



St. Mary's School Newsletter | October 2019

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Principal's Message



It is October now, and the students are settling in to school routines and classroom expectations. Our "We can do all things in Christ" theme board outside the library is being assembled. Please submit your family photo if you have not done so already. You are welcome to come by and view the amazing family photos.

Our teachers will be preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving. We encourage you as a family to pray for and help those who need it most. We will be collecting non-perishable breakfast items in all classes for the Collingwood Morning Star Breakfast Program. You can bring items like cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, jam, canned meat or fish, coffee and tea until Oct. 18.

Archbishop Miller will be visiting St. Mary's Parish Oct. 17-21 and he will celebrate Mass with our students on Friday, Oct. 18 at 9:30. All parents are invited to join us. A school tour and visit with staff and students will follow that morning.

Brenda Krivuzoff
Principal



Upcoming Events

- ◆ CISVA Cross Country Meet Oct.2
- ◆ School Photos: Oct. 9
- ◆ Walkathon Oct. 11 12:00 Early Dismissal (Kindergarten 11:30 at Central Park)
- ◆ Thanksgiving: Oct. 14 No School
- ◆ School Closure: Oct. 15 Day in Lieu
- ◆ Archbishop visit Oct. 18
- ◆ School Mass: Oct. 18 at 9:30
- ◆ Confirmation Enrolment Mass: Oct. 20 9:30
- ◆ Walkathon Pledge Money Due Oct. 21
- ◆ First Communion Parent Meeting Oct. 23 6:45 gym
- ◆ Professional Day: School Closure Oct. 25
- ◆ Walkathon Prize Draws Oct. 28
- ◆ Gr. 3-5 leads the Living Rosary Oct. 30 9:30
- ◆ Halloween Events: Costume Parade and Dance Out of Uniform. Oct. 31 1:15-2:45 Church basement
- ◆ Gala Masquerade Dinner Nov.1 7pm



We will be selling fresh apples from the Okanagan after school Oct. 3 & 4, and after all Masses on Oct. 5 & 6 while quantities last. We have Golden Gala and Ambrosia \$8 for a 5 lb bag. Volunteer shifts are posted on the onvolunteers website.



Gr. 7 unloads fresh apples from the farm.



I Can Lead



Our Student Council for the 2019-2020 school year was announced at our Assembly last week.

Let us pray for them and encourage their efforts in this upcoming year. This leadership team is enthusiastic about planning a fun and memorable year. Bless this council with the ability to work as a team with the best interests of all the students in their plans. Jonathan and Keith will be attending the BC Lions Summit Ambassador program in Vancouver on Nov. 2 & 3 and we look forward to hearing about their experiences!

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| Prime Minister: | Jonathan Ysonza |
| Deputy Prime Minister: | Keith Setiadharmha |
| Treasurer: | Caitlin Cahill |
| Secretary: | Glenn DeLoeg |
| Grade 7: | Yra Renoblas and Jonah Cheung |
| Grade 6: | Adrian Diaz and Isaac Pham |
| Grade 5M: | Kristina Prtenjaca and Theo Mogatas |
| Grade 5SR: | Mariald Lopez and Angel Fabros |
| Grade 4: | Samantha Javines and Reggie Merrill |
| Grade 3C: | Krystle Malunao and Jaden Monreal |
| Grade 3P: | Mikaela Ferreira and Ethan Facultad |
| Grade 2: | Ava Carlos and Armin DeGraaf |
| Grade 1: | Amelia Ferreira and Alfred Javines |



I Can Be Active Like A Saint



What a wonderfully active beginning to the year!

As Kindergarten children settle into the wonderful world of school and physical activity, Grades 1-6 have quickly settled into P.E. routines.

Our Cross Country season comes to an end today, and it has been THRILLING to see our children developing determination and resilience in an endurance sport! All students have improved on their speeds and distances over the first month of school, and all children are training to achieve CISVA standards as follows: Grade 2-3's: 1.63 km, Grade 4-5's: 2.25 km, Grade 6-7 2.88 km. Amazing work, everyone!



Our volleyball game season is just beginning and we are settling into our groupings for inter-school and intramural leagues. The objective of having a new intramural league is to provide appropriate and safe levels of competition in which students of all skill levels can learn and develop. Many thanks to parents for your support, flexibility, and trust of coaches' decisions as to what environment best suits a child and a team as a collective.

Our Ultimate Frisbee coaching staff will soon be finalizing details as to their practice times, and efforts will be made to have schedules that complement the volleyball program.

There are so many options for how to be active for life, and our objective continues to be to provide purposeful and positive environments in which children can grow in body and in character.

