



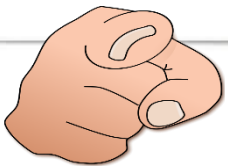
St. Mary's Catholic School Final June 2023 Newsletter

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Principal's Message:

From the desk of someone who started 33 years ago...

Thank you: Students, Parents, Staff, Priests, CISND staff, Superintendent's office, local businesses, retired staff, school dogs, and all our Guardian Angels. I've needed each and every one of you over the years. My wish is that you all continue working together with the new Principal, Mrs. Vanessa Fer, to bring this beautiful school into the future. This school is a gift to everyone. It is special. It is an incredible honor to work with children. They are closest to God.



Have the best summer and blessings to you all, always.

Jerelynn MacNeil
A very happy almost retired Principal

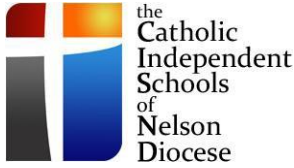


ST MARY'S CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

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Principal of St. Mary School Appointed

The Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese are pleased to announce that Mrs. Vanessa Fer has been selected as the new Principal for St. Mary School in Cranbrook. Mrs. Fer has been involved in Catholic and Public-School Education in Manitoba, Thailand, and British Columbia as a teacher and administrator since 2004. Vanessa will assume her new responsibilities as Principal with CISND on August 1, 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Jerelynn MacNeil for her dedication and leadership with CISND schools over the course of the last 16 years. We wish Jerelynn well as she begins her new life of retirement.

CRANBROOK	KELOWNA	KELOWNA	NELSON	PENTICTON	TRAIL	WEST KELOWNA
St. Mary Elementary School	St. Joseph Elementary School	Immaculata Regional High School	St. Joseph Elementary School	Holy Cross School	St. Michael Elementary School	Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School

Blessing from St. Mary's School Staff to you.

Have a wonderful



Staffing for September 2023-2024:

NEW Principal: Vanessa Fer! Mrs. Fer, her husband, and their three young daughters and come to us from her last school in Williams Lake where she was the principal of Sacred Heart Catholic School. Mrs. Fer and her family moved to Cranbrook in December 2022. Together we welcome the Fer family to St. Mary's Catholic School! We are so happy to have you all! Mrs. Fer will tell you more about herself when she starts in August. To make things simple, as we transfer the principalship, Mrs. Fer will retain the same email as Mrs. MacNeil. She can be reached at stmprincipal@shaw.ca as of late August!

Secretary: Norine Green

Bookkeeper: Donna Hogg

Maintenance: Joshua Fennema

Custodian: Alain Cole

Kindergarten: Claire Shaw

Grade 1: Cara Carmelo & Mrs. Quinn

Grade 2/3: Susan Merz

Grade 3/4: New teacher TBD

Grade 4/5: New teacher TBD

Grade 5/6: Carmen Gallina

Intermediate Band: New teacher TBD

Intermediate Computers: Paula Veldman

Outdoor Ed: Patty Kolesnichenko

Student Services: Paula Veldman

Student Services Assistants: Amanda Avison, Doreen Lethbridge, Makayla Gallina, and Meaghan Merz

Library: Mrs. Quinn

Daycare & After School Program Manager: Marlene Howard

ECE Staff: Maureen Martine, Mackenzie Henry, and Makayla Gallina

Church Pastor: Father Rex Velmonte (starting July 15)

School Council Chair: TBA

Parent Support Group Chair: Courtney Magro



The St. Mary's School Council is welcoming new members. Please let the office know if you are interested in joining council.



Mrs. MacNeil



*The staff and students of St. Mary's School
wish you all the best on your retirement!
Good luck on your new adventures!*

We will miss you!





St. Mary's Catholic School awarded its annual **FAITH** awards on June 8th.

This year's recipients are (L to R) Rylee McNaughton (Grade 6), Lily Tait (Grade 4), and Katia Maryniak (Grade 5)

These students are wonderful role models of compassion, caring, helping younger children in the school, having a great attitude and patience, and living their faith in the community community with others.



