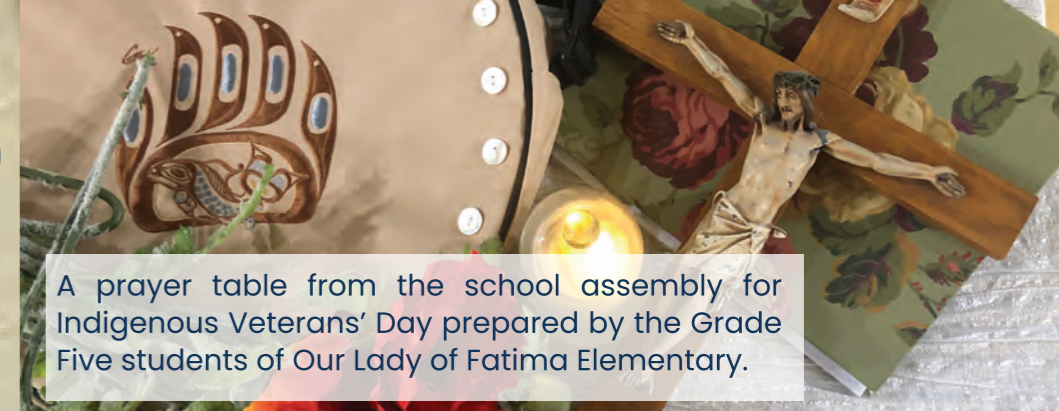


Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation

IN COMMUNITY, FOR COMMUNITY,
AND WITH COMMUNITY



A bulletin board from the Grade 5 classroom at St. James Elementary School. Each student decorated a feather - a symbol of strength, honour and respect. It also symbolizes a step forward in the ongoing work of Reconciliation.



A prayer table from the school assembly for Indigenous Veterans' Day prepared by the Grade Five students of Our Lady of Fatima Elementary.

2022-2023 Award Recipients

Thank you for your many years of service to the CISVA!

★ 40 YEAR RECIPIENT ★



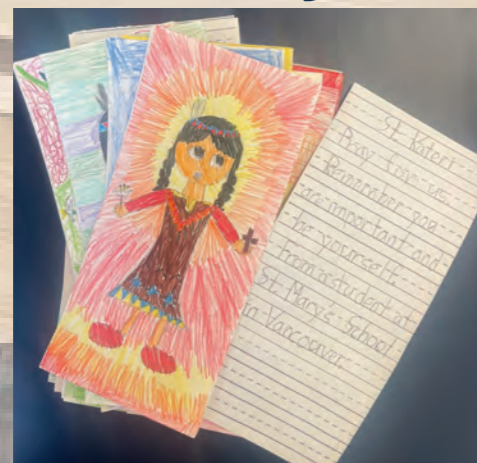
Monique Haywood,
Our Lady of the Assumption

Monique started teaching at St. Helen's Elementary. She has been teaching Grade 7 at Our Lady of the Assumption School for the past 34 years. The Assumption community is her second family. She is so grateful for the love and support of everyone there.

★ 25 YEAR RECIPIENTS ★

Len De Julius, Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary
Brendan Maguire, Assumption School Powell River
Nadia Parker, Corpus Christi Elementary
Anna Auld, Holy Cross Elementary
Todd Burnett, Holy Cross Regional Secondary
Olivia Aguiar, Holy Cross Regional Secondary
Rachel Johnston, Holy Cross Regional Secondary
Nuala McNaughton, Holy Cross Regional Secondary
Janice Johnson, Immaculate Conception Delta Elementary
Christopher Prime, Immaculate Conception Delta Elementary
Andrew McCracken, Notre Dame Regional Secondary
Lora Clarke, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary
Patrizia Ros, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary
Barbara Crescenzo, Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary
Claudia Martinelli, St. Helen's Elementary
Julianne Lee, St. James Elementary
Laura Hunger, St. James Elementary
Lynn Whitlock, St. Joseph the Worker Elementary
Vilma MacDonald, St. Joseph the Worker Elementary
Dolores Collins, St. Mary's Vancouver Elementary
Danielle Kozak, St. Mary's Vancouver Elementary
Jim Au, St. Patrick's Regional Secondary
Cristina Ferreira, St. Patrick's Regional Secondary
Gregory Kelly, St. Paul's Elementary
Liesl Knoll, St. Paul's Elementary
Denise Morris, St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary
Michelle Purkiss, St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Secondary

In Community



On December 12, to honour the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, students in Grade Two at St. Mary's Elementary School studied the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Both Saints share a special connection with Indigenous People. Students created prayer cards to share with residential school survivors. Coming together to recognize this day reinforced seeking truth, healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and a renewed sense of hope in our community.



Truth and Reconciliation Day at St. John Brebeuf High School was recognized as Orange Shirt Day, and included guest speaker Brenda Pike, a Cultural Programmer with Teddy's Homes and a member of Skwah First Nation, a video of Indigenous dance, SJB student Raven Prest, and a prayer service by Life and Justice.



Indigenous Day saw the Traditional Learning Academy community welcome First Nations friends, Jenelle and Glenn, from the Papsilqua Reserve, in the Fraser Canyon, by singing "O Siem". The day was filled with listening to stories, discussing Indigenous issues, learning about indigenous math, customs, how to barbecue salmon (and to enjoy it!), as well as to learn history, and the role of racism and segregation in colonization. The students wished farewell to our honoured guests by singing Holy God We Praise Thy Name, and a polyphonic Latin "Anima Christi".

WITH COMMUNITY



FOR COMMUNITY

Altar servers from Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary participated in a "Squamish Mass" on Sunday, October 23, at St. Paul's Church. Dominic, Gr. 12, and Jeremiah, Gr. 9, were delighted to support Deacon Rennie Nahanee and Father Pan who offer this Mass on the fourth Sunday of the month. Many aspects of Skwxwú7mesh Sníchim language and culture are integrated into this Mass.

