

# St. Martin of Tours Catholic School

## Newsletter

### February 1, 2023



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The students had an opportunity to visit an incredible local gallery and meet with artist, David Kay. David and Diane Kay welcomed us to their gallery for a private tour, inclusive of David's studio where much of the magic takes place! David also took the time to answer questions and to share stories and inspiration to encourage everyone to dream and to know that you can live your dream and do in life what you love to do. Diane was encouraging and welcoming and for the record, makes the best popcorn in the world! She prepared individual popcorn bags for the students to enjoy for the long walk back up the hill. What a wonderful day to show how much talent, love and encouragement lives within our town of Whitney.

**A Big Thank You** to Diane and David Kay for sharing this time with our students.



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## Winter Outdoor Education

On Monday, January 23, 2023, students had an opportunity to participate in a Winter Outdoor Education Day with Mr. Bibby and Mr. Britton. It was a beautiful day to be outdoors! Students had a fun-filled day hiking and building quinzees. We ate our lunches by the campfire, and even roasted hot dogs and marshmallows! We are so fortunate to live close to Algonquin Park, and so lucky to have the opportunity to go on adventures with Mr. Bibby. It was a great day!



## **Pink Shirt Day is February 22, 2023.**



In September of 2007 two high school students in Nova Scotia witnessed a grade nine student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. They saw these actions as unfair and decided to organize a sympathy protest for the grade nine student. That night, they purchased 50 pink shirts and messaged their friends asking them to wear pink to school the next day. The result was overwhelming, many students wore pink clothing in support of the students in their school. The event continues to grow.

We proudly participate in Pink Shirt Day because it promotes awareness, understanding and openness about the problem of bullying with a shared commitment to a solution.

## **Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17, 2023**



**Kindness is Contagious  
Please Pass It On!**

## **Dates to Remember:**

- February 3: P A Day – No school
- February 10: Pajama Day
- February 14: Valentine’s Day & Pizza Day  
Wear red, white and pink
- February 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day
- February 20: Family Day – No School
- February 21: Report Cards go home
- February 21: Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day  
Grad Photo Day
- February 22: Ash Wednesday Mass
- February 22: Pink Shirt Day

## **Forest of Reading**

The Primary Class has begun a journey to read together the Forest of Reading nominees for the Blue Spruce level. The students will read a book each week with Mrs. Armstrong from the list of nominees and when finished vote on their favourite nominee.

Thank you to Kristin at Hastings Highlands Public Library for lending us the books to begin our journey through the 10 Canadian authored books.