

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL



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Dear St. Mary's Families,

December was a very busy month with classes in session right to the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but what a lovely long holiday we had after the Christmas festivities were finished! It also means that January seems like a very short month!

Please be sure to check out the school calendar and make sure that you have permission slips signed for any field trips, including the trip to see the musical next Tuesday.

Today gave us a little taste of wintry weather. Please be sure to monitor email/Facebook/[our website](#) if you wake up to snow in the morning so you will know whether or not school is in session! Also, please make sure that your child is bringing appropriate outdoor clothing to school each day, as we do go outside most days. In the case of **extreme** cold or wet weather, we will stay inside.

Wishing all of you a very happy 2024!  
Mrs. J. Sallos, Principal

## Important Dates

### Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Meeting for students, parents and **sponsors**

### Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Full School Mass, K - 7

### Friday, January 12<sup>h</sup>

Gr. 7 to SJB for Basketball

### Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.

School-led Sunday Mass

### Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

All students to attend *Descendants* at the Chilliwack Arts Centre

### Wed., January 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

PEC Meeting

### Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

- Colour Day
- Talent Show

### Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

First Holy Communion Meeting



## School Life

### School Musical

Congratulations to all students who have earned parts in our upcoming Musical. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, and will normally run from Monday to Thursday each week, beginning at 7:30 a.m. We ask that students not arrive any earlier than 7:30. Please note that there is NO SUPERVISION for siblings who are not in the play.

All classes will be performing a song in the musical, which will be held on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars so you know to bring your children that evening! (More info to follow).

### Confirmation Meeting #2

This meeting will be held in the church on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We ask that all Confirmands, their parents and their sponsors attend.

### First Holy Communion Meeting #3

This meeting will be held in the church on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. We ask that all parents of children who will be receiving First Holy Communion this year (those in Grade 2, as well as those in higher grades) attend this meeting.

### Talent Show

We will be doing auditions for our annual school Talent Show the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. The show will be presented in the gym on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We encourage a variety of different acts: singing, dancing, drama, piano/musical instruments, comedy, gymnastics, martial arts, or something new and creative. If your child's routine includes music or costumes, please ensure they are included in the audition. Please note, that while we welcome everyone to audition, not all acts will be selected for the show. We try to balance different performances across the grades, so please ensure your child is aware of this before they audition. The Talent Show is open to all students in Kindergarten to Gr 7. Students will sign up for their audition time, before school or at lunch, on a sign-up sheet posted outside the Gr. 7 classroom starting January 8<sup>th</sup>. For younger students, parents can email Mrs. Choboter a day/time for your child to audition. If you have any specific questions or inquiries, please email Mrs. Choboter directly at [kchoboter@saintmaryschool.ca](mailto:kchoboter@saintmaryschool.ca).

We look forward to seeing all the amazing talents of our St. Mary's students!



## Need Used Uniforms?

Cristine Angue is our used uniform coordinator. If you are looking for a "new to you" sweater, or want to have some extra pants on hand during this wintry weather, please contact her:

[cristine\\_daigan@hotmail.com](mailto:cristine_daigan@hotmail.com)

604-561-4183

Let her know the sizes of items that you need, and she will let you know if there is anything available and make arrangements to send the pieces to school.

All used uniform pieces are \$5.

Please make sure to **change the name** in any pieces you acquire so we can get lost items back to the right person!

## From the Parish Education Committee

### PEC Meeting

The next PEC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend as observers. Anyone wishing to address the PEC should communicate their request to the Chair ([pecchair@saintmarysschool.ca](mailto:pecchair@saintmarysschool.ca)) one week in advance.

### Kindergarten Registration

It would be helpful for us to know if you have younger children at home who may be registering for Kindergarten. Please phone or email the school ([cnetzlaw@saintmarysschool.ca](mailto:cnetzlaw@saintmarysschool.ca)) to let us know your child's name and birthdate. If you have family friends with Kindergarten students, kindly pass this information on to them as well.

### Preschool Registration

Registration packages for preschool will be available soon – we will send an email to let you know when they are ready, in case you wish to have one sent home with your older child. Please note that first priority for registration is for families with children in St. Mary's School and there will be a deadline for those packages to be accepted. **All packages must be submitted directly to Mrs. Chiappetta at the preschool**, not to the elementary school office.

### Ready, Set, Learn – Save the Date!

Each year our preschool and Kindergarten teachers put on an event for incoming Kindergarten students. This year's event will be held in early February (date to be confirmed). Further information will be sent out closer to that time. If you have friends who do not currently attend St. Mary's, but may be interested in this event, please let them know!



### Winter Weather

When it is deemed unsafe for the school to run its buses, or for staff and students to travel to school, we will close. We usually follow the guidance of School District 33, as their transportation department makes a decision based on road conditions all over Chilliwack.

In the event of a closure, we will send an email, post on the parent Facebook group and make a notification on the school website. We will also contact Star 98.3, who will add us to their list of school closures on the radio and on their Facebook page.



## Fundraising

### Christmas Fundraisers

Many thanks to those who supported our Christmas fundraisers this year. We raised a total of \$1794.83, broken down as follows:

- Purdys: \$689.33
- Poinsettias: \$1005.50
- Mini Trees: \$100



### Parking Lot Fundraiser

This is a fundraiser which raises a lot of money for the school but does require a lot of assistance. It's a great way to get all of your fundraising participation hours (each family requires 5 hours) as well as additional participation hours.

The parking lot in question is that at Chilliwack Heritage Park, during the annual Antique Arms and Amour show. This is an event that attracts a huge crowd. Our role is to man the parking lot – collecting donations at the gate, and then directing vehicles to vacant spots. It is wonderful to have some of our students present at the gate to help collect donations.

The fundraiser will be held on the second weekend of Spring Break, Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up link will be sent out shortly.



### Hot Lunch

Just a reminder that **Hot Lunch** begins right away this week.

We always welcome helpers for Hot Lunch, especially those people who have Foodsafe training. If you are able to assist, please let the office know.

