



## 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**  
**September 16th, 2022**

**“Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation”**

### **National Day of Mourning** **Monday September 19: NO SCHOOL**



#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

#### **ST. JOSEPH'S INVITED TO WALK THE PATH OF RECONCILIATION**



I am very excited about the upcoming National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, September 30. Many of us have been moved by the stories of those who have gone to residential schools and want to do what we can to begin to walk the path of reconciliation with the First Nations on whose traditional territories we reside.

Island Catholics Schools has chosen “Truth, Healing and Reconciliation” as our theme for the year. We will be having a special memorial mass 9:00a.m. on Thursday, September 29. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. We have also been invited to the South Island Powwow at Royal Athletic Park, 1014 Caledonia Avenue, on Friday, September 30, the National Day of Truth

and Reconciliation, from 10:00 a.m. until midnight. There will be two Grand Entries, one at 11:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m. The Grand Entries will be followed by Intertribal Dances and Category dancing. You have a choice of attending the daytime event or the evening event – or both if you wish! This event is free to attend.

The South Island Powwow is an opportunity to celebrate traditional Indigenous cultures and resiliency through song and dance. They look to hold space and honour the residential school, day school and 60s scoop Survivors and their families. They will bring people together for celebration and to build bridges amongst all nations. I encourage all members of St. Joseph's School Community to support this event. For those of us who have been interested in furthering the process of reconciliation, this is an invitation from the First Nations themselves and a wonderful opportunity to show our commitment to Truth, Healing and Reconciliation.

The Songhees First Nation had requested volunteers to help. Unfortunately, there was a deadline for sign up that we did not know about until it was too late. I have contacted the Songhees contact for this event to see if they still need volunteers, and if we can join in. Watch for an upcoming email once I have heard back from them. In any event, perhaps the best way to show our support would just be to show up. I'll see you there!

Many thanks,

Keefer Pollard, Principal  
St. Joseph's Elementary

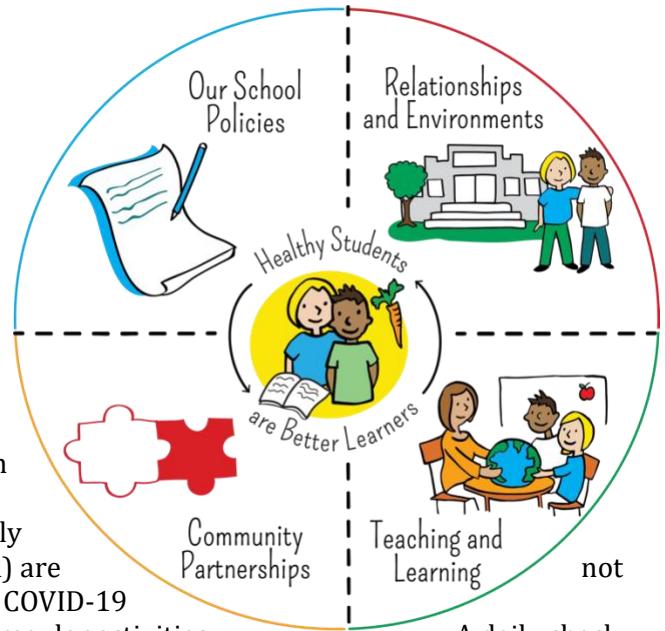
## Vice Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

At the start of the school year, our Superintendent of Island Catholic Schools (Mrs. Beverly Pulyk) shared the "Updated CISDV Communicable Disease Plan." This document is available for you to read at: <https://cisdv.bc.ca>. Of particular importance, we kindly ask that you carefully read the following very important section from page 5 of the document:

### Health Awareness

**Staff, parents, caregivers, students, and visitors** should not come to school if they are sick and unable to participate fully in routine activities. The importance of everyone doing a health check remains in place. A health check means a person regularly checking before coming to school to ensure they (or their child) are experiencing symptoms of illness (including but not limited to COVID-19 symptoms) that would limit their ability to participate fully in regular activities. **A daily check helps prevent the spread of communicable diseases, such as COVID-19, within the school setting.**



**School administrators** should ensure that everyone entering a school is aware and routinely reminded of their responsibility to practice health awareness, including that they should not come to school if they are sick.

