



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER
February 4th, 2022

“One Family, One Hope in Christ.”

ST. JOSEPH'S CELEBRATES LITERACY

In the midst of the pandemic challenges, the staff at St. Joseph's has come through again with shining colours! This week we have celebrated literacy all week long! We began the week with a Reader's Theatre Production of “A Bad Case of the Stripes.” Imagine all the teachers in a zoom production with video filters such as pig ears, rainbows, chapeaux, sunglasses, goggles, unicorns ... all coming together to celebrate a story of a young girl, Camilla, who developed a bad case of the stripes because she was not being true to herself.

Throughout the week there were many literacy activities, and we capped off our theme with a dress-up day to celebrate our feature book, *Just Be You!* by Peter H. Reynolds. Thank you, teachers for your work in highlighting St. Joseph's commitment to literacy in these fun and educational ways!

I also had the opportunity this week to view the study of literacy in a more in-depth fashion through visits to Grade 5V, 6J and 6W. In Grade 5V I observed students working in groups doing pre-reading activities and then applying the concepts of predicting, clarifying, questioning and summarizing to a reading concerning the Beijing Winter 2022 Olympics. Grade 6W is finishing up a novel called *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis. *The Breadwinner* tells the story of a girl named Parvana. Parvana lived in Afghanistan under the Taliban. Her father was captured and Parvana was forced to dress as a boy in order to work and provide for her family. This is a story rich in culture and addresses the place of women in another country – how timely for the age we live in!

I also enjoyed watching Grade 6W learn to read in a different language – music! These young people are developing the foundational skills of their band instruments and creating a wonderful sound from a piece of music reminiscent of the theme from the TV Series “MASH.” With beginner bands, you must always “listen for the promise”. These Grade 6 students sound very promising and are learning to read music skillfully!

Thank you Mr. Veenhof, Mr. Kegalj and Miss Buckie (Mrs. James Teacher On Call) for your hospitality this week and allowing me to witness the fantastic work our students are doing.

All in all, it has been a great week for St. Joseph's as we provide a superior education for our students in an atmosphere of faith and community. Well done, St. Joseph's!

Many thanks,
Keefer Pollard, Principal
St. Joseph's Elementary School



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO SCHOOL)
Friday, February 18th

FAMILY DAY (NO SCHOOL)
Monday, February 21st

ST. JOSEPH'S RE-REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Please confirm your child(ren)'s re-enrollment by sending your signed form to the office by Friday, February 18th. See attached forms.

*You can also find additional forms including Financial Assistance and Tuition fees for 2022-2023 on the school website.



COME READ WITH ME

Come Read with Me is an interactive workshop based on our tutor training and facilitated by a ONE TO ONE educator designed to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn positive strategies to help them support their children when reading at home. Participating families will receive a digital resource package including the "Reading Success at Home" handbook. This program is geared for early readers but can be applicable for all grade levels. Come Read with Me is available at no cost to families across British Columbia through generous donor support.

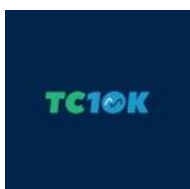
**The virtual sessions are on February 15th, 23rd, 28th, March 10th, and 16th.
They start at 6:30 p.m. and run for 60 minutes with time for questions after.
Each session is the same – parents/caregivers only need to come once.**

To register and for more information:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/one-to-one-literacy-society-32436852611>

PINK SHIRT DAY! Wednesday, February 23rd

Students are invited to wear a Pink Shirt on Wednesday, February 23rd in our mission to create a more kind, inclusive world by raising awareness and supporting anti-bullying. The Pink Shirt may be worn in lieu of our regular white shirts/tie and sweater or PE gym strip shirt.



TEAM TIMBERWOLVES

Hello Timberwolves!

St Josephs will once again be entering a team in the TC10Km and 1.5KM Family Fun Run! Come on out and support our school and have some fun, while being active! Please access the link below to join our team, under 'St Joseph Timberwolves'

<https://raceroster.com/registration/32964c78-1a76-4ded-bbc9-4e4691c2549b/entry?team=369093>



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February 1, 2022

Dear Island Catholic School families,

RE: Tuition rates for 2022-2023

Warm greetings to all of you; I pray you are staying safe and healthy.

