

# June 2024 Newsletter Saint Mary's Elementary School



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## In This Newsletter

- Important June dates
- Field Trip news
- Fun events in June
- Classroom activities

## Important Dates

Field Day - June 20th

School Showcase - June 24th

Assessment and Evaluation Day-No  
School June 27th

**Last day of school-June 28th**  
**\*Dismissal at 11:00 am**

## Principal's Message

As I sit down to write the last full newsletter of 2023-2024, it always surprises me how quickly the school year flies by. We have had a fantastic year with our students. Spending this time learning together has been invaluable and it's always amazing to look back on everything we have accomplished together. We are sharing only a few of the wonderful moments from the past several weeks, but everyday at Saint Mary's brings learning, wonder and friendship.

June is shaping up to be a very exciting month with a few school-wide events to celebrate our students and this school year. More details and dates for these events are on page 3.

As we approach the end of the school year, we will be communicating more with you regarding the beginning of next year and supply lists, etc. Please continue to check our school website for updates.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Longard

## Reminders

- Do not send nut or peanut products to school (this includes Nutella)
- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day.
- Do not drive onto the school property between 9 am and 3 pm. Park and stop only in appropriate spots on the street.
- Respect "No Parking" and "No Stopping" signs when dropping off and picking up your students.
- Check students' heads periodically for lice.



## Ticks

It is the time of year when ticks are a bit more prevalent. Please remind your children to stay out of long grass and to cover up when outside. For more information on ticks and protecting yourself, you can refer to the Nova Scotia Health Authority website at <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/public-health/get-tickd>.

## **Special School Events in June**

We have been planning a number of school activities for the month of June. We are excited to share these opportunities with our students.

**Monday, June 3rd: Last day for Strings classes.**  
Students will be performing for their classmates.

**Tuesday, June 4th:** Some of our Grade 6's will be participating in Track & Field at Beazley Field in Dartmouth (Rain date of June 6th).

**Wednesday, June 5th:** Some of our Grades 4 and 5 students will be participating in Track & Field at Beazley Field in Dartmouth (Rain date of June 7th).

**Tuesday, June 11th: This will be the last day for Grade 6 Band.** The class time will be spent reflecting on the concert that takes place on June 6th, and discussing band class for next year. It will be useful for students to reflect on their major events, including concerts. Please contact Mr. Fudge ([cfudge@hrce.ca](mailto:cfudge@hrce.ca)) if you have any questions or concerns.

**Tuesday, June 18th:** Our 2/3 and 5/6 classes will be heading on a field trip together to George's Island.

**Friday, June 20th:** Field Day for all grades. No rain date.

**Monday, June 24th:** Saint Mary's Got Talent! (Staff and students only)

**Wednesday, June 26th:** Whole school trip to the Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

**Thursday, June 27th:** Assessment & Evaluation Day - No school for students

**Friday, June 28th:** Last day of school / Grade 6 Farewell  
**\*Dismissal to take place at 11:00 am.**

The HRCE has not yet published the calendar/list of significant dates for the 2024-2025 school year. It will be forwarded to families once it is available.

**More information about the start of school will be sent out toward the end of August, so please ensure that the email provided to the school is current..**

# Grade 6

## Grade 6's Preparing for Jr. High

Our Grade 6 students have grown a lot and have been an important part of the Saint Mary's Elementary community over the years. They are now preparing themselves to transition to Gorsebrook Junior High.

Staff and students will be saying farewell to these fabulous folks on June 28th in a special gathering. Parents and guardians of the Grade 6's will be invited to attend as well. More information to follow for those families.

## Grade 3 Provincial Assessment in Literacy and Math

For 2 weeks in May, our grade 3 students wrote provincial assessments in literacy and math. These assessments provide schools with information on how our students are progressing and they assess skills learned from primary to grade 3. As we receive the results from this assessment, we will share information with families.



## Saint Mary's Got Talent!

Our annual school talent show will be taking place on Monday, June 24th. Auditions are being held during music classes over the coming weeks. If your child is interested in participating, they will be asked to return a signed permission form. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Wilson (Music Teacher) at [caitlin.wilson@hrce.ca](mailto:caitlin.wilson@hrce.ca). This will be a show for our students/staff only. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to have guests in the audience. We look forward to seeing all the awesome talent at Saint Mary's Elementary!

