



December 8, 2023

Dear St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy families,

The winter weather is upon us, and the SMEC/A community has had a busy month of November!

We are very proud of our students and staff who orchestrated the respectful Remembrance Day ceremony honouring our distinguished guests, along with Mrs. MacDonald's food class for the preparation and serving of our delicious lunch.

Congratulations is extended to our Senior Girls' Volleyball team for a very exciting and successful season. The team exhibited positive improvement combined with well deserved success. Volleyball continues to be in season with our Junior Girls' and Junior Boys' teams competing in league play. Senior Boys Basketball is back at SMEC/A. The team was the recipient of a very generous (anonymous) donation providing new team uniforms. Sincere appreciation to the donor on behalf of the school community. The badminton club meets weekly and is seeing a steady rise in participation.

The school community continues to thrive with various clubs and activities operating on a weekly basis with the GSA, HALT, Art &Crafts, Crochet, Dance, Choir, and Intramurals all optional opportunities in place.

Mr. Bannerman and our Grade Primary to Grade Six classes continue preparation for the upcoming St. Mary's Education Centre/Academy holiday concert. The holiday concert will take place in the school gymnasium on Wednesday, December 13 (6pm-7:30pm). Family and friends, all welcome for attendance.

Chartwell's food service is offering our SMEC/A holiday feast on Thursday, December 14 during both lunch sessions.

SMEC/A will be hosting our 2023 Semi-formal dance on Thursday, December 14 (7pm-10pm) in the main gymnasium for grades 7 to 10. Thank you to student council for the continued outstanding efforts in school activities and preparation for the holiday break activities set for Wednesday, December 20.

We will continue to communicate to families through the message alert system and our weekly 'Sparty Splash'!

Wishing all families, a safe, restful holiday season, and a prosperous 2024!

Sincerely.

T. MacIsaac, Principal