It is the time of year where the School Board and Administration start planning for the next school year. That planning includes the budgetary process, of which tuition review and rates is a major component.

It is believed that a modest increase to tuition rates on an annual basis is more manageable than larger infrequent increases. Along with affordability, other key factors that must be considered are:

1. Managing inflationary pressures
2. Paying teachers and other staff fairly
3. Recruitment and retaining staff
4. Continuing to provide quality education
5. Ensuring financial sustainability

For the 2022-2023 school year, tuition rates will be increased by approximately 3%. There is more variability on the percentage increase for family rates as we continue to adjust tuition for the third-child rate, that was introduced system wide in 2020-2021.

Please direct any immediate questions to your school principal or myself.

Together in hope,

Katja Groves
Superintendent of Catholic Independent Schools
Diocese of Victoria

St. Joseph's School Victoria

2022/2023 Re-Registration and Tuition Fees

Each year in early February, schools begin budget and staffing preparation for the upcoming school year. Integral to the process is the re-registration of existing students. Before admitting new students, all existing students are given priority to re-register. The **deadline for re-registration is February 18th, 2022**. Until that date there is no fee to re-register and placement can be secured for the 2022/2023 school year. Parents re-registering their children after February 18th are subject to a \$50.00 application fee and their acceptance cannot be guaranteed.

Family Payment Schedule Information

Family Payment Schedules will be available for signature after **April 4th, 2022**. These **must** be signed by **April 30th, 2022**. Families who have not returned a signed Family Payment Schedule will be removed from school enrolment and considered **not registered**. Families requesting Financial Assistance will receive their form at the end of April and must return it by May 1st, 2022.

Tuition Fees 2022/2023

<i>Practicing Catholic:</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Monthly Pmt / 12 months</i>
1 Child per family	5,299.00	441.58
2 Children per family	9,538.00	794.83
3 or more Children per family	10,280.00	856.67
<i>Standard Tuition:</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Monthly Pmt / 12 months</i>
1 Child per family	6,462.00	538.50
2 Children per family	11,632.00	969.33
3 or more Children per family	12,536.00	1,044.67

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

We offer religious education in our schools, which enables parents to receive a charity tax receipt for the religious portion of the tuition fees paid. The consequent tax reduction can be significant and is not available in non-denominational independent schools. Please note that the amount of the receipt is dependent on the number of children, the tuition rate, and the actual amount of fees paid.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Parents who find it difficult to pay fees are reminded that each of the Island Catholic Schools provides financial assistance for families requiring help. Application forms are available through your school office or on the ICS website. The deadline for applying for financial assistance is **no later than May 18th, 2022**. Applications are to be submitted to the principal of your school. Families with children at multiple schools are to submit to St. Andrew's High School.

It is recognized a financial situation may change at any time throughout the year. Should this apply to your family after the deadline date please contact the school Principal.

Forms available on the website: www.cisdv.bc.ca



Island Catholic Schools
Re-Registration for St. Joseph's School Victoria
2022/2023

Last Name _____

Address _____

Student Name _____

Grade September 2022: _____

Student Name _____

Grade September 2022: _____

Student Name _____

Grade September 2022: _____

Student Name _____

Grade September 2022: _____

We will be returning ☐

We will not be returning ☐

If you have a student(s) entering SARHS in grade 8 in Sept., please list the name(s) below:

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Important Dates 2022:

February 18th Deadline for re-registration: registrations received after the deadline are subject to a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee, and placement cannot be guaranteed.

May 1st Deadline for applying for Financial Assistance.

April 30th Last day to submit signed Family Payment Schedule.

June 12th Last day to take advantage of pre-payment discount.

All forms are available at the school, the school website: www.stjosephschool.ca or at: www.cisdv.bc.ca

- Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate Request Form
- Financial Assistance Form



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PRACTICING CATHOLIC TUITION APPLICATION

TUITION INFORMATION

Reason for Tuition Fees

The Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria (Island Catholic Schools) is recognized by the Ministry of Education as a Group I Independent School. This means that we are able to have the maximum funding available to an Independent School (50% of the per student operating costs of the local public-school district). These are partial operating costs only and do not cover costs for capital expenditures such as: buildings, computers, desks, etc. Therefore, tuition fees, donations and fundraising are required to provide adequate resources for the operational budget of the school.