After school DQ ice cream treats for St. Mary's students! Thank you, Scott! (Bexley's dad). You made our day!

Save-On Foods:

Thank you to all families who shop at Save-On Foods for mentioning at the checkout you are from St. Mary's School. We receive a percentage of all sales quarterly as a donation to our school.

A big thank-you for supporting our school!



St. Mary's PSG Update - June 2023

And just like that, the end of the school year is upon us. And what a year it has been! This spring has been particularly enjoyable, with field trips to Idlewild Park, the swimming pool, soccer dome and other great activities.

PSG would like to end this great year with a celebration. The last day of school is **Friday, June 23rd** and PSG will once again be hosting our **Annual End-Of-Year BBQ!** We will have hot dogs, chips, juice, and ice cream treats for the entire family! Tables will be set up so friends and families can enjoy the chance to sit down and visit before summer takes us in our separate busy directions!

The PSG would also like to take the time to acknowledge our wonderful principal Jerelynn MacNeil and how greatly she will be missed next year. We wish her a fabulous retirement and a HUGE thank you for all the absolute invaluable ways she benefited and improved our wonderful little school. We love you, Mrs. MacNeil!

And from the PSG Executive, thank you to our St. Mary's parents for your support, enthusiasm, and generosity in making this year a great success.

Wishing you a wonderful summer filled with joy and sunshine!

Courtney Magro
PSG Chair



Happy Father's Day



TO ALL OF OUR DADS
(both near and far)
SUNDAY, JUNE 19th
ENJOY YOUR DAY!





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 Back to School with School Start

Your teachers at St. Mary's Catholic School are excited to offer you the opportunity to purchase your school supplies through **School Start** for the 2023/2024 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

There are a few simple steps to ensure your child will receive standardized brand name products (specified by each teacher).

School Start has our school supply lists on their website: <https://schoolstart.ca/>

Click on the following:

- Parents Shop Here
- Purchase School Supply Kits
- Select Province, then City, then School
- Click Here to Purchase Your School Kits
- Lastly, click on their child's grade



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2023-2024 MONTHLY
NEWSLETTERS



ADVERTISING
OPPORTUNITIES

We are offering advertising space in our monthly newsletters for businesses to advertise! Please call the school if you are interested.

Rates: \$200 / year (10 months)
 (\$20/month)
 \$300 / year front page (\$30/month)

2023 District Track & Field Meet



Congratulations to all
St. Mary's School participants:



City Record Breaker:

Boston Rousselle Grade 5 Boys – 100m Dash

Grade 6 Boys:

Finn Zettel – 6th place – Shot Put

Grade 5 Boys:

Aiden DaSilva – 7th place – High Jump

Ashton Roberts – 4th place – 200m Dash / 7th place – 100m Dash

Rhett Magro – 8th place – 400m Run

Grade 5 Girls:

Morgan Burke – 4th place – Softball Throw

Katia Maryniak – 8th place – High Jump

Grade 4 Boys:

Daniel Shope – 1st place – 100m Dash / 4th place – High Jump

Paisen Runzer – 7th place – 100m Dash

Paxton Perry – 8th place – 400m Run

Grade 4 Girls:

Amelia Mondin – 1st place – High Jump

Dallas Laughlin – 3rd place – Softball Throw

Amelia Mondin – 3rd place – 800m Run

Lily Tait – 7th place – 400m Run



Way to go St. Mary's!





Kindergarten and Grade Six Graduation Awards

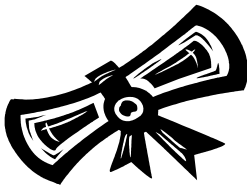
Thursday, June 22nd at 9:00AM



Kindergarten will have their graduation on this morning in our school gym. We invite all parents and families to be present for their child's graduation. After we are done in the gym, Kindergarten families are invited back to the Kindergarten room for a sharing and social time then will continue with their day at school. We hope to see you all there. The entire school will be present to help Kindergarten celebrate!

Friday, June 23rd is the last day of school. Report cards go out and **school is dismissed at 11:00AM**. There will be a free BBQ provided by our PSG from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Parents must be present to supervise their children who wish to stay and attend.

