



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER
October 21, 2022

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SAFETY IS ALWAYS A PRIORITY AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL!

October is a month when we typically focus on safety in schools. Oct. 9-15 was Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 20 was the BC Shakeout, when we practice our preparedness for an earthquake and as we near the end of the month, Hallowe'en Safety becomes a topic for our Health classes at St. Joseph's School. So, what exactly do we do to ensure the safety of children, staff and families at St. Joseph's School? First of all, we have a comprehensive schedule of emergency drills: 6 fire drills, 3 earthquake drills, 3 lock down drills and 1 bus evacuation drill. We like to have the fire and earthquake drills early in the year, before the rains arrive, and in late May and June when sunny and dry weather arrive. So far, we have had two fire drills on our own, and one with Saanich Fire attending during Fire Prevention Week. The Fire Marshall was very impressed with our students and commented on how well prepared we are. We had an earthquake drill in September and a second one this week on BC Shakeout Day. We have completed our bus evacuation drill already so students have been reminded of emergency procedures before taking any fieldtrips this year. Thank you to Mr. Untereiner who has organized the safety program and the teachers and other staff that have supported all our efforts on keeping our students safe. Constable Alex Omoding has been visiting our school for Hallowe'en Safety presentations so thanks to him too!



Our earthquake kiosk is well stocked and kept in a perpetual state of readiness. This is due to the on-going efforts of Mrs. Maria Sullivan. Thank you, Maria! In addition to our emergency program, we keep our school grounds safe through regular inspections. School staff informally inspect the playground daily before children arrive. Once a month Mr. Franco, our maintenance man, does an inspection of all the play equipment to ensure it is safe for children. We keep things safe for the staff also. Our WorkSafe Health and Safety Committee has monthly meetings and does regular inspections to ascertain if there is any danger to our Health and Safety. Thank you Mr. Untereiner, Mr. Kegalj and Ms. Jonah Vijandre. Mr. Untereiner, assisted by the classroom teachers does an annual check on the safety of the interior of our school, the lead content of our pipes and any necessary filtration are checked, and the Fire Department inspects our equipment annually also. Staff training on Mental Health has been provided, and a resource called Open Parachute is available for them to use with their students. Just this week we had several members attending workshops on the Provincial Professional Development Day. St. Joseph's School hosted two workshops on that day – Non-violent crisis intervention and first aid training. Several staff members have been designated to hold current certification in these topics and they upgrade their training in them every two years. Also, every two years, Mr. Untereiner and I join with RCMP and municipal police to keep current our certification in Violence and Risk Threat Assessment. Finally, you as parents are a huge part of keeping our students safe. In addition to all you do at home to prepare your children and transport them to school, there is another method that is most important. All those who volunteer and are working with children are completing applications for criminal record checks, filling out volunteer application forms, taking safety training through Praesidium videos and agreeing to the Diocese of Victoria Covenant of Care for vulnerable populations (in our case – children). Thank you to all whose work is making our safety program comprehensive and vibrant – let's keep our children safe!

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

St. Joseph's School-Victoria BC Parent Support Group Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/272859616539977>

It's a great way to get connected with the school families!

The FB page is for the school community administered by the St. Joseph's Parent Support Group.



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 doing so, please include the reason, eg., sickness, or appointment etc.

Used Uniform Store Sale - TWO in ONE day!



Friday, November 4th

Thanks for all your support for the Used Uniform Sale and Parent Support Group. (PSG).

Next sales: Friday, November 4th, 2022, 8:30-9:30am AND 2:30-3pm.

We continue to accept non-hole, non-stained, not-too-old uniforms.

Please drop-off at the front door or office.

* See attached Used Uniform Store Request Form for folks unable to make it to the sales in person. They can fill out and forward to Teresa by email and one of our volunteers will fill the order and deliver to the office to be delivered to the child.

Winter Gala

Saturday, November 19



Calling for Donations for a live auction taking place at the Winter Gala on Nov. 19, 2022!

Please watch upcoming newsletters for more details about the Winter Gala.

Contact Teresa Evangelou < teresasalema@yahoo.com > to make a donation.



Cross Country

A big thank you to all our cross-country athletes on a fun and successful season. Our Timberwolves did an amazing job at their final meet of the season. 24 athletes placed in the top 20! Well done TIMBERWOLVES! Thank you very much to the staff and parents that helped us this season, we couldn't have done it without you!

Coach Fallow and Coach Whiteside

Highlights from our Beaver Lake Meet:

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7
Kason - 6 th	Chiamaka - 7 th	Ella - 10 th	Lara - 11 th	Nikolas - 1 st
Dylan - 15 th	Lucas - 9 th	Evangelia - 16 th	Alex - 12 th	Miguel - 2 nd
Abrielle - 18 th	Isla - 11 th	Elliott - 17 th	Hayden - 13 th	Liam - 3 rd
	Nora S. - 13 th	Liam N. - 19 th	Daniel - 15 th	Quinn - 4 th
	Miranda - 15 th		Kyle - 17 th	Kia - 11 th
	Laurel - 16 th			
	Norah W. - 17 th			



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DANCE NEWS FLASH!

Dear Parents of Irish and Jazz Dancers,

I am excited to say that dance classes are going very well. The students are excited to participate and they are already learning a great deal.

