

St. Martin of Tours Catholic School

Newsletter

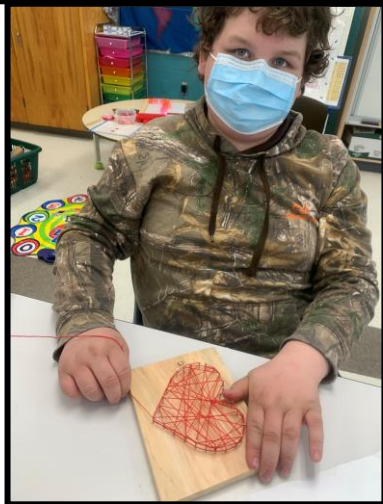
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Valentines Day!



To celebrate St. Valentine's Day, students created heart-shaped string artwork! They turned out really well and it was a fun activity to take part in. Thank you to everyone who helped gather the materials! A special thanks to McRae's Lumber and Mackenzie's Wood Products who donated the wood for the project.

Last week our Kindergarten students participated in a variety of Valentine-themed mathematics activities. In addition to creating patterns, playing counting games, working on addition and subtraction with valentine manipulatives, they also developed their spatial sense by building a variety of hearts out of pattern blocks.



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Report Cards and IEP's



Report cards and IEP's are coming home tomorrow. Remember that we are always happy to chat with you about your child's progress!

Ash Wednesday Mass



Students will be watching Ash Wednesday Mass virtually in our classroom tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Pink Shirt Day



Wednesday, February 24th is Pink Shirt Day! Please remember to wear pink for Anti-Bullying Awareness! Be a Buddy not a Bully.

School Council Meeting



The next School Council meeting will be on Monday, February 22nd at 5:00 p.m. via Teams. All are welcome to join!

School Supplies



Please take a moment to review with your child whether he/she requires any updates or refreshment of his/her school supplies. We have been noticing many broken pencils, rulers, and other items in the classrooms and have noticed students increasingly needing to borrow school supplies. It seems, as it often does at this time of year, that many students are lacking items like glue sticks, scissors, protractors, compasses, and calculators. Although we do have some that we can lend, we need to be careful about ensuring they are sanitized before being shared with another student and we sometimes find we are short enough items to share with all students who do not have their own. Also, if your child does not already have one here, we ask that he/she bring a green, blue, and yellow duotang to school. We will attach the school supply list that was sent out over the summer in case you would like to review it with your child to see if there are any items that he/she needs.

SNOW DAY!!

Plenty of fresh snow has fallen over the weekend for students to play in!



Indigenous Workshop

On Wednesday, February 3rd, students from JK-Grade 6 participated in a virtual presentation of an Indigenous Workshop entitled “An Introduction to the Metis Perspective”. Candace Lloyd, who has visited our school in the past, read “The Giving Tree”, and Nicholas Delbaere – Sawchuck played some traditional Metis music on his fiddle. It was a fun and informative morning!



Owl Pellets

Students dissected owl pellets on Monday February 8th. Thank you to Our Lady of Mercy for sharing your Owl Pellets with us! The students really enjoyed this Science activity!



Math Art

Students have been creating plenty of wintery math art recently! Students from Grade 3 to 8 worked with angles and angle relationships by measuring to create a hexagon out of 6 adjacent equilateral triangles which they then turned into a snowflake. Our youngest students have explored symmetry in creating a variety of snowflakes. Our Grade 3 to 8 students had some fun with fractals when creating 'Koch Snowflakes' and our Grade 7/8 students calculated the areas of them. Our Grade 7/8 students also built snowmen by calculating the radii of circles with given circumferences and making the circles for them out of paper.

