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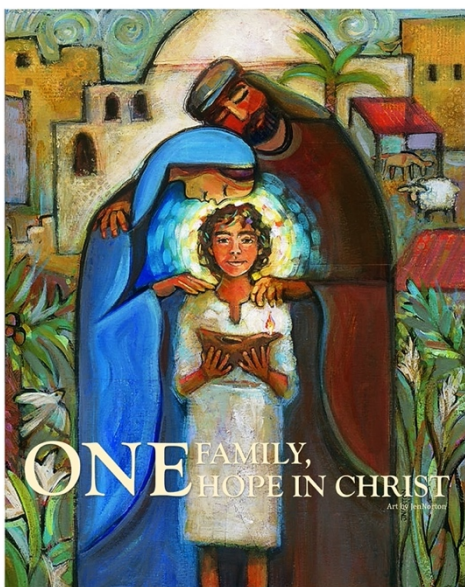
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NEWSLETTER
March 18th, 2022

“One Family, One Hope in Christ.”

ST. JOE'S ENDS TERM IN CELEBRATION



We have come to the end of term and have many reasons to celebrate our efforts over the last few months.

Firstly, report cards have gone home and we have the opportunity to celebrate our children's progress and help them set goals for further success during the third term. Well done, students!

I would like to commend the choir for their efforts yesterday. We took our choir on tour and did some “Irish Music Flash Mobs” after mass at St. Joseph's Church, at the Pastoral Centre with the Bishop, Chancery office staff and Island Catholic Schools office staff and before mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral. This St. Patrick's Day surprise was much appreciated to all we encountered and a wonderful way to celebrate the well-loved St. Patrick.

Today, in anticipation of tomorrow's Feast of St. Joseph, we had classes attend the parish mass at St. Joseph's Church to celebrate our hero in faith, St. Joseph.

We also look forward to a further lifting of pandemic restrictions upon our return from Spring Break. You will find an outline from the Ministry of Education following this message. It will clarify what is lifted and what is still in place. We will be changing our practices slowly, giving people time to get used to the change, but we can look forward in the hope that we will be returning to near normal as we move into summer.

And finally, we celebrate the beginning of Spring Break! I would like to extend the wishes from all the staff for an enjoyable family time together during the next two weeks. If you are travelling, our prayers for your safety go with you and I hope you enjoy your trip.

Happy Spring Break, everyone! We look forward to seeing you again upon our return, April 4.

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



Provincial COVID-19 Communicable Disease Guidelines for K-12 Settings

Effective the First Day of a School's Spring Break

Updated March 10, 2022



This March 2022 update incorporates updated [Public Health Communicable Disease Guidance for K-12 Schools](#) from the BC Centre for Disease Control and aligns with the shift in the provincial COVID-19 response to a sustainable, long-term COVID-19 management strategy focused on immunization, self-management, and specific actions to protect those most at risk of severe infection. **This update is effective the first day of a school's spring break.**

Everyone in schools continues to be encouraged to do a daily health check, stay home when sick, and to practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.

Summary of Key Updates – Effective the First Day of Spring Break

Space Arrangement	Schools can return to classroom and learning environment configurations and activities that best meet learner needs and preferred educational approaches, though should still consider strategies to create space between people.
School Gatherings and Events	<p>For events with visitors (e.g., parent/caregiver spectators):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should not exceed 50% capacity and proof of vaccination should not be implemented while the PHO Gatherings and Events Order is in place.• Can return to 100% capacity when the PHO Gatherings and Events Order is lifted (expected end of day April 7, 2022). <p>Schools should make every effort to avoid venue/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a person from being able to participate.</p>
Visitor Access/Community Use	Schools can return to routine sign in/sign out practices. Schools do not need to keep a list of the date, names and contact information of visitors for communicable disease prevention purposes.
Personal Protective Equipment	The decision to wear a mask or face covering is a personal choice. A person's choice is to be supported and respected.
Field Trips	Schools should make every effort to avoid venue/locations that place additional requirements that could prevent a person from being able to participate. If the trip cannot occur otherwise, schools can require participants to confirm they are able to meet additional requirements (e.g., are able to provide proof of vaccination).

Please refer within the document for full details.

Schools should continue to create a supportive school environment, including utilizing a trauma-informed lens when planning school activities.



