



St. Mary's School Newsletter

November 2020

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Vancouver, BC

Principal's Message



Dear Parents,

This first term is flying with many field trips and school events already completed. We've been blessed with good health and pretty spectacular fall weather so far. I ask you to remain vigilant by completing the health assessment on your child (ren) each day keeping your social bubbles small at home. We are expecting our next group of transition students to be in-person on Nov. 16. Term one reports will now be distributed Dec. 7, after Parent/Teacher zoom conferences.

Congratulations to our entire community on raising \$27,151.00 on the Walkathon! We could not have done so well without your support. We have raised just over \$1200 with apple sales and our annual Purdy's fundraiser begins today, just in time for Christmas. Thank you for your ongoing support! Thanks also to our PEC Members, PEC Fundraising Sub-Committee members and group of volunteers packaging and selling applies at school and Sunday Masses. New volunteer opportunities are being created as we move through each month. The morning and after school playground volunteers are doing a great job of keeping our outdoor spaces clean and safe. Thank you for your work!

Members of our community took the opportunity to have their flu shot on Oct. 22 at St. Mary's. The flu shot immunization records were distributed to families yesterday. If a child under 9 received a flu shot for the very first time he or she will need a booster within 4 weeks by their health care provider.

Lastly, we are proud to announce our new track suit is now available to order at NEAT Uniforms. Grade 1-7 students are to wear it over their gym strip on PE days.

We celebrated All Saints and All Souls Day this week, so let us look to the saints who trusted in God's love and mercy and show us God's grace at work in their lives. Blessings.

- Brenda Krivuzoff, Principal



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"We are called to be men and women of hope."

- Pope Francis

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Upcoming Events



- ◆ Nov. 4 Lifetouch photo order forms due to office; Purdy's Chocolate Campaign begins - flyers go home
- ◆ Nov. 9 10:00 am Parish Living Rosary video taping for Gr. 1, 4, and 6 registered students
- ◆ Nov. 10 Grade 4 Remembrance Day Liturgy 11:20 (link on Google Cal)
- ◆ Nov. 11 School Closure for Remembrance Day Holiday
- ◆ Nov. 18 Photo Retakes
- ◆ Nov. 19 Book Fair Kick off Assembly Time TBD (link will be added to the calendar)
- ◆ Nov. 20 School Closure for Professional Day (no Before or After School Club)
- ◆ Nov. 23-27 Scholastic Book Fair, Virtual for Parents, onsite for students (link to come)
- ◆ Nov. 25 Live stream School Mass; (link to be added to calendar)
- ◆ Nov. 27 School Closure for Parent/Teacher Zoom Conferences 8:30am-4:00pm.

Lifetouch Photo order forms and payment are due today, Nov. 4 to the office!

November Before & After School

<https://forms.gle/MWhtJXi9Dv6NDTZx5>

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Saints Remember

Grade four classes will lead a virtual school-wide Remembrance Day liturgy on Nov. 10 at 11:20 am. It is an important time to reflect on the faithful service of our veterans over many years and in many conflicts throughout the world. It also honors the serving members who continue to defend our country and provide outstanding support to so many of our communities. All students will receive a poppy to wear this day. We ask that you please send a donation to the Poppy Campaign on Nov. 10. The Royal Canadian Legion raises funds to support veterans, their families and seniors as well as educate and remembrance programs.



Students receive a rock with a painted poppy on it to place on the gravestone.



Our Grade four classes visited Mountain View Cemetery to film a reading of poem "In Flanders Fields" for the Global No Stone Left Alone livestream Remembrance Day in Edmonton on Nov. 5th at 9:30am. PST



Time to reflect, pray and show gratitude.

Saints Athletics

As October comes to a close, the “Spirit of Thanksgiving” lingers.

I’m personally grateful for the support of parents and staff for going the distance to keep our children healthy. Through morning screening, washing, mask-wearing, observing cohorts, and understanding social distancing, students’ health is maintained. In the P.E. and extra-curricular program, we are seeing children thrive as they exert themselves, steadily improving and exceeding their personal expectations of fitness levels.

The October 27 St. Mary’s Cross Country Race was a display of determination, resiliency, and achievement from students working to improve fundamental fitness levels, to those with a talent for distance running.

