

# St. Joseph's Catholic School

757 West Burnside Rd. - Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9 Located on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen speaking peoples of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, whose historical relationships with the land continues to this day.

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## NEWSLETTER February 11th, 2022

## "One Family, One Hope in Christ."

## ST. JOSEPH'S CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Happy Catholic Schools Week, Everybody! Our school has been busy this week celebrating our Catholic Faith and being part of the St. Joseph's Family.

Foundational to our celebration was prayer. This week our Grade Two classes hosted a Liturgy of the Word, which was livestreamed on the St. Joseph's Parish Youtube Channel. Following the liturgy, the Spirit Group presented a dramatic dance performance to *Still Her Little Child* which focused on the relationship between Mary and Jesus. Thank you, Grade Twos, the Spirit Group, and thank you Miss Johnson and Mrs. Owton!

Also, foundational was a prayer project initiated by the Intermediate teachers. Throughout the week, students from each grade led the school in morning prayer over the intercom. Even the French program had a day and led us in *Je vous salue Marie* (Hail Mary). *Formidable, mes amis!* 

Other activities various classrooms participated in included: making many visual displays for our touring parents, creating faith shields, a literature focus on Catholic themes, stories of the saints (especially St. Vincent), a saints and biblical figures dress-up day, and a travelling Readers' Theatre production of *Fruits of the Spirit*. We also had some outreach activities writing cards for those who are sick, and making Valentines for lonely seniors. Such a rich variety of ways to celebrate! Thank you, teachers for your excellent ideas and the way you led our students to participate in them!

Unfortunately, because of COVID pandemic restrictions, we were not able to open the school to visitors. However, thanks to our Administrative Team (Mr. Card, Mrs. Bella, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Bird-Boru, Mrs. Lee and myself) were able to provide new applicants with a tour of the classrooms and information about the school and Childcare programs.

We promoted participation with the parent support group and their ability to fund special projects for our students (such as the Childcare Garden) and the opportunity to make lasting friendships with other parents in the school. We know you will welcome these parents and join with them for many upcoming projects once the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

The tours highlighted our Catholic tradition, the Kindergarten program, the primary and intermediate departments, our Learning Support Services, our athletic, choir, band and dance programs, the professionalism of our staff and the strength of our academic record. What a lot we have to be proud of and grateful for! Thank you everybody for your involvement!

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



RED, WHITE & PINK DAY **Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** The students are invited to wear red, white and pink civvies for Valentine's Day.

## CANADA/OLYMPIC SPIRIT CIVVIES DAY



**Thursday, February 17th** "Dress in Canadian Gear" day Thursday, Feb. 17th was earned through our Terry Fox fundraising goals!

This ties in well with the Winter Olympics. Students are invited to wear clothing or coloured clothing that celebrates Canada, whether it be red and white, Canadian sports teams, Olympic wear, flannel shirts etc. Go Canada Go!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO SCHOOL) Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

FAMILY DAY (NO SCHOOL) Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

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 18<sup>th</sup>. See attached forms. \*You can also find additional forms including Financial Assistance and Tuition fees for 2022-2023 on the school website.





## PINK SHIRT DAY! Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

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 antibullying. The Pink Shirt may be worn in lieu of our regular white shirts/tie and sweater or PE gym strip shirt.



## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>. 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

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'

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## St. Joseph's After School Care Spring Break Camp March 21<sup>st</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Dear Before and After School Care families,

This year we are offering Spring Break Camp, running from March  $21^{st} - 25^{th}$  and March  $28^{th} - April 1^{tst}$ . Please register as soon as possible as we have limited spaces.

## **Program Dates:**

March 21<sup>st</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> **and** March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <u>wbirdborau@cisdv.bc.ca</u> by:

## Friday February 18th, 2022

If you have any questions please email Wendy and Susan at <u>sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca</u> 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 21<sup>st</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> (\$205.00) \_\_\_\_\_\_ (\$205.00) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Total payment Included:

\*Please e-transfer payment to <u>sjv@cisdv.bc.ca</u> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.





## CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

1 - 4044 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria, BC V8X 2A1 Phone: (250) 727-6893 Fax: (250) 479-5423

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,

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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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. These **<u>must</u>** be signed by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Families who have not returned a signed Family Payment Schedule will be removed from school enrolment and considered <u>not registered</u>. Families requesting Financial Assistance will receive their form at the end of April and must return it by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

| <b>Tuition Fees 2022/2023</b> |           |                         |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Practicing Catholic:          | Annual    | Monthly Pmt / 12 months |  |  |
| 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                  |  |  |
| Standard Tuition:             | Annual    | Monthly Pmt / 12 months |  |  |
| 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 <u>no later than</u> May 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

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

| Address  |  |
|--|--|
| Student Name   | Grade September 2022:                    |
| Student Name   |  |
| Student Name   |  |
| 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 i | in Sept., please list the name(s) below: |
|  |  |

#### **Important Dates 2022:**

| February 18 <sup>th</sup> | Deadline for re-registration: registrations received after the deadline are subject to a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee, and placement cannot be guaranteed. |
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| May 1 <sup>st</sup>       | Deadline for applying for Financial Assistance.   |
| April 30 <sup>th</sup>    | Last day to submit signed Family Payment Schedule.  |
| June 12 <sup>th</sup>     | 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



#### 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.



### 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.



### PRACTICING CATHOLIC TUITION RATE REQUEST SCHOOL YEAR: <u>2022-2023</u>

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 attend Sunday Mass weekly            | □ YES | $\Box$ NO |
|---|-------|-----------|
| We contribute financially to the parish | □ YES |           |

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.

Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate Application

January 2022



## Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria

# Job Posting: Accounting Clerk

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria is seeking a full-time Accounts Receivable/Payable Clerk with a strong financial background and excellent organizational skills.

## Duties & Responsibilities

- Posts customer payments by recording cash, cheques, direct debit and credit card transactions
- Posts revenues by verifying and entering transactions from deposits
- Updates receivables and prepares reports on outstanding files
- Verifies validity of account discrepancies by obtaining and investigating information
- Resolves valid or authorized deductions by entering adjusting entries
- Resolves invalid or unauthorized deductions by following pending deductions procedures
- Resolves collections by examining customer payment plans, payment history, coordinating contact with collections department
- Maintains and documents correspondence with outstanding accounts in accordance with approved policies and procedures
- Arrange payment options for outstanding accounts
- Summarizes receivables by maintaining invoice accounts; coordinating monthly transfer to accounts receivable account; verifying totals; preparing reports
- Reconciles GL accounts and bank accounts and prepared journal entries
- Prepares Tuition/Donation Receipts
- Maintains invoices from vendors and enters into accounting system
- Prepares, distributes and maintains customer forms
- Accomplishes accounting and organization mission by completing related tasks as needed

## **Position Requirements**

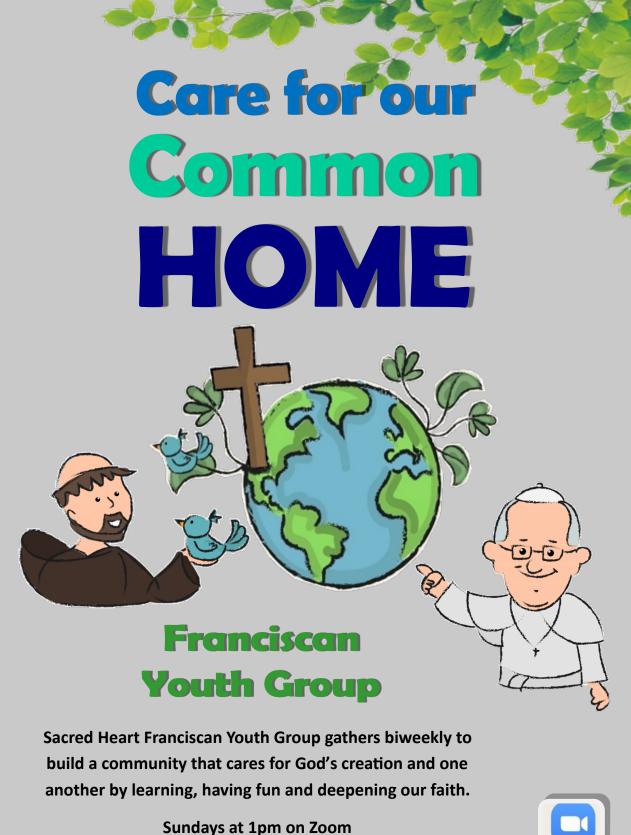
- Completion of a two-year accounting diploma, plus two (2) years accounting experience or the equivalent education and experience
- Solid understanding of AR principals
- Proficient Microsoft Office applications, and high level of competency with MS Excel
- Attention to detail and ability to manage time effectively and meet required deadlines
- Excellent communication skills, both written and oral

