



## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

The past two months have been wonderfully busy and productive! I hope you've enjoyed connecting with other families through our community events and volunteer activities, building lasting bonds within our school family. Congratulations to all our girls' volleyball teams and their coaches on a fantastic season of growth and teamwork! It was a joy to watch you play with such skill and enthusiasm.

We're excited to announce our upcoming Gala Fundraiser on November 22, with special guest Archbishop Michael Miller, a steadfast supporter of our building project. A strong turnout would beautifully demonstrate our community's commitment to our new school. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful event!

Our Grade 4 classes will lead our Remembrance Day Service at the church on November 8 at 11 a.m., and we invite all family members to join us. In this month of November, let us remember with gratitude all members of the Canadian Armed Forces, past and present, who have sacrificed for the freedom we enjoy today.

Yours sincerely,  
*Brenda Krivuzoff*  
Principal



## MONTH AT A GLANCE

**November 2024**  
**Virtue: Forgiveness**  
**(Reconciliation & Remembrance)**

- 1 First Friday Mass at 9:10
- 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 6 No Stone Left Alone Mountain View Cemetery (Gr. 6 classes) 10
- 8 Remembrance Day Service (Gr. 4 leading ) at 11:00 Church
- 11 **Remembrance Day Holiday: School Closure**
- 17 Spirit Day (Gr. 7) 8:00am-6:45 pm  
Choir Sings 5:00 pm Mass
- 20 School Mass 9:30
- 22 **Professional Day: School Closure**  
**Winter Wonderland Gala Italian Cultural Centre - Doors open 6:00 and dinner at 7:00**
- 25 Book Fair Begins 25 through 28
- 27 Book Character Out-of-Uniform \$2
- 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 29 Professional Day: School Closure



*Rejoice in Hope, be Patient in Tribulation, be constant in Prayer.*

Romans 12:12 (ESV)



# NO STONE LEFT ALONE

Thank you to Mrs. Moffatt, Gr. 6 teachers and Mr. Mogatas for organizing yesterday morning's NSLA service at Mountain View Cemetery. Our Grade 6 classes, along with students from five other Catholic schools, were privileged to attend alongside The Honorable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Veterans Affairs; Taleeb Noormohamed, MP for Vancouver Granville; and the Assistant Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Pierre Tessier. Thank you to our Student Network mentors for helping with hospitality. You can watch segments of the service on Global at 6pm Sunday.



# DOMINICAN MONTHLY VIRTUE IN PRACTICE PROGRAM



Living,  
**CELEBRATING,**  
and Proclaiming  
**OUR FAITH**

## *Forgiveness (Reconciliation & Remembrance)*

This month in our "Virtues in Practice" program, we are focusing on the virtue of **"forgiveness"** which means **"pardoning those who offend you"**.

We know that God offers us freedom from our sins, but we may not remember that WE are called to forgive others, no matter what. God's mercy cannot reach our hearts as long as we have not forgiven people who have sinned against us. We cannot love God who we can't see if we don't love the brother or sister that we can see. Forgiving others doesn't mean that we approve of bad behaviour: it means that we let go of bitterness in our hearts and pray for God to show mercy to those who hurt us. We can trust Jesus to bring good out of evil. A lack of forgiveness only hurts us more.

The goal of Catholic Education is heaven, but knowledge alone will not get us there! "Virtues in Practice" is helping us to live our faith everyday. *St Mary, pray for us!*



## CELEBRATING MARY

A heartfelt thank you to our Grade 6 classes for sharing their talents with the community in honoring, and celebrating Mary. You can view their beautiful display on the main stairway leading to the second floor. The display will stay up for the year.



# HALLOWEEN RUNWAY



*Most Original*



*Funniest*



*Best Character*



*Dynamic Duo*

Thank you to all the staff for their creative efforts on the painted pumpkins and their costumes. Thank you to Mrs. Caldwell for dressing up the skeletons throughout October. It was fun to see the daily creative changes.



# HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE

Thank you to all the families who joined us for the Lights out Frights Out Family Dance. A good time was had by all. We appreciate the volunteers who assisted during the evening.





# WINTER WONDERLAND GALA DINNER

St. Mary's Presents

*Winter Wonderland*

Annual Gala Dinner and Silent Auction

**Nov. 22, 2024**  
Doors open at 6pm  
Dinner at 7pm

Join us for an enchanting evening... with food, a silent auction, live entertainment, faith, community, and more!

**Italian Cultural Centre**  
3075 Slocan Street, Vancouver BC  
Tickets - \$125  
For more info contact: tky.lung@telus.net  
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*Support our building project! Purchase your tickets directly from the school or at any Saturday evening or Sunday Mass. Thank you to all parents for your donations to the Gala baskets!*



## JOIN OUR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



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

*Please click on the link below for more information.*

[\*\*November Registration Link\*\*](#)

## WILD ABOUT READING BOOK FAIR



Get ready! The Wild About Reading Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way! (Yay!) Choosing books empowers kids and inspires them on a journey to becoming lifelong readers. . AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school.

Dates: November 25-27 3:00-4:15  
November 28 8:30-4:00 on Parent/Teacher Interview Day

There will be prizes to win, and a Book Character Out-of-Uniform Day on November 27. Volunteer opportunities are available.