Great work, Saints!



Thank you to our coaches and volunteers who supported our students.



I Can Build Community



Gr. 7 Mother & Daughter "Our Inheritance" Event Sept. 27. A special event/pilot project to encourage their maturity and connection with themselves and their families created and led by Ms. Ruggier.

Fall Weather and Uniforms

Just a reminder to ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather. The summer uniform can now be put away until spring.

Students will be expected to wait in the front gym foyer or under the cover in front of the gym on rainy mornings.

Students should have their school sweaters for all Masses and photo day. Hair accessories should be modest and in school uniform colours. Hair colour should also be natural.

All uniform pieces can be purchased at Neat Uniforms including your child's gym t-shirt and shorts.



PARISH MASQUERADE GALA DINNER FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Save the date for the annual gala hosted by St. Mary's Parish Building Fundraising Committee. It takes place at the Italian Cultural Center on 3075 Slocan Street in Vancouver. This year's Gala will be a Masquerade theme! It will be a fun night filled with good food, music and dancing.

Tickets are \$90 and can be purchased at Masses starting this weekend. Cash, credit card and cheques are accepted. Cheques are to be made payable to St. Mary's Parish.

Volunteer hours for selling tickets at the masses are now posted online. Please sign up to help with this event!





I Can Build Community Spirit



Kindergarten Parent Mixer

On Sept. 12 we hosted a Kindergarten mixer on one of the last days of gradual entry. Our goal was to provide an opportunity for parents to get to know one another better and develop new friendships. Students then joined in as their day ended and enjoyed a "Welcome" cookie to celebrate a transition to full day at school.



Back to School BBQ

Thank you so much to the families who attended and volunteered at the Back to School BBQ. Despite the rain, our school community shared good food and fun. We tried out some new bouncy castles and games this year that were a hit with students and many alumni that come back each year to join us. What a fantastic opportunity to meet and greet new and returning families and build community spirit. Special thanks to our PEC members for spearheading the event and to our Fundraising Sub-Committee who organized the Cake Walk. Thank you to all parents who donated cakes and dessert for the event!





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Walkathon Oct. 11, 2019

Please remember that Friday, Oct. 11th is the school Walkathon, our primary school fundraiser! Our fundraising goal this year is \$30,000. We appreciate efforts to raise more than the minimum amount and families who do so have the opportunity to receive incentives for their efforts. All students should come to school at the regular time. We will leave the school after morning prayer at 9:30. Parents who will be walking with a grade are asked to meet at the gym at 9:00 am. Walkathon is also an OUT-OF-UNIFORM day; please make sure your children have dressed appropriately for the weather. Keep in mind that students may get warm as they walk, jackets or sweatshirts that can be taken off and tied around the waist, or put in a small backpack are ideal. Students will receive a juice box and Rice Krispie snack to take with them on the walk.

Grades 1-7 will be dismissed at 12:00 from the school. Kindergarten students are dismissed at 11:30 from the Central Park playground. We need your full support to assist your children in collecting pledges from friends, family members, and co-workers. The proceeds from donations help us purchase furnaces for two classrooms, furniture for classrooms, library books, and sports equipment. It will also fund, partially or fully, special activities such as Hip Hop Dance Week, Gr.4 and Gr.7 Outdoor Education, and the Vancouver Opera performance of *Flight of the Hummingbird*. Thank you for all your efforts to make this year's Walkathon our best!

NOTE: Parents are to Check in with their child's teacher on the day of the walkathon to ensure they get credited for volunteer hours.



You are not required to check-in at the office or on the iPad.

Reminder: If you raise \$150 before the Walkathon you will receive a FREE Walkathon t-shirt. Please contact your teacher or the office to let us know your child's name, class and shirt size. Other prizes to be won include:

Donor Prizes: Draw for a \$200 Visa Prepaid gift card. Online donors who give \$20 or more will be entered into a prize draw for a \$200 Visa Prepaid gift card and receive a tax receipt. For every \$50 by an individual donated online through Chimp Donor page a ballot will be entered into a draw for a \$450 Best Buy gift card.

Highest Dollar amount raised: The highest dollar amount raised by a single family will receive a \$175 gift card to Best Buy. Second highest family will receive \$100 Cineplex gift card and third highest family will receive a \$50 gift card.

Individual Student Prizes: Cineplex Child Adventure Movie & Concession package will go to the top 3 student earners in each class.

Class Prizes: The Primary and Intermediate class with the highest percentage of their fundraising goal met will get one out of uniform day, a free field trip and a free lunch. The primary and intermediate class in second place will receive one out-of-uniform day and a treat.





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