### What To Do When Sick

**Staff, students, or other persons** in the school setting who are exhibiting symptoms of illness, such as COVID-19 or gastrointestinal illness, should stay home until they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Staff, children, or other persons can attend school if their symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition (e.g., seasonal allergies) or symptoms have improved enough to where one feels well enough to return to regular activities and any fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medication (e.g., acetaminophen, ibuprofen). The When to Get Tested for COVID-19 resource or the B.C. Self-Assessment Tool provides more information on whether you should get a test for COVID-19. If you are unsure or concerned about your symptoms, connect with your health care provider, or call 8-1-1.

**Staff, children, or other persons** in the school setting who test positive for COVID-19 are to follow the guidance on the BCCDC website as to how long they should self-isolate. They can return to school when they no longer need to self-isolate as long as symptoms have improved, and they are well enough to participate in regular activities. Schools do NOT require a health care provider note (i.e., a doctor's note) to confirm the health status of any individual, beyond those required to support medical accommodation as per usual practice.

If a **staff member, student, or other person** develops symptoms of illness at school and is unable to participate in regular activities, they will be supported to go home until their symptoms have improved. Appropriate infection control precautions are to be taken while the person is preparing to leave the school premises, including use of appropriate hand hygiene and cleaning/disinfection of surfaces soiled with bodily fluids. The ill person may use a mask if they are experiencing respiratory symptoms.

Please also note the following helpful links:

Schools ([bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca))

COVID-19 Vaccine ([bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca))

Hand Washing ([bccdc.ca](https://bccdc.ca))

Mr. Untereiner  
Vice Principal,  
St. Joseph's Elementary

## Accessible Parking Spaces



A friendly reminder that the handicap parking spaces are only for those with valid accessibility or mobility needs. We do have members of our school community that need them.



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

### Absent, Late or Early Pick up

Please report any absence or late students to their teachers and the office (sjv@cisdv.bc.ca). When reporting absence, please also include the reason, e.g. sickness, or appointment etc.



### Cross Country Meet **Cancelled**

Dear Cross Country Team Members, our race on Monday, **September 19th at Windsor Park** has been cancelled due to school closures regarding the upcoming federal holiday. Our next race will be on Monday, September 26th at St. Margaret's School.



## MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Wednesday, September 21\* at 5:00pm / School Gym

Come meet the teachers and staff members! The classroom teaching staff will be happy to answer any questions you might have.



## Used Uniform Sale

Wednesday, September 21\*, 8:30-9:30am / Foyer near the Gym

Parent Support Group is putting a used uniform sale!

All proceeds will go to the PSG & St. Joseph's students!



## Terry Fox Run, September 23

The Terry Fox Run comes again this year, on Friday Sept. 23rd. The event kicks off with an assembly at 12:50pm, and the running goes from 1:20-2:00. Pledge forms have gone home for those who wish to fundraise, and donations can also be pledged online, at <https://schools.terryfox.ca/12175>. If our school reaches our goal of \$900.00, students will be awarded with a "Dress as Your Favourite Canadian Hero" Day, later in the year!



## ORANGE SHIRT DAY - Civvies

Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Mass at 9:00am. Parents and grandparents invited to attend



## NO SCHOOL: TRUTH & RECONCILIATION DAY

Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Mark your Calendar! We are invited to the South Island Powwow.