Interested applicants are invited to submit a résumé and cover letter by February 18, 2022 to:

Roman Catholic Diocese of Victoria Attention: Leah MacKenzie, CFO 4044 Nelthorpe Street Victoria, BC V8X 2A1 Email: jobs@rcdvictoria.org

https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment

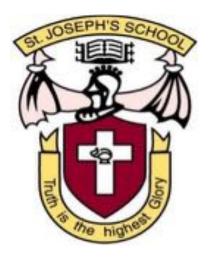
Please note that only those short listed for an interview will be contacted.



Register by email: religioused@sacredheartvictoria.com



\*Please note that any manner of association, inclusion, and participation of any Businesses within this Directory, is not an indication of endorsement by St. Joseph's Elementary School or Church Parish or any of its affiliates.



## Support Local Parent Owned Businesses!

Our Business Directory is a service provided by the Parents Support Group to help fundraise for our school children and also support our local parent businesses!



# **DIRECTORY:**

#### Financial & Legal Services

- Blair & Associates -IG Private Wealth Management
- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax
- Whitestone Legal
- Meritage Financial Group

#### Health & Wellness

• Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

#### Real Estate Services

• Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

#### **Retail & Commercial Services**

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#### **Trades & Construction**

- Great White North Projects
- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

CONTACT <u>SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA</u> WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

# **Financial & Legal Services**

#### Blair & Associates - IG Private Wealth Management Brian Blair brian.blair@jgpwm.ca Ph: 250-704-4040 www.BlairPrivateWealth.com Retirement, Education and Personal Insurance Planning for families.



### Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Teya Jensen <u>info@homeroombookkeeping.com</u> Ph: 604-739-9536 <u>www.homeroombookkeeping.com</u> We provide bookkeeping for all types of small businesses, payroll, GST/PST filings and Personal income tax returns.

#### Meritage Financial Group

Shane Edmison, CFP <u>shane@meritage.ca</u> Ph: 250-475-6050 <u>www.meritagefinancialgroup.ca</u> *Comprehensive financial planning firm providing clients with insurance, investment and employee benefits consulting.* 

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and Civil Litigation and Notarial Services.





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# Health & Wellness

## Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Carolin Roussel carolin.etiquette@shaw.ca Ph: 250-474-1941 and 778-432-3344 www.eyeetiquetteoptical.ca

Eye Etiquette offers a range of glasses that are sophisticated, fun, minimal to eye-catching. Our customer service awardwinning optical team of licensed opticians, optometrists, and optical assistants are here to help. Providing eyewear, contact lenses, safety glasses and full eye health examinations for all ages.

# **Real Estate Services**

#### Kamaretsos Real Estate Team | Pemberton Holmes Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos michelle@myvictoriarealty.com Ph: 250-686-7590 www.myvictoriarealty.com/st-joes-parents.html Boutique group of Realtors® specializing in residential properties in the Greater Victoria areas. See our dedicated link for St. Joes Parents!

## **Retail & Commercial Services**

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Carmen & Victor Araujo <u>victoria@endoftheroll.com</u> Ph: 250-386-8883 www.endoftheroll.com

We are a retail flooring store that supplies carpet, sheet vinyl, hardwood, laminate, vinyl plank, tile, area rugs and more! We can also provide installation service and delivery when









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# **Trades & Construction**

## **Great White North Projects**

Lukasz Jarawka <u>lukasz@greatwhiteprojects.ca</u> Ph: 250-328-9592 <u>www.greatwhiteprojects.ca</u> Landscaping, paving stones, retaining walls, wood fences, cement work, decks and more.



Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd. Sam Payne <u>lisnabreenyplumbing@gmail.com</u> Ph: 250-889-3508 www.Lisnabreenyplumbing.ca Plumbing repair/service, renovations, gas and cross connection device install/testing B