SCHOOL REOPENS
Monday, April 4th

EARLY DISMISSAL
Wednesday, April 6th, 1:40pm

MISSION POSSIBLE, TOGETHER WE CAN

St. Joseph's School is supporting the St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus Lenten initiative of 40 cans for 40 days. We are asking our students to bring in tins of non-perishable food items throughout the Lenten season. All donations will go to support St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Just think if our students brought in one tin of food each day during Lent how much we could provide to our food bank! Students could ask their neighbours for a tinned food donation too! Our goal is to provide as much food as possible during these uncertain and difficult times for those in need.



All food items need to be brought into the school before Friday, April 9th as the Knights of Columbus are collecting the food on that weekend. Thank you to our St. Joseph's parents and students for supporting our local community.

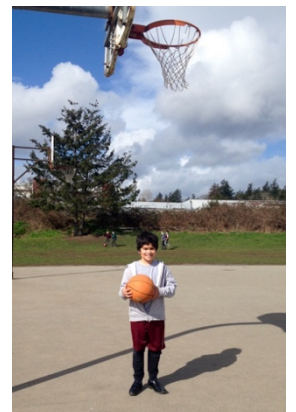


ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORT UKRAINE!

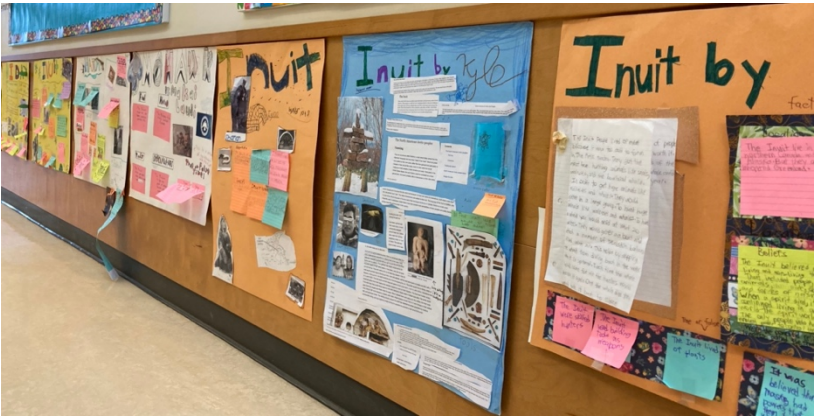
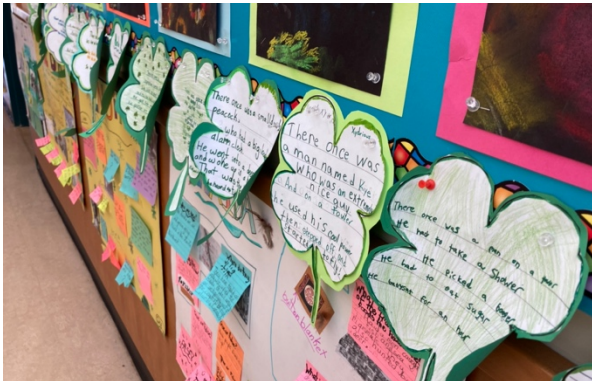
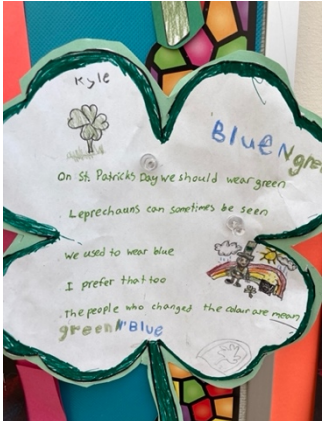
Last Friday, St. Joseph's School held a civvies day in support of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We raised a total of \$1755.15 which will be matched by the Knights of Columbus for a grand total of \$3510.30 which will go directly to the people of Ukraine. Super job, thank you St. Joseph's!

THANK YOU, NOAH!

Thank you, Noah Buysschaert! Noah is a keen basketball player here at St. Joseph's. He noticed that the nets on our basketball court were beyond repair and wanted to help. Noah and his family have donated six new basketball nets to our school, which are now installed and are in play. You are leading with kindness, Noah!



IN OUR HALLS







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



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