



## St. Joseph's Catholic School

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# NEWSLETTER

## October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### "Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### THANK YOU, LORD, FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL!



October has arrived and with it the coming celebration of Thanksgiving. This week, I have just completed a report about St. Joseph's School to the Independent Schools Branch of the Ministry of Education and Child Care. It was an arduous task, but one that made me aware once again, and thankful for, everything we do at St. Joseph's.

I am thankful that St. Joseph's has the highest enrollment in our history with 383 students. I am thankful for the parents, grandparents and other family and friends that support us through their enrollment and their participation in the community life of the school.

I am thankful for the amazing group of professionals, both teacher and support staff, that are following their vocation and nurturing our students with proficiency, dedication, and care. I am thankful for the work of these teachers in their planning and delivery of curriculum. I was happy to report what wonderful frameworks they have developed to outline the teaching they will do and how they plan to satisfy all the requirements mandated by the British Columbia Curriculum.

I am thankful for the talent of all our teachers who host extra-curricular events to help students discover their own talents, apply themselves with discipline to a club or team and (hopefully) experience excellence in their chosen activity, whether it be sports, cross-country, track and field, fine arts, dance, choir, band or clubs. Each extra-curricular provides your child with an opportunity to develop and showcase their unique abilities for us all to enjoy.

I am thankful for each child entrusted to us. Though the task of education in today's world can be challenging, they are the reason for the work we do and the reward we see when they progress in their abilities and grow into the young people that will be a credit to their families and St. Joseph's School.

And finally, I am thankful for the overarching presence the divine we experience in our church, our pastor Father Alfie, our bishop Gary Gordon and all the parish and diocesan faith community that support us in prayer, service, and many other ways.

Speaking of our faith background. In my own family, a thanksgiving tradition is to state what we are thankful for this year. Among the many blessings of my life, I will be sure to be thanking God for you St. Joseph's! Thank you, God bless you, and on behalf of the staff of St. Joseph's School, I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Keefer Pollard, Principal  
St. Joseph's Elementary

## School Closed:

- Thanksgiving, Monday October 10
- Pro D Day, Friday October 21



### Reminder: Verification Forms and PIP Cheques

If you have not done so already, please drop off your Verification forms and Parent Involvement Program post-dated cheque to the office as soon as possible. The cheque is to be made out to St. Joseph's School in the amount of \$150 and post-dated to **June 15, 2023**.

## WORLD FOOD DAY and AWARENESS WALK

**Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Students have started collecting food items in preparation for our World Food Day walk on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. St. Vincent de Paul have been invited to assist with the pick-up of donations.



- Peanut Butter
- Whole grain crackers
- Granola and nut bars
- Nut mixes or Trail mix
- Dried fruits
- Fruit leather
- Whole grain rice
- Pasta
- Canned fish and meats
- High fiber cereals
- Tinned soups and chili
- Tea/Coffee
- Canned milk
- Fruit and vegetable juices

## Parent Teacher Interview \_ via Zoom: Oct. 18 and 19

'Parent Teacher Interview' is coming up: Oct 18 (Tue.) and 19 (Wed.), and it will be an online interview via Zoom. Your child's homeroom teacher will send you the Zoom link and meet with you at your appointment time. \* Mr. Pollard and Mrs. Bella will be also available.

Please book your appointment(s) online with your child(ren)'s teacher, specialty teachers:

Online booking via <<https://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com> >

Booking opens today, Oct. 7 until Oct.16. Booking instructions are attached.



## Photo Retake October 18

Please come in full uniform with a big smile if you want a retake!



## Cross Country

Our next cross-country meet is on **Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** at **Henderson Recreation Centre**. The start will be in left field of the Baseball Field. The bus will leave the school at 2:55pm. Please pick your child up by 4:15pm, as there will be no bus returning to the school. Please check out with Mrs. Fallow or Mrs. Whiteside before you leave.

GO TIMBERWOLVES!

**Parking:** \*Please park only in designated parking spots. There are several large parking lots around the Rec Center and on Cedar Hill X Road.

A big thank you to the parents and staff who helped out at our last meet. It was a great success, and once again our athletes made us proud with their determination and school spirit!

