# October 18, 2023

## SCHOOL CLOSED

The school will be closed on Friday, October 20, 2023 – Professional Day for teachers.

#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Please see attached letter and poster

## CISVA SYSTEM WIDE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM DRILL

CISVA drill similar to SHAKEOUT BC, took place today, Wed., Oct. 18th.

## SHAKE OUT BC

Get Ready to Shakeout! - The annual provincial wide earthquake drill known as Shae Out BC will take place tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 19. Thousands of British Columbians will "Drop, Cover and Hold On". Please review with your family https://www.shakeoutbc.ca/

https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/during-and-after.aspx

## INVESTITURE MASS for Grade 7 Students on Sunday, October 22 @ 9:00am

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to the Cross Country team for placing 9th overall out of 34 schools in the CISVA Cross Country Meet. Thank you to Mrs. Parker, coaches and athletes for their hard work, dedication, and success this season. This year standing has been our best year yet!

Grade 5: 1st Place - McKinley W. Well done! What an accomplishment.

**HOLY COMMUNION TALK** - Gr. 2A/B parents Holy Communion Talk #1 Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall Centre. For parents only.

#### INDIVIDUAL PHOTO RETAKES

Photo retakes will take place on Tues., Oct. 24th.

#### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR FOOD BANK

The student council is collecting noon-perishable food items for the Food Ban the week of October 30th. Students are asked to bring one non-perishable food item to school to help feed the thousands of B.C. children living in poverty.



## **CELEBRATION OF LIGHT – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023**

This year's spiritual theme, "Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming Our Faith," is one that is meant to inspire, challenge, and encourage us to deepen our faith, grow in knowledge and understanding, and to build a sense of community and belonging. When we think of all the wonderful people we have in our community and their important roles, it really gives us a sense of belonging knowing that we are all here sharing our unique talents and gifts together each day. In keeping with our theme, we would like students to dress up as people in our community who help us every day, such as religious, Saints, doctors, nurses, police officers, Firefighters, paramedics, bakers, gardeners, school employees, bank employees, lawyers, artists, and so on. Students can also come to school dressed in their favourite fall colours.

If you would like prayers for your deceased family members, please fill out the attached Prayer Request Sheet and return to the office. Your prayer will be placed in the Book of the Dead prayer book.

## ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

## ALL SOULS DAY

November 2nd is a day devoted to the suffering souls in Purgatory. Just as we turn to our big sisters and brothers, the saints, to intercede for us at the throne of God, the poor souls are also turning toward us. "Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you, my friends, because the hand of the Lord has touched me" (Job 19:21; Office of the Dead).

Helpless in themselves, since the purification they are undergoing is passive suffering, they can be helped by us. We can pray for them. We can offer up sacrifices and good works with the desire that God may accept them and, seeing in them the prayer and suffering rise from the Mystical Body of His only Son, hasten the delivery of those souls whom He deems worthy and ready for such help. On the day of "all the faithful departed" the Church reminds her children to listen to the message of the Scriptures in her liturgy and to do some thinking and meditating on Purgatory and the holy souls there.

https://www.marypages.com/

**Congratulations** to Tiffany H. in Gr. 7B who won the gold standing at the BCCM Music Festival this summer. Well Done.

Tiffany will be leading a Chess club this winter. There will be more information to follow.

