

Saint Francis De Sales School Presents

Hope

A Spring Tea celebration

Your Musical Menu

1. Good Morning

Performed by Kindergarten and Grade One

Music by J. Walmsley

2. This Land is Your Land

(Canadian Version)

Performed by Grade Six

Music by Woody Guthrie

3. Recorder Trio

Performed by Grade Five

Arranged by J. Walmsley

4. A Special Presentation

Performed by Grades Three, Four and Five

Music by Meghan Trainor

5. Nature's Lullaby

Performed by Grade Two

Zaina Haswani - Violin, Joanna Li - Piano

Music by Nancy Price and Don Besig

6. Count On Me

Performed by The Flamettes and Grade Seven A

Music by Bruno Mars

7. Have it All

Performed by Grade Seven

Music by Jason Mraz

*A Message from our
Principal Mrs. Wihak*

8. Song Of Peace

Performed by The SFDS Choir

Music by Mary Donnelly

9. A Million Dreams

(From The Greatest Showman)

Performed by the SFDS Choir

Music by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

A Musical Note

Welcome to our very first live performance in more than three years! We are so glad you could join us for such a special occasion. The theme for this afternoon's concert is "Hope". While a simple idea, it has a deep and powerful meaning to so many now. In the past couple of years we have experienced feelings of frustration, anger, worry, and perhaps hopelessness. However it is with faith and hope in our hearts we continue moving forward to whatever life may bring. Perhaps your path is very different from what it was before. Perhaps the path is still unsettled and rocky. The world around us continues to pose new challenges, new adversities. We, as part of our families and our communities can help to lift each other up with hope that everything difficult we may face, is only for now.

As your new music teacher, I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Saint Francis de Sales community for welcoming me to school this year. It has warmed my heart to have so many students, staff and parents so invested in arts education. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for an unforgettable first year.

I feel truly blessed to be able to call this work my career. My motivation in teaching has always been to inspire a passion in music. Interest and drive will always carry you further than simply achievement. If students are excited to attend class, excited to participate and excited to learn more, a willingness to seek music and art in other places in their lives will follow. I want to share with you a few anecdotes from my classes, and give you a glimpse into what I see in my classroom.

I sent the kindergarten and grade one teachers a copy of the song they will perform. Within twenty four hours both classes returned to my room with students excitedly shouting, "We already know the whole song!"

I frequently hear the grade three students practicing their song in the hallways, in their classroom and they tell me they even put it on at home to sing and dance to.

I gave the grade six students the opportunity to have extra practice time on the ukulele at morning break times. So many of them stay and play, excited to rehearse their performance song.

When I first showed the grade seven classes their song, the first thing they said after was, "Can we sing it again?"

The theme of today's performance is "Hope". What is hope, but a drive and a passion for something greater. We can choose to dream and hope quietly inside our head, or we can act. That is a choice we make each day. Hopes and dreams, however, are always easiest to achieve with help. That is why throughout the performance today, the other thing you will see is collaboration. In music, collaborating with others is one of the most important concepts: learning to listen to each other, learning to be patient and lifting up those who may need help. By working together we can hold on to hope and move forward into action.

Thank you for joining us. I truly hope that you enjoy today's performance.

Ms. Julia Walmsley - Music Teacher