

## **April Good News from St. Mary's School**

April 2017 at St. Mary's has been filled with experiences that show us that we are all stronger as one faithful team. We have seen our students create, build and, most importantly, pray together in our efforts to be the faithful disciples that we are called be.

We started our month with an Arts Smart project that had 75 of our 4-8 students participating in a group mosaic project. The finished work helped the students see that we can all be part of a greater team even if we are not directly working on the same plan. The combined completed projects that created a colorful world were exceptionally done and truly enjoyed by all who took part. We were especially grateful for the community volunteers who came to assist our presenters. Our school saw how working as a team can be a very rewarding experience.

A second key part of our month of April was our Lenten preparation. The kindergarten, grades 2,4,6,8 students were responsible for preparing our weekly liturgies that focussed on the three pillars of lent: Fast, Pray, and Give. As part of this preparation, several classes developed plans to serve others in our communities. The grade 4 class returned to the Regional Nursing Home to share Easter activities and to decorate the walls for the many Easter visitors that came to see their loved ones. The grade 5 and 6 students worked on creating Care Bins for the patients and families of St. Joseph Hospital. The planning and work was all done by our very determined student leaders. The finished projects will be presented during Catholic Education Week in May. Our grade 7 and 8 students travelled to Saskatoon to participate in WE Day. It was perfect timing for our students to reflect on how they can be the change they want to see in the world. The ongoing planning that is the fruit of this work continues as we finish the school year.

Finally, we were able to join our sister school, Sacred Heart/ Sacré Coeur to celebrate the coming of our Saviour. As we entered the building, our grade 6 band students welcomed us with joyful music and our grade 7 students from both schools shared the ministries. Our wonderful community musicians supported our joint school choir who helped us truly celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. We are truly blessed that we are able to gather and praise a God who has given us such an abundance of gifts.

Happy Easter!

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