### St. Joseph's Parish Corner

#### Mass Schedule

Fri 6:30am, 9:00am  
Sat 6:30am, 5:00pm  
Sun 10:00am, 6:00pm  
Mon 6:30am  
Tue 6:00pm  
Wed 6:30am, 6:00pm  
Thu 6:30am, 9:00am



#### Youth Ministry

*"There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him."*

Pope Benedict XVI



What makes our friendship unique and meaningful for our lives is the method by which we are together. This method is the experience of unity we are called to live; a unity in which the encounter with Christ is made visible. In this encounter, Christ is made present to each one of us and draws us to Himself with all His beauty.

The Youth Group offers the opportunity to experience unity through the prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, and singing together, which educates us to recognize our belonging to Him. Therefore, the proposal of our friendship is the Christian experience that we are called to live as a journey towards our Destiny. We are constantly provoked by this friendship to say yes to Christ.

May Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, help us to turn our hearts and our will to the Beauty of her Son made present among us.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Veni per Mariam

Father Alfie

**All Youth Grades 6 and up are invited**

**We meet after Saturday Mass in the School Gym**

**For more information, please contact Oscar and Claudia at [cigr0112@gmail.com](mailto:cigr0112@gmail.com)**



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## DANCE CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20th!

Dear Parents of Irish and Jazz Dancers,

I am excited to say that dance class will begin next week. I will be giving out information letters and registration forms when the students arrive for their first dance class next week. All Irish classes will be before school from 7:40 until 8:25 a.m. Jazz class will be on Wednesdays during the lunch hour from 11:55 a.m. until 12:25 p.m.

Junior Irish Dancers (Grades 4 & 5) will come on Tuesday morning

Primary Irish Dancers (Grades 2 & 3) will come on Wednesday morning

Jazz Dancers (Grades 5, 6 & 7) will come on Wednesday at lunch time

Senior Irish Dancers (Grades 6 & 7) will come on Thursday morning

I am looking forward to seeing all the students and having an exciting year of dance with all of them. If you have any questions please email me at [ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca) .

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. Higgins



# Catechism

at St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Grade 2 to Grade 4

plus Youth Group from Grade 6+

Planting Faith

Growing Faith

Grade 2 - Walking with the Saints age 7-9

Grade 3 - First Reconciliation Year age 8-10

Grade 4 - Confirmation and 1st Holy Communion age 9-11

- Registration begins on August 20th, 2022  
online at: [click here for registration form](#)
- Classes begin on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022  
starting with attendance at 6:00pm Mass,  
followed by 1/2 hr instruction.



# GOOD USED CLOTHING SALE SEP 30 & OCT 1 AND FALL BAZAAR OCT 1

*The Most Popular Event of 2022*

## Your Donations Are Appreciated

List of our 11 Kiosks and the types of donations needed:

### 1 BOOKS

Books, CDs and DVDs

*\*Note: We cannot accept magazines, text books, reference books, vinyl records, cassette tapes and VCR tapes*

Conveners: **Trish Gaudet 250-595-7153**

### 2 GOOD USED CLOTHING

Clothing for Men, Women, and Children (unstained and clean), shoes, purses, household linens

Conveners: **Marie Bourgeois 250-385-6647**

### 3 HARVEST/GARDEN

Garden produce, fruit, fresh flowers, bouquets, house plants (named and care), garden tools, and accessories

*\*Note: We cannot accept wicker baskets, silk or dried flowers, and Christmas items*

Conveners: **Nancy Griffin 250-477-4464**  
**and Carol Kittleson 778-678-6788**

### 4 HOUSEHOLD TREASURES

Brand new items, fun Halloween decor, household items, Jewelry and Religious items

*\*Note: We cannot accept plastic items, appliances, large pictures and cameras*

Convener: **Lorrie Van Somer 250-595-5981**

### 5 HOME BAKING

Bread, cakes, muffins, pies, cookies, candy (please divide into small packages)

Convener: **Brigitte Babnik 250-477-6836**  
**bbrigitte465@gmail.com and**  
**Kade Agueh 250-370-0827**

#### Dropping off Items?

Donations can be dropped off in the cloakroom by "Lady of Lourdes Hall"

