

November 2015 Teacher's Report

Religious Events

- ❖ For the fourth year in a row, grade 9 students from Holy Cross spent some of their retreat time working with SMES students. Students made approximately 120 prayer cards to support the Good Shepherd Ministry, which is a night-outreach program for women of the Downtown East Side.
- ❖ Students brought in some of their Halloween candy for the Good Shepherd ministry, which with the prayer cards will be distributed during their night-walks.

In the Classroom

- ❖ Grade 1 and 2 had a very successful field trip to the Taves Farm
- ❖ Grade 5 went the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to enjoy *Symphonic Sketches of Canada: New Horizons and Hockey!*
- ❖ The soccer nets have improved recess play for students on the field and have been a great help during soccer practice
- ❖ Holy Cross and SMES students collaborated in a service project, making approximately 200 Christmas and 200 birthday cards in support of the Catholic Charities Men's Hostel. Staff at CCMH rely on these cards every year. Guests at the CCMH each receive a hand-made card on Christmas morning, and another on their birthdays. This is often the only card they get. Our efforts evangelize not only the homeless men who receive them, but also the staff and volunteers as well, who are touched by the kindness of the children.

Extra-Curricular/Co-Curricular

- ❖ The grade six girls' volleyball team succeeded in making it to the playoffs.
- ❖ Two teams from the school took part in their first RC Challenge
- ❖ For the first time, SMES has a boys' volleyball team; it is playing exhibition games only this year.
- ❖ Tryouts took place for the school Christmas musical