## School Registration

Registration for next year is well underway. All students who are currently attending Saint Mary's Elementary, including those in Pre-Primary at Inglis Street Elementary, do not need to re-register. If you know anyone with a child who will be 4 or 5 by Dec. 31st, 2024, please let them know that we are accepting registrations for Pre-Primary and Primary. They can follow the Student Registration Process link on our school website <https://smr.hrce.ca/>.

**Out-of-area requests for the 2024-2025 school year opened on April 3rd, 2024.** Parents/guardians may seek placement for their child in a school outside of the neighbourhood in which they reside under the guidelines of the Student Registration Policy. Out-of-area requests can be made for students in Grades Pre-Primary to 12, **however there is no guarantee that they will be accepted. The out-of-area transfer is permanent. Decisions on all out of area requests will be made in June and families who have applied will be contacted.** By accepting an out-of-area transfer, families are responsible for transporting their child to and from school. Please contact the Student Transportation Team if you have questions about bus eligibility. **To make an Out-of-Area request, [click here](#).** If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact the school office at 902-421-6749.



## Primary Orientation

We are very much looking forward to welcoming new Primary students and their families this coming Fall at Saint Mary's Elementary. To prepare for this transition, we would like to invite those students who will be attending Primary to come to the school on Tuesday, June 11th from 9:30-10:30 am. They will be taking part in a variety of activities that will help us to get to know them a bit better. Please bring your child to the main doors (off Morris Street).

We would appreciate you letting us know if your child will be able to join us on June 11<sup>th</sup>. You can do so by **sending a message to [stmarys@hrce.ca](mailto:stmarys@hrce.ca) by Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to your visits!

What does Grade Primary look like? Visit our [Welcome to Primary](#) site.



### Supply Lists for September 2024

Supply lists for September will be sent out via email to families later this month. After that, they will be posted on our school website for your reference.



### Last Day of School

The last day of school for students will be on Friday, June 28th. We will begin at our usual time and will dismiss students at 11:00 am. Please let your child's teacher know if they will not be attending on the last day.

Please be aware that there is no school for students the day prior (June 27th) as it is Assessment & Evaluation Day for staff.



### Field Day

This will be taking place during the morning of Thursday, June 20th (no rain date). Mr. McDougall is in the midst of planning a fun time for all of our classes. On that day, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. This includes proper shoes for active play. Please apply sunscreen prior to bringing your child to school and ensure that they come with a full water bottle. We are looking forward to having a great time together!

## Construction Update

Work on our back parking lot has been paused so that work on our gym can begin. Starting this week, the windows on the front and sides of our gym will be replaced. This work will continue through June, pausing for the week of June 24-28th. This will allow Saint Mary's Got Talent as well as our Grade 6 Farewell to take place. If necessary, work will resume after school is out for the summer. During window removal and installation, we will have no access to the gym. EXCEL will be contacting families about pick up arrangements and where students will be. Phys Ed and Music classes will take place in classrooms and outside. Please get in touch with Mrs. Longard if you have any particular concerns or questions about this work.

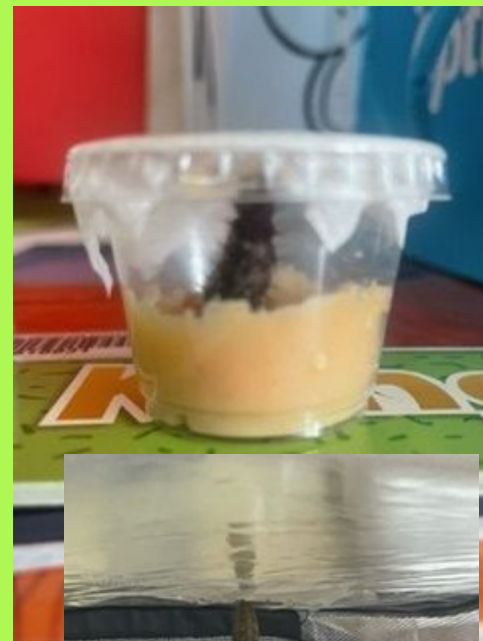
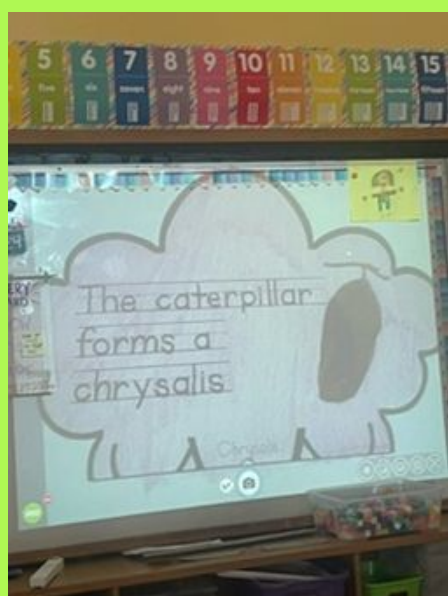
Auditions for the Halifax Boys Honour Choir will take place on Wednesday, June 5th and 12th, Room 111, Oxford School. Drop by anytime between 3:30-5:30. The audition piece is O Canada.

