Tik Tok – Mrs. Caldwell, Ms. Simmons, Mrs. Carvallo-Salas



3rd Prize White Moon – Mrs. Ryznar, Mrs. Ng and Mrs. Faria



2nd Prize Harry Potter "I solemnly swear I am up to no good" – Ms. Olesiak, Mr. Mogatas, Ms. Ruggier and Ms. Grgic



Saints Fundraising

Purdy's Chocolatier SMS Christmas Fundraiser 2021

The fundraising sub-committee is pleased to offer our popular Purdy's Chocolatier SMS Christmas Fundraiser again this year! A great way to get your Christmas gift list covered off, while supporting our school. All students will be sent home with a catalog outlining the program and each class has a special link to use. Please share this information with family, friends, co-workers, and anyone else who you think would want to purchase some chocolates - all are welcome to participate in this program. Brochures and order forms will be going home with students tomorrow.

Up to 25% of all sales come back to the school, and this year we have a goal of \$12,000 in sales. Prizes will be awarded for the class with the highest sales, along with prizes for the top selling families!

More details are included in the letters attached to the inside cover of each catalog - all orders need to be received and paid for by November 29, 2021. If you have any questions about the program, please email: schoolfundraising.stmarysvan@gmail.com

Walkathon Update 2021

Thank you to all our families who helped us raise almost \$40,000 for the new playground big toy! This is an outstanding effort from our community. Please remember to thank your donors! The staff and PEC are now looking at 3 quotations and designs and will be deciding on the vendor before the end of this month.

Christmas Poinsettia & Seasonal Flower Fundraiser 2021

Add more holiday cheer with Poinsettias and seasonal flowers!

Please open the attachment for more details. We encourage each family to purchase at least one plant to support and meet our fundraising goal. Order deadline is Wednesday, November 17th at 3pm.



There are a variety of sizes & different pots. Pictures provided may not look like the ones shown.



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Saints' Athletics

October has been a month of steady growth. Our PHE and co-curricular Athletics program center on Cross Country Running and Volleyball in the fall. Age and stage appropriate skill development remain a priority as our students follow the programming set out for elementary schools by Volleyball Canada.

<https://volleyball.ca/en/development/play>,

<https://volleyball.ca/en/development/play/elementary-program>

This October we have been phasing back into the thrill of playing sports with other schools. The Grade 5-7 girls' tournaments are complete, and the boys begin play in mid-November.

We continue to develop the "4 C's" from the Coaching Association of Canada: Competence, Confidence, Caring/Compassion, and Connection.

Go, Saints!



Grade 4 and 6 students playing Junior Spike Ball on a sunny fall day



Grade 7 Girls volleyball team displaying enthusiasm and fair play at OLS!



Grade 5 girls excited to get their jerseys and play with other schools!

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Peace, Freedom, Security and Sacrifice
are gifts they gave and continue to give.
Our gift to them...Remembrance,
Honour, Reflection, Gratitude and
Respect.



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