### 6 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SNACK BAR

Delicious burgers and hotdogs

Convener: **Michael O'Neill mikepoinvest@gmail.com**

### 7 KIDS' ZONE

Games, puzzles, books, home-baked cakes (for our Annual Cake Walk), new and like-new toys

Conveners: St. Andrew's High School Music students –  
**Melissa Hogg mhogg38@gmail.com and Tiffany Vu**  
**trucnhi@shaw.ca**

### 8 LUCKY 7 GAME OF CHANCE

Prizes needed - \$3.00 minimum value

Convener: **Maureen Flanagan 250-213-1162**

### 9 SILENT AUCTION

Need one-of-a-kind new items, product, or Contribution of Service

Conveners: **Mira Cvitanovic 250-216-8463**  
**or mirarob@shaw.ca**

### 10 TEA ROOM

Homemade squares, tarts, cookies

*\*Note: Please no cupcakes or Rice Krispie Squares*

Conveners: **Susie Nute 250-595-1382**

### 11 TOMBOLA RAFFLE

Convener: **Nancy Stuart 250-477-6952**  
*(Details to be announced at a later date)*

## SPECIAL THANK YOU!

**Julie Rizzuto** for helping to coordinate the advertising for this event to our parishioners and to the public.

**\*NOTE**  
There are some donations we are unable to accept, like old computers, furniture and electronic equipment, so please read each listing carefully and call the convener if you have questions.



# PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



\*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

- End of the Roll

### Trades & Construction

- Great White North Projects
- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

CONTACT [SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA](mailto:SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA)  
WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS



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## Financial & Legal Services

### Blair & Associates - IG Private Wealth Management

Brian Blair

[brian.blair@igpwm.ca](mailto:brian.blair@igpwm.ca)

Ph: 250-704-4040

[www.BlairPrivateWealth.com](http://www.BlairPrivateWealth.com)

*Retirement, Education and Personal Insurance Planning for families*



### Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Teya Jensen

[info@homeroombookkeeping.com](mailto:info@homeroombookkeeping.com)

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*Various bookkeeping for all types of small business, payroll, GST/HST filing and personal income tax returns*



### Meritage Financial Group

Shane Edmison, CFP

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Ph: 250-475-6050

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*Comprehensive financial planning for individuals and families with insurance, investment and employee benefits consulting*



### Whitestone Legal

Akingbade Samuel Oluwarinu

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## Health & Wellness

### Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Carolyn Roussel

[carolin.etiquette@shaw.ca](mailto:carolin.etiquette@shaw.ca)

Ph: 250-474-1941 and 778-432-3344

[www.eyetiquetteoptical.ca](http://www.eyetiquetteoptical.ca)

*Eye Etiquette offers a range of glasses that are sophisticated, fun, minimalist, eye-catching. Our services include vision, pediatric and office eye exams, contact lenses, and optical assistants and we help provide glasses, 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](mailto:michelle@myvictoriarealty.com)

Ph: 250-686-7590

[www.myvictoriarealty.com/st-joes-parents.html](http://www.myvictoriarealty.com/st-joes-parents.html)

*Believe in the Power of Real Estate. We are here to help you find the right property in the Greater Victoria area. Search and find a link for St. Joe's Parents.*



## Retail & Commercial Services

### End of the Roll

Carmen & Victor Araujo

[victoria@endoftheroll.com](mailto:victoria@endoftheroll.com)

Ph: 250-386-8883

[www.endoftheroll.com](http://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 provide installation services and delivery when needed.*



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## Trades & Construction

### Great White North Projects

Lukasz Jarawka

[lukasz@greatwhiteprojects.ca](mailto:lukasz@greatwhiteprojects.ca)

Ph: 250-328-9592

[www.greatwhiteprojects.ca](http://www.greatwhiteprojects.ca)

*Landscaping, paving stones, retaining walls, wood fences, cement work, decks and more.*



### Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

Sam Payne

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