Auditions are on a first-come first-served basis and are for students entering grades 4-8 in September 2024. Please email Pam Burton at [halifaxboyschoir@gnspecs.ca](mailto:halifaxboyschoir@gnspecs.ca) for more information.

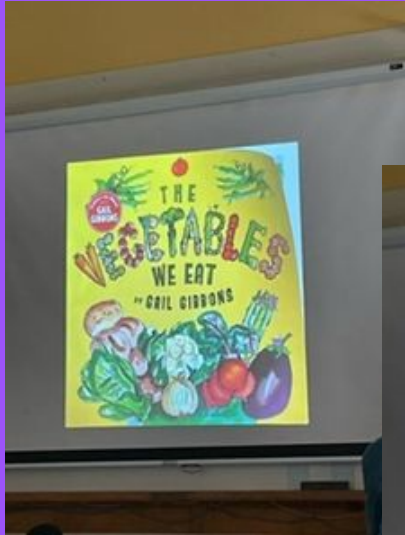




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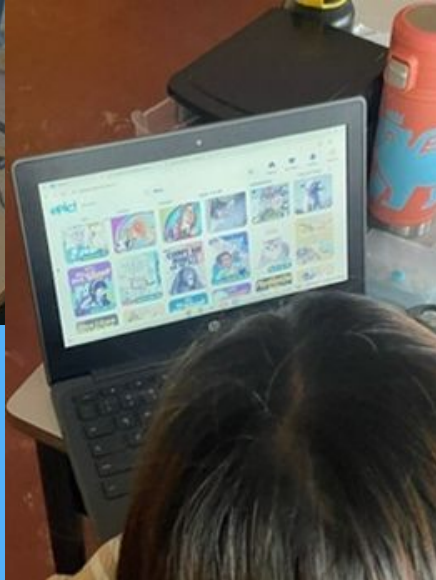
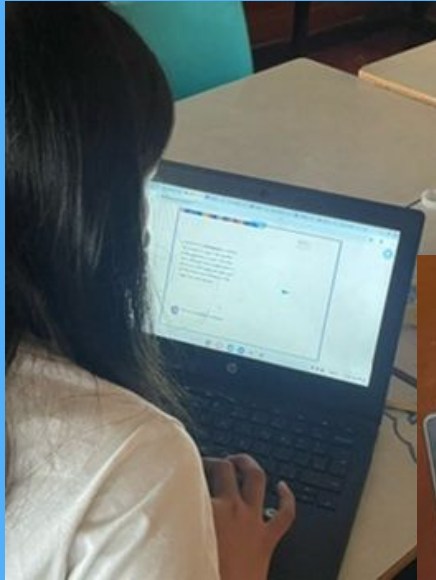


