



April 2022  
St. Francis Xavier  
School Newsletter

## **Preparation for Easter**

As a community, we continue to prepare for Easter. As we pray and ponder the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, let us ask God to create a new heart in our lives and community. May we turn away from the ashes of destruction and begin to embrace the new life given us by Christ entirely.

The school will celebrate mass on Tuesday of Holy Week. On Holy Thursday, we will have a school-wide retreat followed by noon dismissal. There will be no school on Good Friday or Easter Monday.

## **Student-Led Conferences**

Students will receive their Student-Led Conference Packages on Friday, April 29. Like last year, students will have an opportunity to discuss their learning with their parents in the relaxed environment of the home. Friday will be a full day of school. Students will still prepare their portfolios and bring them home for the weekend, where students will have the opportunity to share their learning with their parents at home, where they can take their time and enjoy the experience.

## **Speech Arts**

One of the highlights of the school year is Speech Arts, where students prepare presentations which they do in front of hundreds of Catholic school students here at SFX. This year's inter-school competition was cancelled. However, SFX continued the Individual events for Primary (Gr. 1-3 with Bible reading, Poetry Recitation, Prose Recitation) and Intermediate (Gr. 4-7 with Bible Reading, Persuasive Speech, and Poetry Recitation) students. Three students from each grade were chosen to present one of the categories listed above. Thank you to all of the students and parents who helped prepare them.

## **Green Club**

### **Sunflower Seed Sale to Support Ukraine**

Green Club will sell sunflower seeds harvested from the school garden to help support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. As the sunflower is Ukraine's national flower, it is most appropriate. Additionally, the sunflower is a very hardy flower that is drought resistant, easy to grow, and attracts pollinators. The seeds are loved by both birds and humans alike.

Please fill out the following order form and drop it off at the office or to the classroom teacher by **Tuesday, April 19**. Seeds will be delivered to your child on **Friday, April 22**, which happens to be Earth Day!

Supporting this cause helps both Ukraine and our planet! All proceeds will go to The Humanitarian Coalition to support Ukraine. Thank you for your generosity.

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00  
Number of packets

**Total donation \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Vancouver Sun Run**

A team of 25 students, parents, and staff are participating in this year's Sun Run as part of the Oasis Youth Challenge. The run is scheduled for Sunday, April 24. Please cheer us on, and Happy Training!