

# LE MESSENGER



ÉCOLE ST-SACREMENT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

MAY 2023



*Marie,  
Mère de Dieu*

## Chères familles d'ESS et communauté,

There have been many highlights recently at ESS. One marking event for our community has been our students meeting our founding Sisters, Les Soeurs du Bon Pasteur à Québec May 20th, 2023. They welcomed us with open arms and it felt like being among family. So many of our traditions at ESS make more sense once we had the opportunity to tour the well documented archives which feature a number of ESS references.  
<http://www.soeursdubonpasteur.ca/info/Accueil/>

As we enter into spring and the month of Mary. Let us follow our Mother's guidance; "Do whatever He tells you." John 2:5  
May we be blessed as we thrive to do her beloved Son's work with joyful hearts in service to one another.

Mary, you are the Mother of God  
and our mother,  
pray to your Son for our families,  
and for all the families of the world.  
Guard the cradles of babies,  
the schools and colleges of our youth,  
stand by our sick and dying  
to assist and comfort them.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord  
and Saviour who lives and reigns forever  
so we may be united in love  
and peace with God.  
Amen.



## MAY

- May 1:** Summer uniform in effect
- May 2:** Dress-up as your favourite book character
- May 7:** School Choir singing at BSP 11am mass, celebrated by Fr. Miguel
- May 8:** Fr. Miguel's Anniversary of Ordination - 8am mass celebrated by Fr. Miguel
- May 10:** Theatre de la 16e "Simon Soucis"
- May 11:** Class & Club Photo Day
- May 12:** Inviting all moms and mother figures for our Mother's Day school mass at 9am celebrated by Fr. Miguel and Fr. Edmond (also celebrating Fr. Edmond's Ordination)
- May 15:** Living Rosary at school 10:45am - parents welcome to join us in the courtyard
- May 15:** Neat Uniforms VIP day
- May 16:** Garden workshops
- May 17-May 19:** Outdoor Ed Loon Lake trip for grades 5-7
- May 22:** Victoria Day (no school)
- May 26:** Bring flowers for Mary
- May 26:** Used uniform sale 3pm
- May 28:** Gr.7 Confirmation @BSP
- May 29:** Hope Aloud Concert with Chris Bray (1:10pm Students & 5:30pm all Families and Parishioners are invited to the concerts)



## LIBRARY

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### READERS ARE LEADERS

Congratulations to all our participants in gr. 5-7 for another successful year of reading and competing! Our gr. 7 school team represented by Talia, Evelyn, Lily, Evan, Nicholas and Zachary did very well in the CISVA regional competition and finished in 3rd place! We are all very proud of the time and effort you put into preparing for the competition despite just coming back from the Quebec trip.

### REMINDER

A reminder that the ESS Book Swap is happening on June 5th so please send in any gently used books in French and/or English that your family no longer needs.



**calling all  
moms  
grandmas  
godmothers  
and mother  
figures in our  
community**



## MOTHER'S DAY/ LA FÊTE DES MÈRES AT ESS

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Please join us in celebration at our school mass on Friday May 12th at 9 am at Blessed Sacrament Parish with Père Miguel and Père Edmond. You are invited to join us as we pray for you in gratitude for all you do.



## PBS FOR MAY

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**Joy is our theme** for the month of May at ESS! To the Indigenous cultures of the West Coast, the hummingbird is a messenger of joy and also symbolizes beauty, intelligence and love. In school, we will not only discuss what moments, things and people bring us joy but also how we can bring joy to others. As usual, at the end of the month we will celebrate and recognize our efforts with a school- wide reward.



**ASC:** Please note that **After School Club 2023-24** is now full. Applications will now be waitlisted. Please email [afterschool@ess.vancouver.bc.ca](mailto:afterschool@ess.vancouver.bc.ca)



## SILENT AUCTION

Un gros merci to **all parents, class-parents, donors and businesses** who contributed to our silent auction and for **Ron from Sombilon Studios** for taking pictures of the donated items. A big thank you to our **enthusiastic bidders** who brought appreciate the effort it takes to put on a fundraiser. A most heartfelt thank you to our led team and coordinators extraordinaire **Becky Greenhalgh** and **Sarah Paqueo** for their diligence, commitment, and passion for our school community. God bless you.

Dear ESS,



for supporting our school!  
Together we raised \$11K

Merci



Join us for a celebration in story and song  
Blessed Sacrament School Monday May 29



## CONCERT AT ESS

Hope Aloud with Chris Bray! **Monday May 29th**  
1:10 pm For Students, 5:30 for all school families,  
and parishioners.

*Congratulations!*

Toutes nos félicitations  
to this month's Pierrot  
winners:

- Grade K:** Levi
- Grade 1:** Natalia
- Grade 2:** Rita-Rose
- Grade 3:** Ali-Raza
- Grade 4:** Penelope
- Grade 5:** Sophia
- Grade 6:** Zachary
- Grade 7:** Chloe

Un gros merci aux parents  
qui font et préparent nos  
pierrots chaque saison!

