

## **Sacred Heart- Sacré Coeur Good News Story**

In an act of love and mercy, the grade seven and eight students of Sacred Heart/Sacré Coeur School, began the legacy project in September of 2016. Thirty nine students were paired with seventeen different residents of a local nursing home with the hope of telling their story and the legacy they have to share. We heard stories of love and laughter along with struggle and sadness. Each week the students and their residents would visit, enjoy coffee and snacks and learn more about how different life was all those years ago. Although their lives seemed miles apart, they grew to see how similar they were and gained a newfound respect for the struggles and new beginnings they have never had to face.

After learning about their residents, our students were given the task to share their stories and create a keepsake that would last for years to come. Each group created a photobook, through the help of local sponsorship, which will be revealed and shared with their residents and their families at a special celebration in December. Each participant learned a valuable lesson in the legacy and impact one person and their story can have on each one of us and how acts of love, mercy and compassion for one another can tear down stereotypes and create an atmosphere of acceptance and friendship they simply weren't expecting.



Gospel Assembly is a unique time each week in our school where we come together as a family to celebrate the Word of God and His presence in our daily lives. Each classroom at Sacred Heart/Sacré Coeur School was given a cross, built by a local artisan. This cross is unique to the classroom it belongs in and sits in a special place in each room to remind them of the presence of Christ and His incredible love for each one of us, each and every day. Each week at Gospel Assembly, a student leader from each classroom brings the cross with them and has it displayed at the front of the room. We remind our students that our Gospel Assembly is like coming together to share a meal with our families. We simply cannot begin until each and everyone of us is at the table. The same is said with our crosses. When each member or classroom within our school family is present at the altar, we can begin our worship and prayer to God, with full and open hearts, and tremendous love shared with Christ and with one another. We

were able to have Father Brian Meredith come and bless each of the crosses at a special service in October. There is a matching cross that hangs in our foyer, made from similar materials, that reminds us of our unity as brother and sisters within our school community and family.



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