Our Grade 5-7 volleyball program is in its second week of in-school competitions. Students have fun applying their skills, while feeling the increased pressure and need to collaborate that comes when the score is being kept. Meanwhile, Grades 2-4 are working on the Fundamental Volleyball

Skills following Volleyball Canada’s elementary program. <https://volleyball.ca/en/development/play/elementary-program#:~:text=What%20is%20the%20Elementary%20Program,curriculum%20for%20grades%201%2D6>

For our at-home learners, please ensure you are logging in to the “Health and PE 20-21” Google Classroom for your grade (Grades 4-7) and the See Saw accounts for Primary. Please reach out to me if you are having challenges logging in. dkozak@stmary.bc.ca

Wishing you all continued good health,
Mrs. Kozak



Saints Athletics



Grade Six students cheer and support their teammates coming in.



Coach Mrs. Marino and Denisha, Grade Seven volunteer, present ribbons to all participants at the



Mr. Quick, Mrs. Samija and Gr. 7 student volunteers, Chad and Justin, keep the laneway safe for runners.



A perfect fall day for our SMS Cross Country Run. Thank you, Mrs. Kozak for organizing this opportunity!



Ms. Simmons poses for a pic on her way back to SMS.

Supporters cheer on our SMSAINTS from a safe distance.



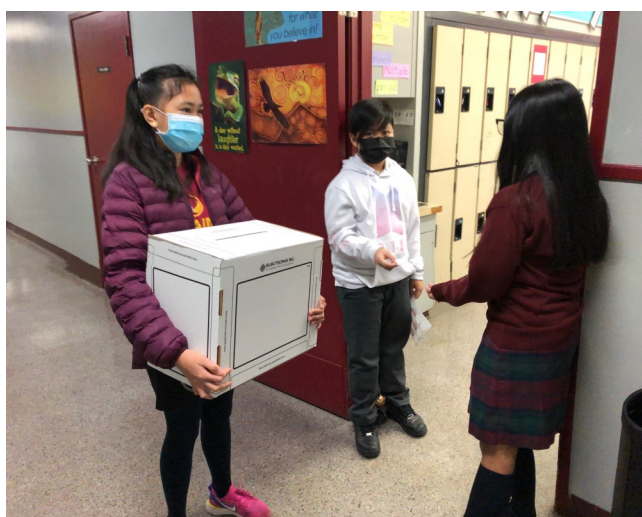
Mr. Pascua leads the way as rabbit.

What a team effort from our amazing community!

Saints In Action

Student Vote

Grade Six hosted the intermediate classes for our "Student Vote" on Thursday October 22. This election paralleled the actual provincial election that took place on Saturday, October 24. Students were given the chance to learn about the rights and responsibilities associated with our democracy, and practiced voting in the hope that they will actively participate as adults. We sent our results in to the Student Vote organization and the results of the province-wide Student Vote were reported along with election results on all major media!



Ocean Camp Experience

Grade Seven learned to stand-up paddle, participate in a clean-up, discuss the ways plastics impact marine life, and discover ways to make a difference.



Zoom Meeting with Minister Adrian Dix



Screen shots from the Oct. 21 Zoom Meeting With Adrian Dix. Intermediate classes had the opportunity to zoom with Honourable Adrian Dix on Oct. 21, just days before the election. Grade five students had prepared a number of questions to ask Minister Dix.



Saints Halloween Snapshots



Two 6M costume award winners.



Grade Seven's wore Minion themed costumes.



Eye-popping Kindergarten pumpkins.



Student Council Executive Members, Keith and Lauren, showed creepy items in the scientists' lab.



Psst... He's right behind you!



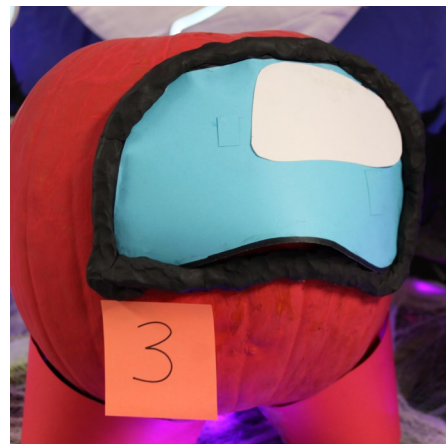
Student Council Executive Members, Caitlin and Sam, served up a surprise for dinner. (Isaac)

Saints Halloween

Costume Awards

St. Mary's Students' Favourite Pumpkin:

#3 Among Us—Painted by Mr. Pascua, Ms. Umali, Mrs. Maier and Mrs. Carvallo-Sallas



Kindergarten	Funniest Catalina	Most Original Logan	Dynamic Duo Erin, Adelizze	Best Character Dominic
Grade 1 MB	Funniest Juliette	Most Original Victoria P.	Dynamic Duo Anson, Armaan	Best Character Victoria A.
Grade 1 D	Funniest Jennelle	Most Original Olivia	Dynamic Duo Adrian, Elijah	Best Character Gabby
Grade 2	Funniest Maegan	Most Original Andre	Dynamic Duo Klennia, Sophia Z.	Best Character Rovielle
Grade 3	Funniest Garie	Most Original Victoria	Dynamic Duo Dominic, Brendon	Best Character Christopher
Grade 4 S	Funniest Allen	Most Original Leonardo	Dynamic Duo Sofia, Ashriel	Best Character Mikaela
Grade 4 M	Funniest Jonathan	Most Original Jaden	Dynamic Duo Patrick, Caleb S.	Best Character Aoife
Grade 5	Funniest Tyler	Most Original Audrey	Dynamic Duo Daine, Noelle	Best Character Myk Yuan
Grade 6 M	Funniest Selena	Most Original Charlize	Dynamic Duo Nick, Allan	Best Character Theo
Grade 6 P	Funniest Matthew M.	Most Original Javier	Dynamic Duo Jizelle, Mariald	Best Character Naila
Grade 7	Funniest Terryllie	Most Original Caitlin	Dynamic Duo Antonio, Erin	Best Character Isaac P
Staff	Funniest Ms. McCann	Most Original Mrs. Faria	Dynamic Duo Mrs. Samija, Mr. Pascua	Best Character Mr. Quick



Saints Fundraising

Purdy's Chocolatier SMS Christmas Fundraiser 2020

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.

25% of all sales come back to the school, and this year we have a goal of \$10,000 in sales to raise \$2500. Prizes will be awarded for the class with the highest sales, and the top 5 selling families too!

More details are included in the letters attached to the inside cover of each catalogue - all orders need to be received by November 25, 2020.

Walkathon

A huge thank you to our entire community who walked, volunteered and donated to make this year's Walkathon a huge success!

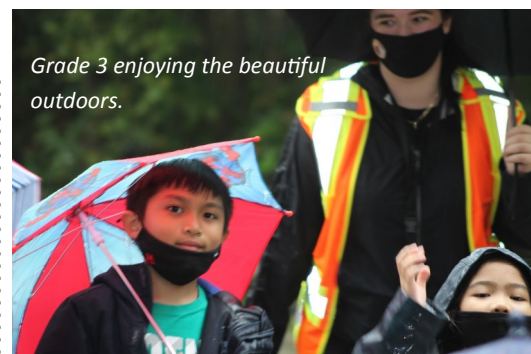
Grade 2 crosses the bridge near the lagoon at Central Park. (right)



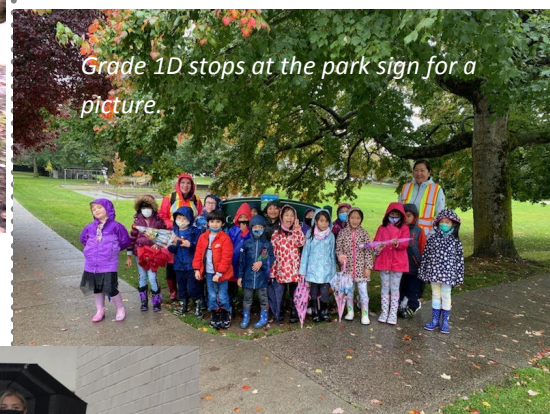
Grade 1MB stop for a picture at Collingwood Park (below)



Grade 3 enjoying the beautiful outdoors.



Grade 1D stops at the park sign for a picture.



Kindergarten's first Walkathon 2020



Saints Walkathon Snapshots



Grade 4 classes enjoying the moment as they begin the trail at Central Park.



Grade 5 were all smiles despite the wet weather.



Grade 6M stops for a group shot and break.



Grade 6P in front of the lagoon at Central Park.



Grade 7's last St. Mary's Walkathon.



Kindergarten on their way to Collingwood Park.



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