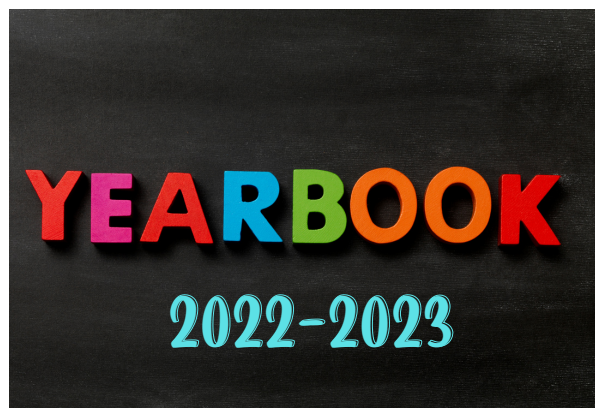






## HIP HOP AT ESS

As promised, the video recordings were emailed to each class. Thank you to all the parents who made the time to come out and watch the performances.



## YEARBOOK - ORDER TODAY!

Yearbooks are on sale online now! They are \$40 each and will arrive in September 2023.

1. Go to the secure on-line site at [YBPay.Lifetouch.ca](http://YBPay.Lifetouch.ca)
2. Enter the Yearbook ID code: 10486623
3. Enter your child's name and grade
4. Follow the prompts



## QUEBEC TRIP

The grade 6 and 7 classes learning about French Canadian culture and visiting our founding sisters, Les Soeurs du Bon Pasteur.



## SUMMER CAMP at ESS



A few spots are still available in the summer camp at ESS! [Sign up today!](#)







### GRADE ONE FIELD TRIP

This resilient grade one class braved the wind and snow on Grouse Mountain last week. The class learned about Indigenous culture, bear habitats and did some epic snow shoeing!



### GRADE THREE FIELD TRIP

The grade three explored our surroundings at their Fresh Roots field trip at Van Tech. The class learned about pollinators, edible flowers and even made their own flower-tea!

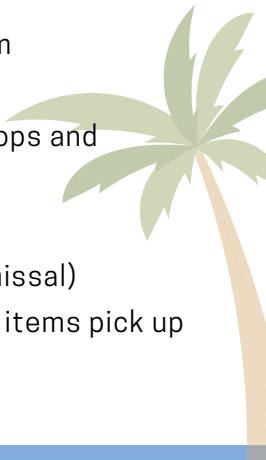
## Looking Ahead to JUNE



### GRADE FOUR FIELD TRIP

On April 26th, the grade 4 class released 52 Coho Salmon Fry into Still Creek in the Renfrew Ravine. These fry will live in our local freshwater rivers and lakes before making their journey out to sea next Spring. After another year or two, they will smell their way back to the same rivers and lakes so that they can restart the important cycle of this Keystone Species.

- June 2:** Sports Day
- June 3:** Second Reconciliation for Grade 2 class
- June 5:** ESS Book Swap
- June 7:** Step-up Day
- June 9:** ProD Day (no school)
- June 11:** First Holy Communion
- June 12 & 15:** Track & Field Championship (Abbotsford)
- June 13:** Awards Ceremony
- June 14:** Garden workshops
- June 14 & 22:** Rocks and Rings at ESS gym (curling activity during PE)
- June 16:** Father's Day school mass 9am
- June 16:** Grade 7 Farewell
- June 19:** First Nations-Powow workshops and presentation
- June 20:** Term 3 Report Cards
- June 23:** Last day of school (noon dismissal)
- June 26:** School open for Lost & Found items pick up



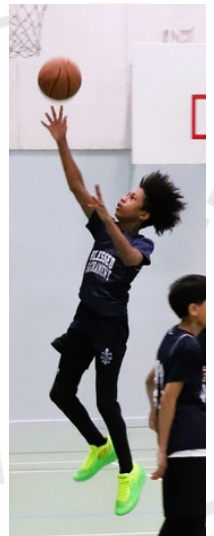




# ATHLETICS AT ESS



## BASKETBALL



## BADMINTON



## TRACK & FIELD





# ATHLETICS AT ESS



## SOCCER



The girls soccer season wrapped up and some excellent soccer was played!

Congratulations to the grade 5 girls soccer team who won GOLD at soccer and came first out of 40 CISVA Elementary Schools. The team finished the season with a record of 6-0-0 and scored 22 goals while surrendering only 5. Despite this record and these totals, the team had a primary focus ahead of winning, "being good and kind representatives of E.S.S." and demonstrated remarkable sportsmanship to each other and their opponents.

In the playoffs, the team won every game by 2 or more goals and was led by Captains Finley, Sophie and Berkeley. However, while the team went undefeated and won their final match against Our Lady of Sorrows by a score of 3-1, victory was not always assured. In the final match, the score was tied 1-1, but only due to a sensational performance in net by goalkeeper Meia. Meia briefly transformed into a brick wall to keep the Elites in the game stopping over a dozen shots and breakaways. Then, moments after a series of great saves, "Right-Footed Captain Finley" completed her left-foot-only hat trick to bring the Championship Trophy to **E.S.S. for the first time in its history!**

Again, thank you to all your players and coaches for a great season!