Reason for a "Practicing Catholic" Tuition Rate

Island Catholic Schools accepts practicing Catholic, non-practicing Catholic and non-Catholic students. Both Catholic and non-Catholic families pay tuition and indirectly support the school through government grants (we all pay taxes!). Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Victoria provide funding for schools in a variety of ways. Parishes initially provided the capital outlay to build the schools and now assist with funding for major capital expenditures. Practicing Catholic families participate in the parishes financial support of the schools. Because of this, a two-tiered tuition rate has been set which reflects that those families already supporting the school financially through their own parish should enjoy some benefit from a lower tuition rate. Stated the other way, a family who is not active in a Catholic Church which financially supports our schools, should, in fairness, play an equally supportive role in the area of school finances by paying a higher tuition.

There is a reason, therefore, for having a Catholic family vouch that they are active in a parish that supports Island Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Victoria. This attempts to uphold the integrity of the policy of a two-tiered tuition rate.

Parishioners of the Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Victoria financially support Catholic schools to a total annual amount of approximately \$190,000 through weekly collections and through the Annual Appeal. It would be unfair to expect the parishes to subsidize families who are not in turn sharing in the financial responsibilities of the parish.

If a non-practicing Catholic family or non-Catholic family pays a higher tuition rate it must be because the practicing Catholic families are actually supporting the school through their own contribution in the Sunday collection on a regular committed basis. Otherwise, it would be blatantly discriminatory to charge people different tuition rates simply on the basis of religious practice.



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PRACTICING CATHOLIC TUITION RATE CRITERIA

A qualifying Practicing Catholic for tuition rate purposes is defined as a family that is actively involved in a parish affiliated with the Diocese of Victoria. The Practicing Catholic family shares its Time, Talent, and/or Treasure with their parish. Ultimately, attending Mass weekly is key.

- Time:** Time is a gift from God... The questions for us are: how will we use that gift and will we use it to build up our community? The most basic way is returning to God a portion of that gift by responding to the Catholic guideline that we make every effort to join our community in prayer at a weekend Mass. Time can also be shared by attending parish functions or helping in the many chores and simple tasks that make up Parish life.
- Talent:** There is a whole array of special tasks in a Parish that need people with a special interest in doing them. They can range from taking on a special role at Mass, to visiting a sick person, to serving in various leadership roles, or simply offering one's expertise when there is a special project. An organizational chart of the Parish is available which depicts all these different areas and the people responsible for them.
- Treasure:** One of the guidelines given us by the Church is that we accept responsibility for the financial support of our local Parish. This can be done by using the parish donation envelope, pre-authorized debit, and contributing to the best of one's ability. To what extent a family can do this will vary with individual circumstances.

How to request the Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate:

Each year, during re-registration, Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate Requests are completed by each family in order to receive the discount.

Parishes will be sent a list of participant families and contact information, and the Pastor/Parish may set up a meeting to discuss active involvement.

If you are new to our Diocese, please include your previous parish information and the parish where you intend to register.

In requesting the subsidized Practicing Catholic Tuition rate, you are affirming the practice of your faith, as identified above.



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PRACTICING CATHOLIC TUITION RATE REQUEST
SCHOOL YEAR: 2022-2023

If you meet the requirements as outlined in the Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate Criteria, complete and submit this form to the school.

Parent's name: _____

Student name(s): _____

School(s): _____

Catholic Parish: _____

Registered or attending for how many years? _____

We are involved in the following parish ministries and/or parish groups:

By answering "YES" to the following statements and submitting the form, we are requesting the Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate.

We have read the criteria and qualify for the Practicing Catholic tuition rate and understand that our contact information will be shared with the Pastor/Parish ☐ YES ☐ NO

We attend Sunday Mass weekly ☐ YES ☐ NO

We contribute financially to the parish ☐ YES ☐ NO

We use direct deposit ☐ YES ☐ NO OR we use envelopes ☐ YES ☐ NO envelope # _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

NOTE: Should you not qualify at this time please disregard this form. Should your situation change, you may apply next year.

**St. Joseph's After School Care
Spring Break Camp
March 21st – March 25th and
March 28th – April 1st, 2022**

Dear Before and After School Care families,

This year we are offering Spring Break Camp, running from March 21st – 25th and March 28th – April 1st.

Please register as soon as possible as we have limited spaces.