Highlights from our Lambrick Park meet:

<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>Grade 5</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>
Abrielle - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Miranda - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Evangelia - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lara - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nikolas - 1 <sup>st</sup>
Bella - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Nora S. - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ella - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Dylan - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Miguel - 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Kason - 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chiamaka - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Elliott - 5 <sup>th</sup>	Hayden - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Liam - 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Dylan - 15 <sup>th</sup>	Olivia - 18 <sup>th</sup>	Liam N. - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Quinn - 4 <sup>th</sup>
	Laurel - 19 <sup>th</sup>		Alex - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Matteus - 7 <sup>th</sup>
	Isla - 20 <sup>th</sup>		Kyle - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mateo - 15 <sup>th</sup>



## Rugby

Congratulations to all rugby players on a great season! We finished up with three games at SMUS this week, where lots of growth, determination, skills and leadership were shown. Way to go Timberwolves! This concludes rugby for the year, Huddy Huddy!

*Coach Whiteside and Coach Eric*



## Tour de Rock Popcorn Sale

Way to go students of St. Joe's! We raised \$900 through your purchase of a bag of popcorn in support of this year's Tour de Rock. A very generous last-minute donation of \$100 brought the total raised by our school to \$1000!

All of this could not have been possible without the support of our fabulous kitchen team who ran the machine, filled the bags, cleaned up spilled popcorn, and ensured bags were delivered to the classrooms. THANK-YOU kitchen team!

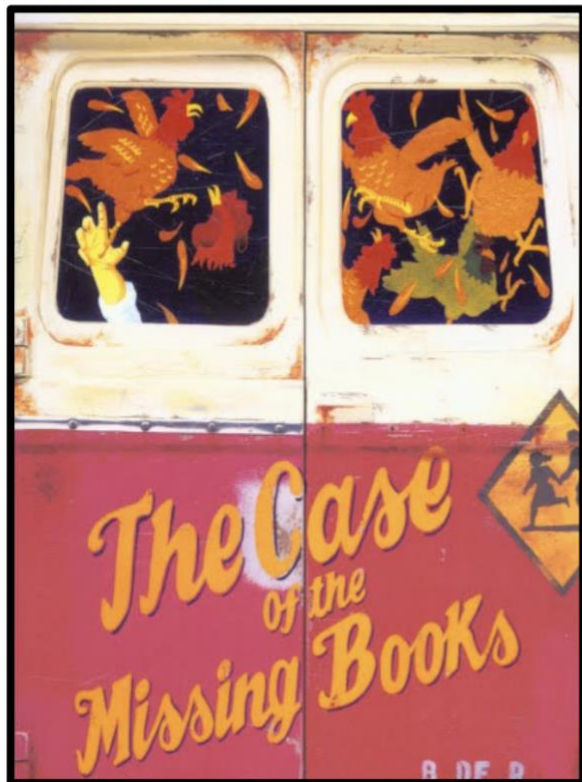


## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

### 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.

### ***The Case of the Missing Books!***



Hello to the SJV community. My name is Mrs. Daniela Hemmings and I am the school Library Technician and newest member of the Timberwolves team. Everyone has been warm and welcoming, and I am slowly becoming acquainted with students as we meet during Library time.

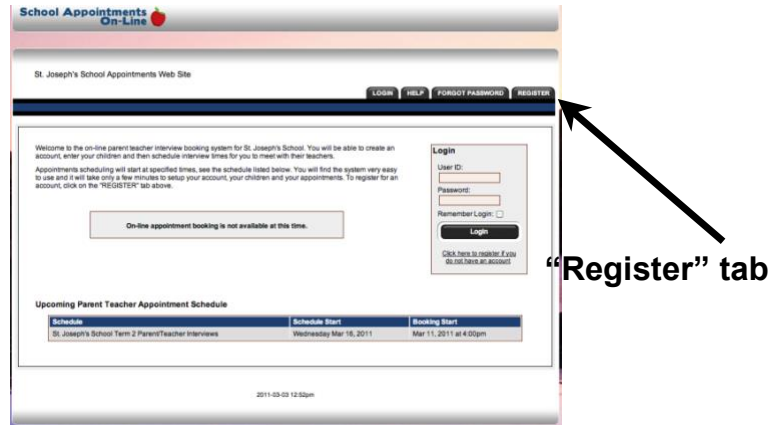
As books are being check in and out, it seems that some books from last year have not been returned. Please take a moment to look around your home to help solve ***The Case of the Missing Books!*** In the coming weeks I will be sending out emails to families whose children have books not yet returned books. Hopefully with all the extra eyes looking around all corners of your home, you might be able to discover some long-lost books of the SJV Library.

