

St. Martin of Tours Catholic School

Newsletter

March 2, 2022



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Shrove Tuesday

Students enjoyed a pancake breakfast (plain, chocolate chip, and blueberry with choices of toppings) upon arriving to school on Tuesday, March 1st for Shrove Tuesday. We would like to thank our loving SMT Staff for providing and preparing the delicious treat we were all so grateful for.



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Outdoor Education

Students and staff enjoyed spending time outside with the guidance of Mr. Bibby, our School Board's Special Assignment Teacher for Outdoor and Environmental Education. We are so grateful we were blessed with perfect weather and had such a wonderful day of snowshoeing, campfire, quinzhee-building and feeding wild birds! We are very fortunate to be able to have experiences like this being so close to Algonquin Park, and have Mr. Bibby teach us all about the outdoors! We are already planning our next O.E. outing with him!



Farewell Miss Tait!

Students and staff are sad to see Miss Tait, (who has been supply teaching in our 4-8 classroom for the month of February), go on to another placement. We wish her all the best as she finishes her education to become the wonderful educator that we know she already is. We thank her for her time here and look forward to seeing her again in the near future!

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022



Students and staff walked down to St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church to participate in Mass once again today! We are so blessed to be part of this wonderful community and we were welcomed back to Mass with open arms and warm smiles from Father Malachy and other parishioners. We look forward to participating in Masses again in the coming months.

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.



March break is scheduled for March 14-18, 2022. We hope that our students and families will enjoy some much-deserved time to rest and recharge. We hope you all stay safe and will be looking forward to seeing everyone back on March 21st which will also be the second day of SPRING!

International Women's Day
March 8th, 2022



International Women's Day seeks to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of women throughout the world. This day aims to promote women's equality by showing appreciation for women and by encouraging support for repressed women.

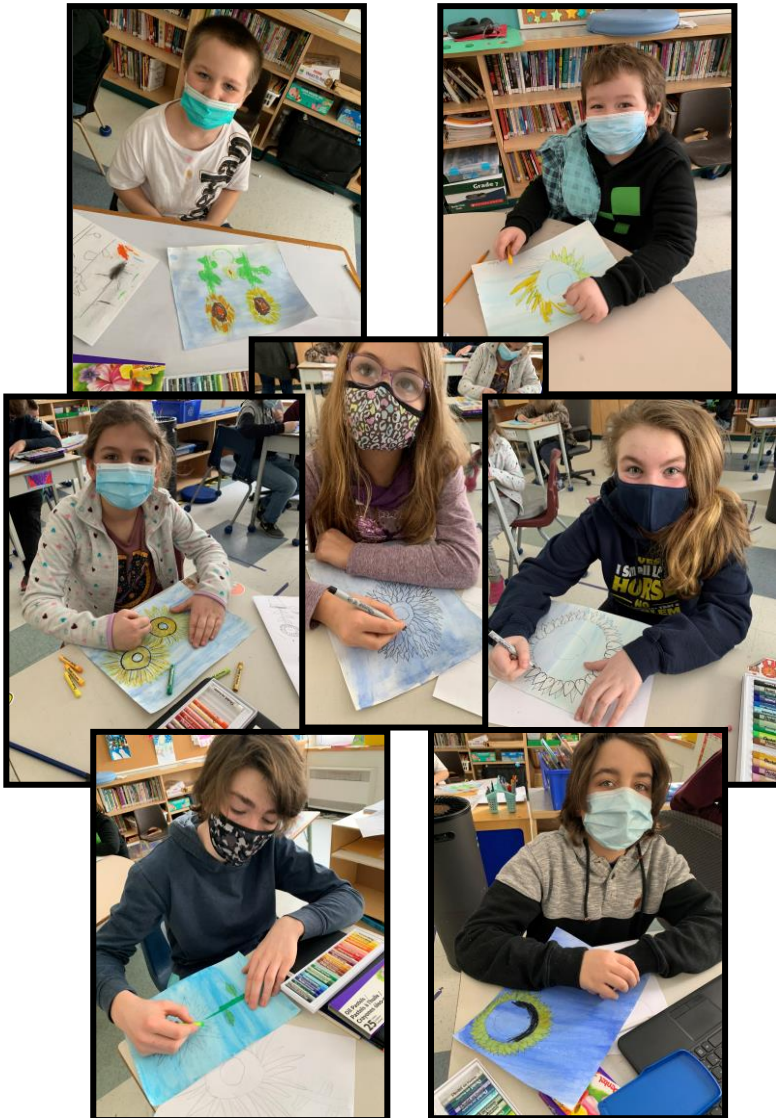
100th Day of School!

We celebrated the 100th Day of school on February 9th! Students and staff participated in some fun activities associated with the number 100 and that makes us all 100 days smarter!



Sunflowers for Ukraine

The sunflower has long held a meaningful place as the national flower of Ukraine. Since Russia invaded their country last week, the plant has become a global symbol of resistance, unity and hope. In the summer of 1996, sunflowers were planted by officials at the Pervomaysk missile base in southern Ukraine to mark the removal of nuclear weapons from the country. "The ceremony celebrated Ukraine's abandonment of the world's third-largest nuclear arsenal, which it inherited in the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union". Since then, sunflowers have also come to be symbols of nuclear disarmament and peace. In recent days, people around the world have been sharing and wearing sunflowers as symbols of support for Ukraine. This week students drew and painted beautiful sunflowers while learning about the situation in Ukraine.



Announcement!

Our Grade 1 student Ryland is excited to announce that he is a big brother! His new baby sister was born at the end of January 2022. Both she and mom are doing well.

Welcome Adaline Sell-Chapeskie



Puzzles!

We have some new (human anatomy and world geography) puzzles that are fun and educational in our classroom! Thanks to Ms. Walczak for picking these up for our students! They really enjoyed putting them together!



New Bike Program



Jumpstart

St. Martin of Tours is delighted to announce that we received funding through Jumpstart to establish a bicycle program at St. Martin of Tours Catholic School! We know that many students have had limited access to sports and other recreational activities as a result of lockdowns and COVID protocols. Along with Jumpstart, we understand the role sport plays in the health and well-being of kids and their families and are doing everything possible to help community sports continue. Last year, with the support of CTC, Jumpstart Charities disbursed \$8 million through its Sport Relief Fund, fulfilling nearly 700 grant applications, to help organizations continue to operate through 2020. We are pleased to announce that we were successful in our grant application. With Canadian Tire Corporation's commitment of an additional \$12 million to Jumpstart's Sport Relief Fund in 2021, together, we'll help build back opportunities for sport and play.

With this funding we have begun purchasing helmets for every student in our school as well as small bikes for each of our youngest students to use in the gym throughout the year. Equipment has been trickling in gradually over the past couple of months and will continue. We will be purchasing a few additional larger bikes to be shared by older students as the snow melts and are looking forward to the possibility of bicycle outings on trails in the Spring. We are so excited about this program and very grateful to Jumpstart for this wonderful opportunity!

Thank you Jumpstart!

