



ADVENT 2023

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD SCHOOL

Education in the Catholic Tradition for JK - 12



ALL IS BRIGHT!

We are eagerly getting ready to *"play our best for Him"* at the Mary, Mother of God Annual Christmas Pageant! With all of the childhood wonder and excitement going into our preparations, we expect that it will be far from a silent night, but we do anticipate that all *will* be radiantly bright as the children honour the birth of the tiny King. Please pray that our Christmas pageant may bring joy and delight to parents, grandparents, family, friends, and most of all to the baby born to save us, Christ the Lord.

Come, let us adore Him!



A VOLUNTEER WELCOME!

It has been a delight to welcome Vincent Pham and Gabriel Nakonechny from St. Augustine's Seminary, who have been visiting us every week as part of their apostolic service in their priestly formation. We greatly appreciate the help that they give us each week: working and reading with students, practising spelling, assisting with our *Faith in Action* class, and much more! And speaking of faith in action, what a beautiful witness of generous faith these two men are to us all! May God richly bless them both.



A FAITH ALIVE!

The spirit of St. John Bosco (one of our school patrons) is alive in our *Faith in Action* classes, which feature music, drama, and the arts to bring beauty, imagination, and joy to our studies. St. John Bosco believed that stories from the Bible and about the saints could be more deeply understood and remembered by the young when they are artistically and creatively presented. Our regular puppet shows, mimes, plays, and songs enliven and inspire the students to a deep knowledge and joyful experience of the treasure of our Catholic Faith.



CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

November 1st, All Saints Day, was full of festive celebration as we joyfully honoured our heavenly heroes (represented in garb by each student) with the Church throughout the world! We shared stories of the lives of the saints, prayed, played, and then played some more: games, puzzles, mazes, sports, active fun, and treats galore! On this day of rest from all schoolwork, the cheerful throngs of "little saints" with radiant smiles and lively buzz gave grateful thanks to the Holy Ones above who from their own labours have found rest forever and ever.



OUR FRIENDS AT WHITE EAGLE



We are pleased to be able to visit our dear friends at the White Eagle Long-term Care Residence just around the corner! We play games together, sing songs, eat snacks, and sometimes just sit and chat. Our classes take turns visiting, so the residents get to know us all. We are always welcomed with warmth and love by all the residents and staff!

NOVEMBERFEST!

Heartfelt thanks to our MMOG House Band for another outstanding Music night! Tickets sold out fast, and no wonder: what a talented group of musicians! Great Hits from the 60's to the 90's had the room tapping, clapping, and singing along. We cannot wait until next year! BRAVO!



HIGH PARK WALKATHON 2023

We put on our walking shoes and our smiles, warmed up the apple cider, and enjoyed a lovely walk on the most beautiful Sunday in October to raise funds for our beloved school! Thank you to all who contributed to making this year's walkathon a great success!





THE FRANCIS DE SALES CENTRE



Although we are only three months into the school year, the high-school students at *The Francis de Sales Centre* have already taken part in a wide range of cultural, recreational, spiritual and charitable activities. From hiking the Humber Valley to Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral, from lawn bowling and taekwondo to entertaining with their ukuleles, from historical museums to contemporary art and music, and not to mention our annual overnight trip to Camp Brébeuf, our excursions provide welcome breaks from the rigours of Literature, and Math, and French, and Science, and Catholic Studies, and History, etc., etc.!

