



St. Mary's School Newsletter | October 2022



Note from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,



This week, our school just completed part one of a two part BC Ministry and CISVA evaluation that takes place every 6 years. We received several verbal accommodations for the following areas: Learning Resource, Collaboration of staff between Admin, Teachers and EAs, School Growth Plans including our focus on the Mass and integration of Catholic Worldview, Office files and management, Experiential and offsite learning experiences, School facility maintenance, and creative use of space. The team also commented specifically on how respectful and polite our students were.

I'm so proud of our staff, students and community. I will provide a summary of the report once the process is completed and it has been received.

God Bless

Brenda Krivuzoff
Principal



Before & After
[School Club Oct. Link](#)



Gr 2M Cubanism artwork
inspired by Pablo Picasso



“ *Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God.*

Pope Francis

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Virtues in Practice

Reverence

During October, we will practice the virtue of “Reverence: showing your deepest respect for things of God”. St. Mary’s Code of Conduct states that students are expected to display “Reverence, Respect and Responsibility”. Where do we see these words in our school building?

This month will be an opportunity for students to more fully pay attention during Mass, classroom prayer time and school prayer at the end of each day. We will continue learning to still our bodies and quiet our minds; then we will be able to listen for Jesus’ voice.

The goal of Catholic Education is heaven, but knowledge alone will not get us there!



Collingwood Breakfast Program

The Morning Star Breakfast Program is run by Collingwood Neighbourhood House. Every Saturday morning between 60 to 80 homeless people come in off the streets to have a hot shower and some breakfast. We are asking families to donate non-perishable breakfast items like: cereal, oats, pancake mix, power bars, peanut butter, jam, honey, canned food, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. These food items are much appreciated and will help give those in our community a healthy nutritious meal. We will be collecting until October Friday, October 14th. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Saints' ReconciliACTIONS

On Thursday September 29th, the Grade Four class led the Prayer Service for Truth & Reconciliation. Students stood in circle formation around the church to show that we are all connected. In Indigenous cultures, the circle has been used as a symbol of strength. The strength of the circle has been used to rebuild trust, reclaim identity and restore traditions of Indigenous Peoples.

Together we move towards Reconciliation. A number of different symbols were brought forward (books, hummingbird, a paddle, shoes, water, and cedar boughs) to show our school's commitment to action through academics, art, sports, advocacy, and faith. These symbols are our school's commitment to engage in the process of truth & reconciliation.



Grade 4 lead our prayer service for Truth & Reconciliation.



Indigenous art being carried forward to the prayer table.



Student Network 2022-23

Congratulations to our Student Network Ambassadors who were chosen in September. They will liaise with their classes and the Student Network and help plan student-led fundraisers and events for Out-of-Uniform Days.

We are looking forward to working with this keen group of young leaders.

Mentors:

Noelle Gomez (7), Edressa Dictritan (6M), Reggie Merrill (7), Samantha Javines (7), Dylan Raguero,

Ambassadors:

G1: Meira Shinde, Pavao Prtenjaca
G2M: Cat Liu, Adelizze Ramos
G2MB: Emma Esquierdo Reyes, Zion Ehounoud-Tarcisyo
G3C: Tanisha Loona, Victoria Pascual
G3P: Kabir Tamboli, Anton Huelva
G4: Amelia Ferreira, Andre Tuiza
G5SR: Ava Carlos, Swanik Aggarwal
G5L: Nyah Solla, Max Facultad
G6M: Mirela Samija, Jibril Chambers
G6P: Mikaela Ferreira, Anna Collins
G7: Daine Ines, Christian Duping, Andi Diaz

Staff News



Grade 2MB Cezanne Inspired Apple Art

Congratulations to Mrs. Stokovac who welcomed her granddaughter Gianna this July.



St. Mary's Cross Country Meet

This year marks the 10th annual St. Mary's Cross Country Meet. We had 6 other schools (St. Helen's, St. Joseph's, Holy Cross, St. Francis de Sales, St. Frances of Assisi, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help) join us on a beautiful fall day to run and meet new friends.



Great effort on completing your race!



Grade 6 boys at our annual meet.



