



## St. Joseph's Catholic School

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*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  
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### “One Family, One Hope in Christ.”

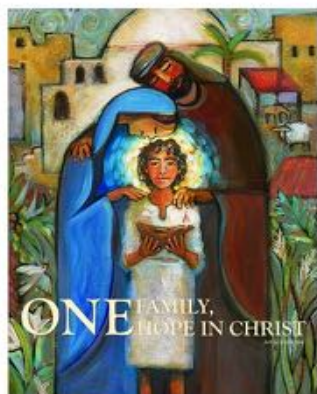
#### ST. JOSEPH'S RESPONDS TO WORLD EVENTS

What a blessing it is to be part of a Catholic School! I had the privilege this week to attend morning prayer in both Grade 5 classes and I was so impressed to hear discussions before prayer about what is going on in the Ukraine and to have those concerns brought forward in prayer. How proactive it is to teach our children that our response to those in need is to pray.

Prayer, however, is not enough. We are currently making plans to address another problem in our own city – poverty and hunger. Lent starts next week and our children will be engaged with St. Vincent de Paul to take action and address this important issue. Prayer and action, that is our response to the challenges we face in life! Our students are showing their ability to address issues in the world. Well done, St. Joseph's!

Also, I had a chat with one of our friends in Grade 5V. I had asked him what he had learned that day. He told me that his class was learning about the First Nations people and how they had their land taken away. Some of his classmates also chimed in and told me they were learning about the Indian Act. I was so impressed. I am just learning about the Indian Act and the effect it has had on First Nations myself! It is encouraging to hear our young people becoming informed about today's issues and equipped to make a difference as they grow up.

So much for the news, now for the weather! It has been very cold this week and we have had concerns about snow and ice on our parking lot. When it is not cold, it is raining and creating lots of mud. This week I would like to commend our caretakers who keep our school safe and clean. Frosty mornings have been safe as Mr. Franco and Mr. Neatby have ensured that our parking lot and walkways are well salted. Mr. Franco is on standby each morning in case our parking lot needs to have snow removed.



Our cleaning staff of Mark, Jesse and Seamus tackle the mud tracked in everyday without complaint and keep our school clean and sanitized. Although Jesse and Seamus actually work for our contracted cleaning company, V-Force, they have been assigned to Island Catholic Schools for over 10 years. Mark has worked for St. Joseph's since 2004.

All five guys are very much part of our school family and their work, especially at this time of year, is much appreciated. Thanks Guys!

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





# 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](mailto:religioused@sacredheartvictoria.com)



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## 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!



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- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax
- Whitestone Legal
- Meritage Financial Group

### Health & Wellness

- Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

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- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

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### Trades & Construction

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