Program Dates:

March 21st – March 25th
and
March 28th – April 1st
Monday to Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm

Program Activities:

A finalized calendar will be sent home with registered families. This year we will again be offering theme days, organized activities, and plenty of arts and crafts! We are strictly following our Covid-19 Safety Plan and public health guidance. We will be staying on-site.



Cost:

\$205.00 per child per week

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return it by email to wbirdborau@cisdv.bc.ca by:

Friday February 18th, 2022

If you have any questions please email Wendy and Susan at sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca or call the centre at 250-479-1237.

**St. Joseph's After of School Care
Spring Break Camp 2022
Registration Form**

Children must be registered in the Before/After School Care Program to
attend Spring Break Camp

Yes, we wish to register in the 2022 Spring Break Camp:

Name(s) of Children: _____ Grade: _____
_____ Grade: _____

We would like to register for:

March 21st – March 25th (\$205.00) _____
March 28th – April 1st (\$205.00) _____

Total payment Included: \$ _____

*Please e-transfer payment to sjv@cisdv.bc.ca and include your child's name and what the payment is for in the comments section.

Please submit to the Early Learning Centre by February 18th.
Payment must be e-transferred before your child is considered registered.

All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Late registrations will not be accepted.



Daily Health Check and What to Do When Sick

Daily Health Check

Everyone going into to school must complete a daily health check, including staff, visitors, and students. A daily health check means checking yourself or your child for new symptoms of illness, including symptoms of COVID-19.

Symptoms of illness (including COVID-19) include things like:

- Fever or chills
- Difficulty breathing
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Sneezing
- Body aches
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Loss of appetite
- Extreme fatigue or tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting

If you are sick or feel unwell, stay at home. This is important to stop the spread of illness, including COVID-19, in schools.

You can attend school if:

- Your symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies), OR
- You have existing symptoms that have improved to where you feel well enough to return to regular activities,

AND you are not required to self-isolate, or your self-isolation period is over (based on a positive COVID-19 test result, if taken).

What to Do When Sick

If you have mild symptoms of COVID-19, you usually don't need a test. Mild symptoms are symptoms that can be managed at home. Most people don't need testing for COVID-19.

Stay home and away from others (as much as possible) until you feel well enough to return to your regular activities and you no longer have a fever. You should also avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings such as long term care facilities and gatherings, for another 5 days after ending isolation.

If you have a Rapid Antigen Test at home, use it when you have symptoms. How long you should stay home depends on your test result. Find out more about [Rapid Antigen Test results](#).

If you do not have symptoms of COVID-19, you do not need a test.

If you are unsure about your symptoms, you can use the [Self-Assessment Tool](#), contact your health care provider or call 8-1-1.

Testing may be recommended for some people who may be more likely to get severe disease. See BCCDC for information on [who testing is recommended for](#).

What to Do if Someone in Your Household is Sick

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19.

Try to stay apart from the person in your household who is sick as much as possible.

Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you develop symptoms of illness or feel unwell.

If You Test Positive for COVID-19

Your age and vaccination status determine how long you should self-isolate for if you test positive for COVID-19.