Community Events | Fundraising

Walkathon | October 7th, 2022 9:00-12:00

This year, our annual Walkathon will be taking place on **Friday, October 7th**. Walkathon is a special event for our community where our students and staff walk to Central Park in Burnaby to fundraise for our school. Our students collect pledges from friends, family members, and parents' coworkers. **We ask that students set a fundraising goal of at least \$100**, but we appreciate that some students collect more than this amount. There are prizes for donors, students, classes and families. Our fundraising goal this year is at least **\$27,700**, which will go towards upgrades for our new "Book Nook" and purchasing new books for children in all grades to enjoy. Books bring us together, and so does our Walkathon! The classes have begun visiting the Book Nook to check out books and love the nature theme, lights and displays. We wanted to create a special environment to inspire children to read books.

Procedures:

All students will come to the school at the regular time between **8:30-8:50**. We will begin our Walkathon with prayer and a warm up in the gym at 9:00. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will walk with their buddies in Grades 6 and 7. Classes will have a staggered departure from the gym starting at 9:30. Children should dress warmly, but in layers. The PE track suit could be worn as it is cozy and comfy. If your child raises \$150 or more he or she will win a Walkathon t-shirt! Please see our design below. Students can also wear their Walkathon t-shirts from previous years. A snack and drink will be provided by the school and the students could bring a light backpack to carry it. We walk rain or shine!

Please share our Charitable Impact Link for our Walkathon with your friends and family.

<https://m.charitableimpact.com/RHQT>

Thank you for your support!





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Back to School BBQ



Thank you to the PEC, PEC Fundraising Sub-Committee for organizing this year's BBQ. We also appreciate the many volunteers who assisted with food services, the

cakewalk, and ticket sales.

We had a wonderful turnout and it was so great to see former students and families return after a two year absence.

Congratulations to Marie Liu who was our 50/50 winner of \$378.





Saints' Health & Physical Education

“Stamina September” has been the theme for PHE this month. It was so rewarding to support students in setting and steadily achieving new goals in their endurance. For some students, this means achieving wins in competitive events such as the St. Mary's Invitational Cross Country Meet and the October 5th CISVA Cross Country Championships. For many others, this means fulfilling personal fitness challenges, feeling stronger, improving health, making daily life tasks easier (including Walk-A-Thon), supporting each other, enjoying nature, and cherishing the gift of being able to run.

As we approach October, the focus will be on playing games that apply our running skills, and developing coordination and teamwork through volleyball. Teaching and playing concepts are adopted from [Volleyball Canada's Elementary School Volleyball](#) program. Volleyball Canada is another national level sports organization to follow the [Long Term Athlete Development](#) model.



Grade 4's show it's fun to get fit with our friends!



Grade 3P enjoying a rest after their first day of distance running .



Grade 2 is getting faster and stronger!

8 Thank you to the Parent Support Group (PSG) for helping us develop our sports and social skills by providing us with recess equipment, and to student volunteers who help inflate and manage it!



Who lives in my home?
Kindergarten

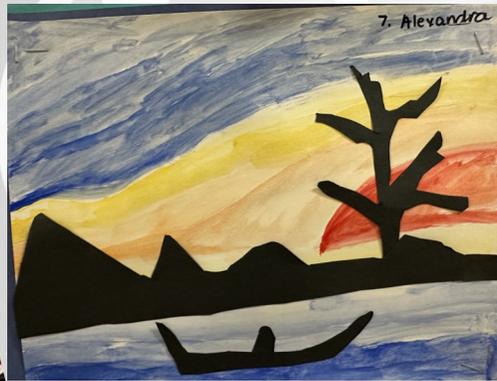


TREE OF MEMORIES
90 YEARS OF STMARY'S SCHOOL

3P on Orange Shirt Day



Students are loving the new Book Nook



Created in the style of Roy Henry Vickers Canadian Indigenous Artist, Grade 1



Upcoming Events

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- ◆ October 5 CISVA Cross-Country Meet (Swangard Stadium) 9-2pm
- ◆ October 7 Walkathon 9:00-12:00; Early Dismissal at noon, No ASC
- ◆ October 10 Thanksgiving No School, No Club
- ◆ October 11 Pro-D No School, No Club
- ◆ October 18 Grade 6 Immunization Clinic
- ◆ October 18 Walkathon Pledge Forms Due
- ◆ Oct. 19 School Mass 9:30am, Parents are welcome
- ◆ Oct. 21 Provincial Pro-D No School, No Club
- ◆ Walkathon Prize Draws Oct. 25
- ◆ Oct. 27 Halloween Event 5:30; details to follow
- ◆ Oct. 28 Halloween Out-of-Uniform \$2 to participate; details to come

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