I have noticed that I have some students in my classes whose completed dance forms I have not yet received. It is important that you return the completed form to school as soon as possible. Your child may give it to his/her teacher and the teacher can put it in my box in the office. It can also be returned directly to the office. It is crucial to return the form because it gives me your email address, and that is my main source of communication.

I have also noticed that some students have returned their dance forms but have not yet paid the \$100 dance fee for the year. If your child is one of these students please submit the fee to the office as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to having an exciting year of dance with all of them. If you have any questions please email me at ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. Higgins

P.S. If your child was absent from this week's dance class and you want to order a Dance t-shirt for him/her you may pick up an order form in the box just inside the front door of the office.



ST. JOSEPHS' S ELEMENTARY

HALLOWEEN HOWL



Friday, October 28 5:30-8:30PM

**ADMISSION - \$2/PERSON OR \$5/FAMILY
GAMES - .50 PER PLAY - PRIZES - CANDY
PIZZA AND CONCESSION - COME FOR DINNER!
GLOW SWAG FOR SALE
DJ AND DANCE FLOOR
PRIMARY GAMES AND BOUNCY CASTLE**

**WE NEED LOTS
OF VOLUNTEERS
FOR THIS EVENT!
SIGN UP THROUGH
THE LINK IN
THE NEWSLETTER
OR ON OUR
FACEBOOK
PAGE**

**WE NEED LOTS OF SPOOKY
BAKED GOODS! BRING THEM
TO THE SCHOOL
GYM ON THE MORNING
OF THE EVENT**

**WIN A TABLET
IN GLOW GAMES!**



**We need Volunteers!
Volunteer Sign up via**

< <https://signup.com/go/unLOuhX> >

St. Joseph's Used Uniform Store Request Form

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Your name: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate what you are looking for:

Form updated for September 2021	Cost	Quantity requested	Size requested SMLXL or pant size	Volunteer indicates amount when items found
New formal shirt with buttons (long-sleeve, no short sleeve)	\$10.00			
Used blouse with buttons (short-sleeve)	2 for \$5			
Used blouse with buttons (long-sleeve)	\$2.00			
Used spring golf shirt	\$5.00			
Used long pants	\$5.00			
Used skort (K-grade 3)	\$5.00			
Used kilt or grey skort (grade 4-7)	\$5.00			
Used jumper/tunic (K-grade 3)	\$5.00			
Used gym shorts	\$5.00			
Used gym shirt	\$5.00			
Used clip on tie	\$5.00			
Used tie	\$5.00			
Used vest	\$5.00			
Used long sleeved sweater	\$5.00			
TOTAL AMOUNT OWED				\$ _____

Email form to teresasalema@yahoo.com

Allow 3-5 school days for a volunteer to pull and prepare items. Items will be sent home with your child.

We hope to have **limited** returns but will accept items one week after the items have gone home.

Please e-transfer to sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca

Indicate your child's name and that it is payment for the Used School Uniform Store.

WE'RE HIRING!



Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- After School Care Worker - St. Joseph's School
- After School Care Worker - St. Patrick's School
- Teachers on call
- Educational Assistants on call
- Casual Bus Drivers

If **YOU** are interested in joining one of our teams, please use this link: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>

Please help spread the word! Share this ad with your friends, acquaintances and even post it to your Facebook page!

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



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 Ruth Cerna email: ruthver@gmail.com



On behalf of the Parent Support Group (PSG), I would like to thank all the parents and guardians that made it to our first meeting of the year last month. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30pm in the school library. Our next big event is the **Hallowe'en Howl on October 28th**!

What is the PSG?

- ☐ The PSG consists of ten members (four executive members and six members-at-large)
- ☐ The current members are as follows:
 - Executive Members: Paula Schooley, Jenn Souter, Krista Plesu, Flordeliza Laudi
 - Members at Large: Jen McEwen, Sandra Guerra, Hilary McIntyre, Kate Pettem

What does the PSG do?

- ☐ The PSG is responsible for fundraising and creating community/school spirit through several sponsored events during the school year
- ☐ The PSG is responsible for reaching fundraising goals which are helped determined with the Local School Council (LSC). This school year's fundraising goal is: **\$30,000**
- ☐ That works out to **\$100**/school year or **\$10**/month per student to fundraise!

What does the fundraising pay for?

- ☐ School upgrades and maintenance such as water fountains
- ☐ Field Trips
- ☐ Grade Seven grad activities
- ☐ Last year, we were able to purchase the gaga ball equipment

How can you help?

- ☐ Join the PSG – we are a fun and dedicated team of parents! This year we need two to four new members to join our team
- ☐ Come to a meeting and share your ideas, concerns, and/or ask questions. They are run once a month and are done in a virtual setting.
- ☐ Volunteer at both community and fundraising events. These hours can be used for the mandatory "Parent Involvement Program"
- ☐ Support your child's education and experience by participating in fundraisers and events. Meet fellow parents and teachers at our fun, inclusive events such as the Tiki Tiki Fun Fair, Hallowe'en Howl and the Hot Lunch Program.

How do you contact the PSG if I have any questions?

- ☐ Either through email (sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca) or on our Facebook page.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Parent Support Group and I look forward to seeing and meeting you all during this school year.

Paula Schooley, PSG President

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!



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