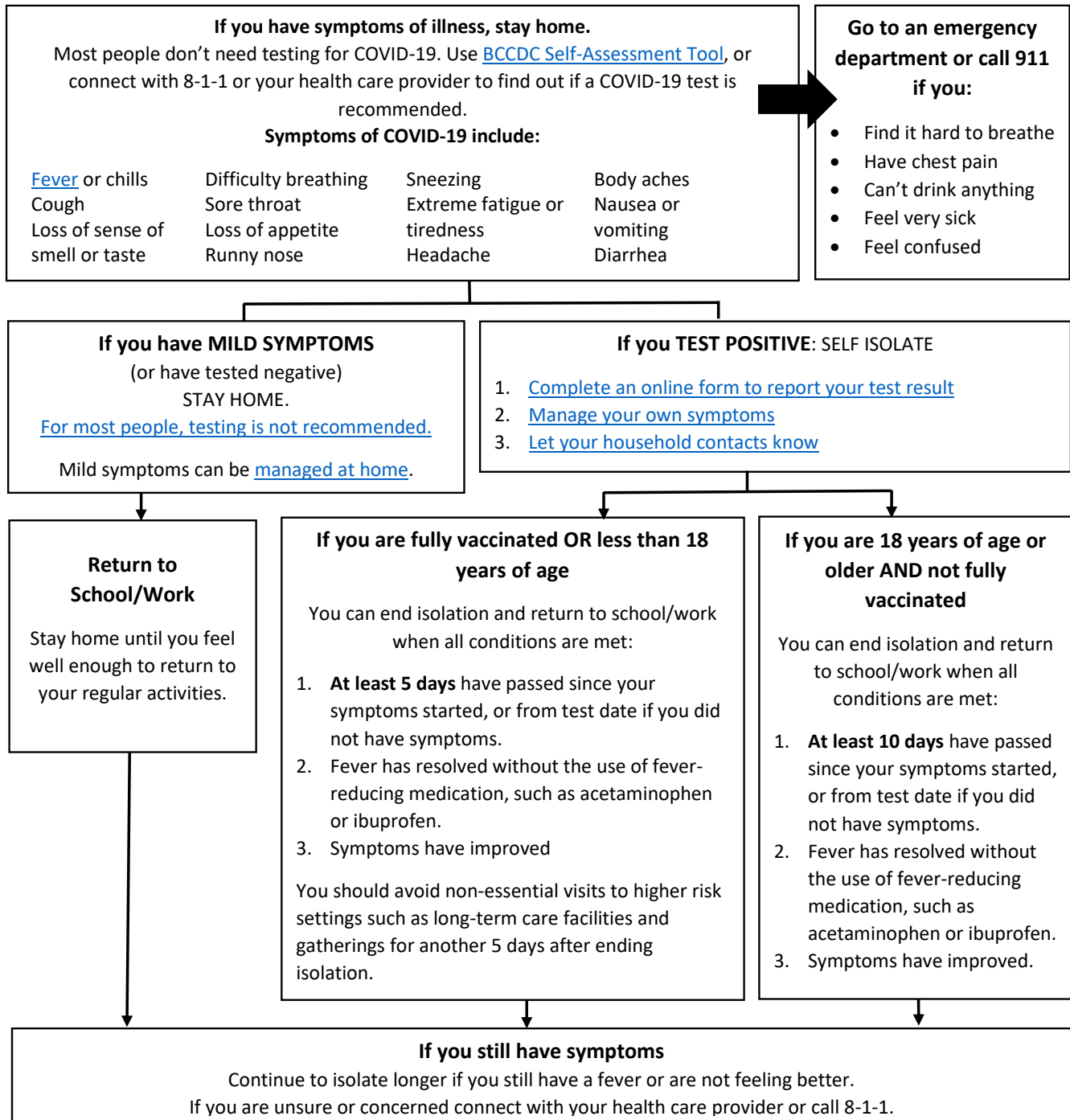
Age	Vaccination Status	Guidance
Under 18 years of age	Unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or fully vaccinated	Self-isolate at home for 5 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever. Avoid non-essential visits to higher risk settings like long-term care facilities and gatherings for another 5 days after ending isolation.
18 years of age or older	Fully vaccinated	
	NOT fully vaccinated	Self-isolate at home for 10 days AND until your symptoms improve and you no longer have a fever.

Close contacts, who are usually others in your household, do not need to self-isolate (regardless of vaccination status), but should closely self-monitor for symptoms. BCCDC has more information for [close contacts](#).

If you find it hard to breathe, have chest pain, can't drink anything, feel very sick, and/or feel confused, contact your health care provider right away or go to your local emergency department or call 9-1-1.

This information is adapted from the BC Centre for Disease Control. For more information, visit <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19>

Summary: What to Do When Sick



What to do if someone is sick in your household:

You can continue to attend school if someone in your household is sick and/or self-isolating as long as you do not have any symptoms of illness and feel well. This includes if they have tested positive for COVID-19. Ensure you closely monitor yourself (or your child) for symptoms of illness and stay home if you feel unwell. The best way to protect yourself and your family from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. Vaccines are available for anyone ages 5 and up. Register now at: [Getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca)



Care for our Common HOME



Franciscan Youth Group

Sacred Heart Franciscan Youth Group gathers biweekly to build a community that cares for God's creation and one another by learning, having fun and deepening our faith.

Sundays at 1pm on Zoom

Register by email: religioused@sacredheartvictoria.com



PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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