



**St. Francis Xavier
School Newsletter
May 2022**

Easter Reflection

The message of Easter is the Resurrection of Jesus and how it takes us beyond the Cross to the joy and hope that comes from seeing the Risen Lord. Christ risen allowed his disciples to fully know that God exists, that there is a future for every human being, and that our cry for eternal life is answered in Him. This is the true message of Easter.

This Easter, let us rise to meet our society with the witness of our faith. I hope that as a school, we discover new ways to share this Easter faith, the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

Congratulations to any families who were baptized over the Easter weekend! It is a cause of great joy as a community whenever a family decides to further their commitment to the School and Parish by joining the Church!

May: The month of Mary

It hardly seems possible that we are entering the month of May. Signs in nature tell us that Spring is in full bloom as the weather warms up and flowers and trees are filled with life.

It is also a time of great beauty in our faith as we set aside May as a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Mary is revered for her role as the Mother of Jesus and as the first believer in Jesus. She indeed was the first to give her life to Jesus as she accepted the responsibility and joy of serving God by bearing His son, yet suffered great sorrow as she watched him be beaten and crucified. It was her "YES" to the Angel Gabriel that brought salvation to humanity in the person of Jesus Christ.

This month, let us all take the time to pray to Our Lady for our mothers and mothers everywhere. Mary did this willingly, serving God as she brought the Good News to life by bearing Jesus in her womb. We owe much to Mary, Our Mother, just as we owe our very lives to our mother here on Earth.

Ancient Prayer to the Virgin Mary

We fly to your protection,
O holy Mother of God.
Hear our petitions
in our necessities,
and deliver us from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.

The oldest known prayer to the Virgin, found in a Greek papyrus ca. 300

Manner of the Month

As this is the month of Mary, the Manner of the Month is "Hail Mary!" As discussed above, Mary is the Mother of us all and, as such, deserves our love and respect. This

month we honour our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, and other women in our lives that help us to learn and grow in our faith. I invite everyone to say a “Hail Mary” daily for our Mothers and other women who help us become the person God meant us to be!

Class placements for 2022-2023

Our priority as educators is to create a good learning atmosphere for all students. Our teachers working together are very experienced at understanding the working dynamics of the classroom and where to place each unique individual for maximum success. The final decision for class composition rests solely with the school administration. We will only consider the requests from parents of students with Special Needs.

School Calendar 2022-2023

The CISVA has published the Standard School calendar for next year. This calendar is common to all CISVA schools and covers when School begins and ends and when the various major holidays are. It is by no means complete and is **NOT** the official SFX School calendar for 2022-2023. The SFX School calendar will be released at a later date.

Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- **Tuesday, September 6 - First Day of School**
- **Friday, September 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**
- **Monday, October 10 - Thanksgiving Holiday**
- **Friday, November 11 - Remembrance Day Holiday**
- **Friday, November 18 - CISVA Networking Day (TBD)**
- **Friday, December 16 - Schools close for the Christmas holidays**
- **Tuesday, January 3 - Schools reopen**
- **Thursday, February 16 and Friday, February 17- Catholic Educators' Conference (School closed)**
- **Monday, February 20 - Family Day Holiday**
- **Friday, March 10 - Schools close for Spring Break**
- **Monday, March 27 - Schools reopen after Spring Break**
- **Friday, April 7 - Good Friday Holiday**
- **Monday, April 10 - Easter Monday Holiday**
- **Monday, May 22 - Victoria Day Holiday**
- **Wednesday, June 28 - Last day for students**

May Green Club News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sunflower fundraiser for Ukraine. Together we raised close to \$2000.

Netflix has a beautiful and inspirational documentary entitled **Kiss the Ground**. It describes regenerative farming practices that will bring back the soil we need to grow food for the world.

May is migratory bird month! Get out and birdwatch with the kids. Check out <http://www.vancouverbird.ca> for live and online activities.

Sports

Girls Soccer has wrapped up. Our girls played hard and had lots of fun. Thank you to the staff, parent coaches, and students who participated.

Badminton finished recently with great results! We won the overall Boys Division, Girls Division, and the Aggregate award. Congratulations to all of our athletes, staff, and parent coaches for their dedication and support.

Singles

Hailey Pang - Gold
Keira Wong - Gold
Timmy Liu - Silver
Aiden Wong - Gold

Doubles

Sylvia Xie and Helianthus Lee - Gold
Bernice Wu and Jorlene Tsang - Bronze
Ethan Sue and Alfred So - Silver
Brandon Tham and Nathan Hoang - Bronze
Loren Hwang and Owen Hsieh - Bronze
Matthew Moy and Jadeon Smith - Silver

Mixed Doubles

Hailey Pang and Ethan Sue - Gold
Nathan Hoang and Olivia Chan - Silver
Timmy Liu and Keira Wong - Silver
Jacen Cheah and Soleil Chan - Silver
Vincent Poon and Anna Ng - Silver

Track and field practices are underway with great enthusiasm. We are looking forward to returning to Swangard Stadium again this year for our annual CISVA track meet in June.

Special News

We are happy to announce that Mr. Fader will return to SFX on light duty starting Monday, May 2. Welcome back, Mr. Fader!