

St. Martin of Tours Catholic School

Newsletter

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Advent Wreath Workshop



We look forward to getting together virtually tonight, November 24th, for our Parent Involvement Advent Wreath Workshop! Thank you to all who are able to join in on the festivities! Please call Ms. McEnery's cell 613-3341989 if you have trouble connecting.

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair



We are looking forward to our virtual Book Fair beginning on Monday, November 30. It will continue until Monday, December 7.

To access our Book Fair go to:
<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5151907>

All proceeds of the Scholastic Book Fair will purchase new library resources for the students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support of our Learning Commons!

Scentsy Fundraiser



School Council is excited to be fundraising through Scentsy to raise money for our school! Orders can be placed until December 9th in order to receive shipment before Christmas. There is a Facebook group called "St. Martin of Tours School Council Fundraiser Event" being hosted by Corrina Florent. Catalogues are also available upon request. Thank you to everyone for your support!

St. Martin of Tours Presents a Virtual Christmas Concert!



Similar to our previous videos for Graduation, end of year and most recently Remembrance Day, staff and students are already working to bring our community a Virtual Christmas Concert for all to enjoy! On December 17th, we plan to have a live release of a video for all to watch together! We will have more details closer to the event!



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St Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation Tree of Lights Ceremony

Every Year the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation hosts the Tree of Lights Ceremony. Typically, this is an outdoor event in Barry's Bay. Community members are encouraged to buy a bulb for the tree in memory of a loved one to help fundraise for the Foundation. This year we are excited to be part of this tradition once again and would like to announce our Tree of Lights Angel, September Eagles!



Toronto Zoo Virtual Tour



Students at St. Martin of Tours School participated in a "Toronto Zoo Classroom Connectionz" session on Wednesday, November 18th. We shared this session on 'Animal Digestion' with Ms. Amber Carrigan's class at Our Lady of Mercy School. Students had a virtual tour of the Toronto Zoo's Rainforest Pavilion with a zoo guide who told us about the animals

and their eating and digestion needs. She also answered questions for us. It was very interesting! For example, we learned that the female gorillas enjoy morning tea!

Step Dancing

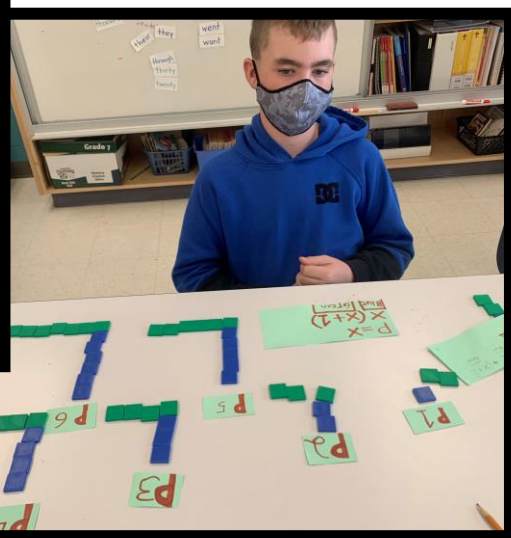
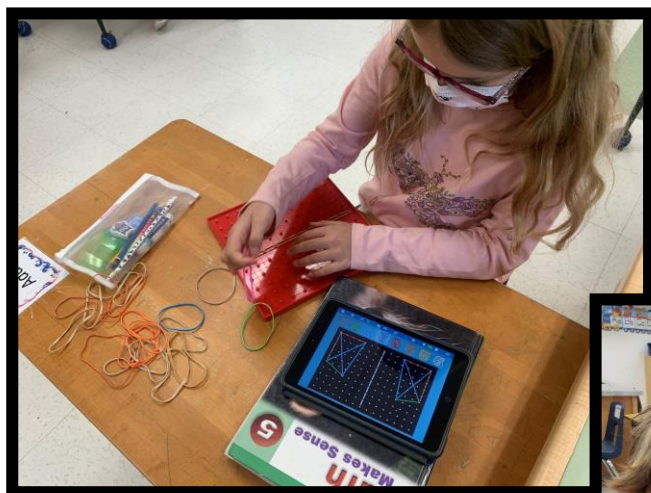


We are delighted to share that we have been able to connect with a local, but internationally acclaimed professional step dancer and musician for our students to be able to take virtual step dancing lessons! Kerry Fitzgerald has begun teaching us steps and, with preparations for our Annual Christmas Concert underway, we are hoping to include a number in our production. We are also very excited for the generous loan of step dancing shoes for our students to wear from former St. Martin of Tours Teacher Pam Fitzgerald.



Mental Health Activities

To help everyone to learn to manage to cope with the stress of this school year, we are going to have a mental health activity hour. Every last Thursday of the month, for one hour, the children may choose something they wish to do to support their mental health. Some students have chosen; yoga, drawing, crafting, reading, listening to music, catching up on work, board games, exercising, playing cards, playing an instrument or other activities.



Students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 regularly use a variety of both hands-on and virtual manipulatives to explore and model mathematical concepts. This week our youngest students are using geoboards to create and design using shapes and lines on a grid and creating larger shapes out of smaller shapes. Here our Grade 3 to 6 students explore reflections by creating and reflecting a design of their choice along a line of symmetry using both the hands-on geoboards and virtual geoboard app. Our 7/8 students created patterns using square tiles and then determined appropriate algebraic expressions to describe the patterns.