Please check lost and found outside the office.



Grade 6 Farewell at 11:00 AM



Grade 6's will be helping with Kindergarten graduation in the morning. Students are asked to dress nicely. We invite all parents and families to be present for their child's Grade 6 Farewell and awards presentation! This class is dismissed for the day at the conclusion of the Farewell.

Grade 3/4 and 5 will be present for the Farewell. We will not have Kindergarten and Grade 1/2 present in the gym for the Grade 6 Farewell; however, we will invite all siblings to attend.

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Have a wonderful



St. Mary's Catholic Independent School

2023-2024 Annual School Calendar

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NI Day (School not in session) (time in lieu)



Noon Dismissal – Staff Meetings (School closed at 12 noon)



Spring, Christmas Break & Easter Monday



PRO-D Days (School closed all day)



Stat Holidays



Report Cards / Last Day of School



Administrative Days



2023 – 2024 Annual School Calendar

Start 8:40 AM
 Recess 10:30 – 10:45 AM
 Lunch 11:50 AM – 12:40 PM
 DPA Walking Recess 2:00 – 2:10 PM
 School Ends 3:00 PM

Days in Session 171.6
 Hours of Instruction per Year 901
 Minutes of Instruction per Day 315
 Professional Development Days 6
 Spiritual Staff Development Day 2
 Non-Instructional Day 2

School Open

Truth & Reconciliation Day (school closed)
 Thanksgiving Day (school closed)
 Remembrance Day (school closed)
 Advent begins
 Christmas Vacation Period (school closed)
 School re-opens after Christmas vacation
 Family Day (school closed)
 Ash Wednesday (school in session)
 Spring Vacation Period (school closed)
 Good Friday (school closed)
 Easter Monday (school closed)
 Victoria Day (school closed)

Last day of school for students

Administrative Day for Staff only

Parent, Teacher, Student Interviews

Early Dismissal Days at 11:50 AM



Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Friday, September 29, 2023
 Monday, October 9, 2023
 Friday, November 10, 2023
 Sunday, December 3, 2023
 Monday, December 25, 2023 – Friday, January 5, 2024
 Monday, January 8, 2024
 Monday, February 19, 2024
 Wednesday, February 14, 2024
 Monday, March 18 – 28, 2024
 Friday, March 29, 2024
 Monday, April 1, 2024
 Monday, May 20, 2024

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Thursday, June 20, 2024

Monday, October 16 – 26, 2023
 Monday, March 11 – 14, 2024
 Friday, December 8, 2023
 Friday, January 26, 2024
 Friday, May 10, 2024
 Friday, June 14, 2024

School Not in Session Days (NI) OR (time in lieu)	Administration Days (Staff Only)	Staff Meetings / (Early Dismissal)	PRO-D Days	Report Cards
	August 30 & 31			
October 27 (in lieu)			October 20	
			November 24	
		December 8		December 1
		January 26		
			February 2	
March 17 (in lieu)			March 1	March 8
			April 19	
May 17		May 10		
	June 20	June 14	June 7	June 19



Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

**Corbin Cadieux
Susie Choi
Henry Coxford
Luca Fiorentino
Eastyn Hill**

**Kase Jensen
Elizabeth Legere
Rylee McNaughton
Noah Mondin
Finn Zettel**



School Office Hours:

St. Mary's School Office will remain open
until Thursday, June 29th. We will re-open
Monday, Aug. 28th until Friday, Sept. 1st.
Office hours will be from: 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

In case of an emergency, you may call
Mrs. MacNeil at (250) 420-1816

For those families who do not
receive the newsletter by email,
please check out our website...
www.stmarysschool.ca - You can
see the school calendar for 2023-
2024 in colour.

First Day of School

**Tues., Sept. 5th
8:40 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
Grades 1-6
(Kindergarten has an
alternate schedule)**

**Wed., Sept. 6th
First full day of classes
Grades 1-6
8:40 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**** Note: The lunch hour is
11:50 AM - 12:40 P.M.**

**School's Out
For Summer!!!**