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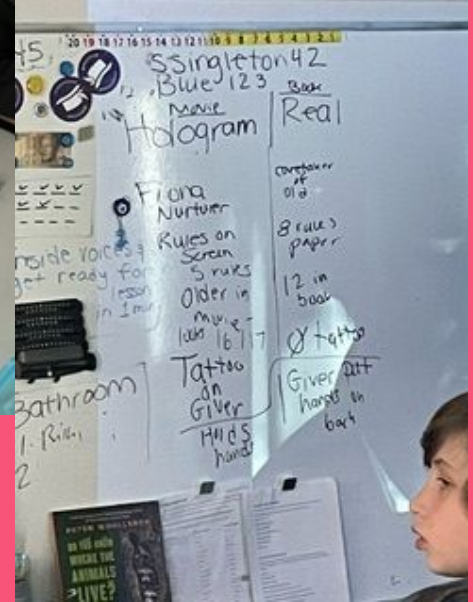
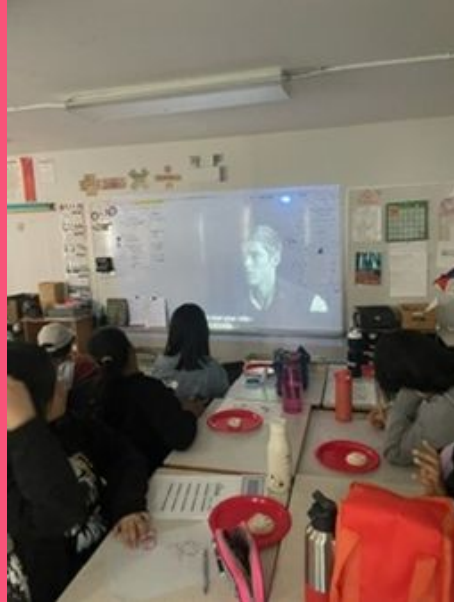
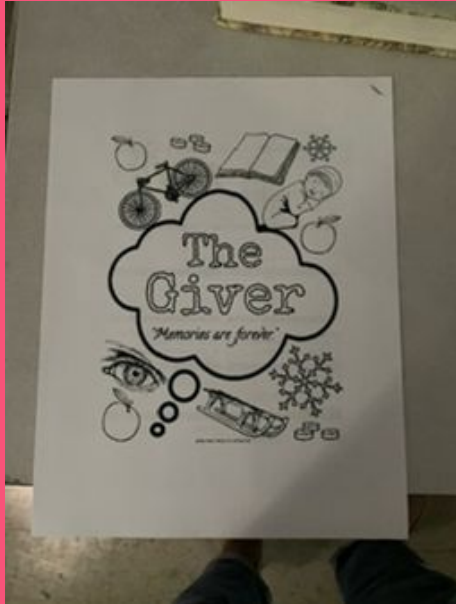




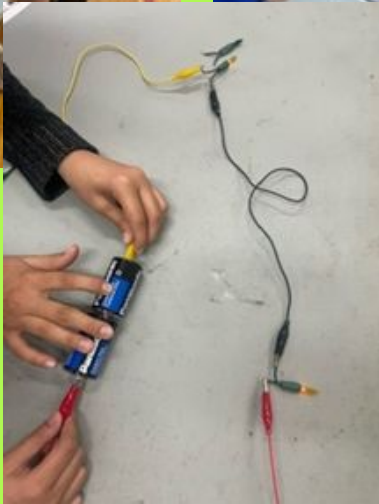
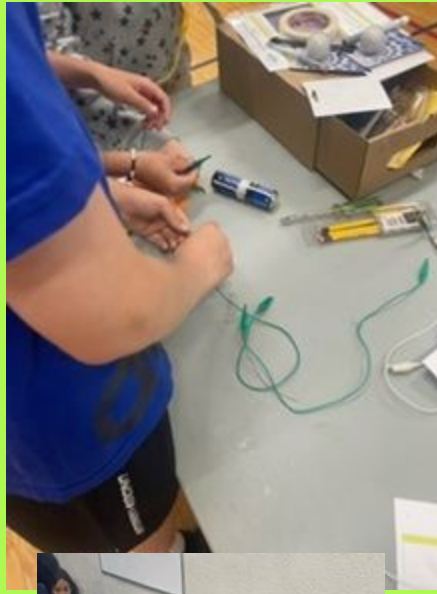
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# Look what's happening in 5/6!



# Look what's happening in 6!





# School Art Collaboration with the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia and ArtSmarts

**\*Prints to be displayed in the school once our construction is complete.\***











## SchoolsPlus Supports for Summer

Did you know? SchoolsPlus operates 12 months of the year!  
SchoolsPlus is a confidential, free service available to every  
school in Nova

Scotia. Families and students (12+) can self-refer to  
SchoolsPlus by contacting  
the Schools Plus facilitator for your school. Our Schools Plus  
facilitator for Saint Mary's is Sharon Steeves  
([ssteeves@hrce.ca](mailto:ssteeves@hrce.ca)). Learn more [here](#).



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# Connect with us!

Parents, Guardians, and Students (12+) can self-refer to SchoolsPlus by **contacting the SchoolsPlus Facilitator for your school**. Their contact information can be found on the staff directory page of your school website!

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