As well, mark on your calendar the return of the in-person Scholastic Book Fair, November 22-24, 2022. More details will come out as we approach the book fair.

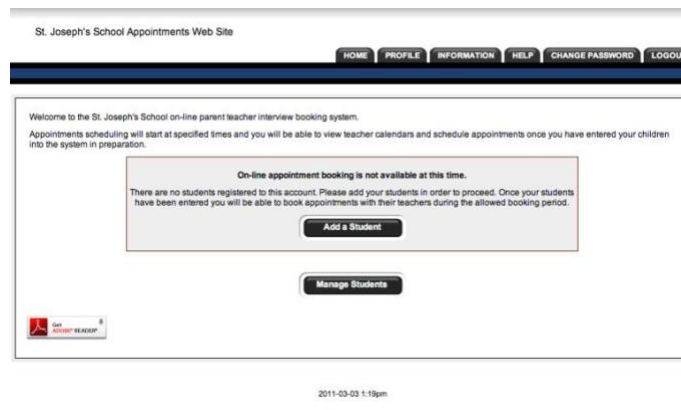
I would like to extend a warm and blessed Thanksgiving to our families who support our school and in particular the Library. Your children bless us with smiles and inquisitive minds for which we are all thankful.

## SCHEDULING SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS ONLINE Parent Teacher Interviews

1. Log onto: <http://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com>
2. The following screen appears.



3. Click on the “**Register**” tab and fill in the registration form to create an account. All fields are required on the parent registration form to create an account.
4. Once all fields are entered, click ‘**Register Now**’ and the following screen appears.

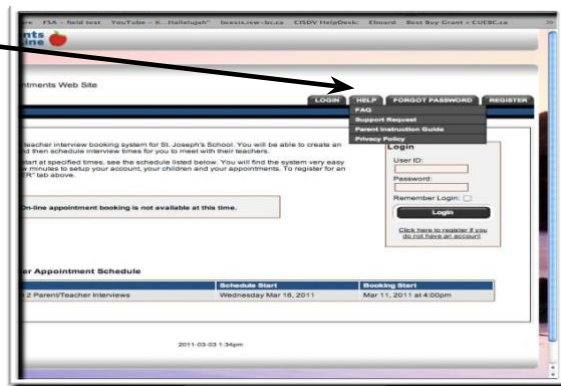


5. You may now add your child(ren) through ‘**Add a Student**’.  
**\*\*Each of your child is to be entered separately, and appointments booked Separately, if you have more than one child at school. To add another sibling click < Insert New>.\*\***

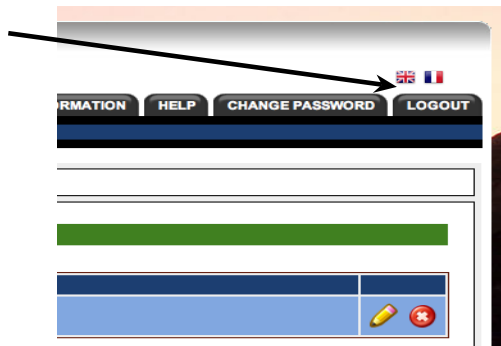


6. Once all your children have been added, you are then ready to **book** your interview times with your child's teacher.
7. Parents of Kindergarten to Gr. 7 Students, please find the schedule and book a time with the homeroom teacher and specialty teachers.
8. For more information and help, click on the **'Help' tab**.

**'Help' tab**



9. Don't forget to logout.



Any questions, please contact the school office: <sjv@cisdv.bc.ca> or (250) 479-1232

# ST. JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY

We need LOTS of spooky  
baked goods for this event!  
Please bring them to the gym  
on the day of the event

## HALLOWEEN HOWL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28  
5:30-8:30PM

Volunteer  
Wanted

New to this event? The annual Hallowe'en Howl is a St. Joseph's tradition. Bring the whole family for dinner and a spooky night of fun! We have a concession with pizza, drinks and treats. Games. Candy. Prizes. DJ and dance floor. Bouncy castle. Primary games and lots more!

**Sign up to volunteer! Link posted on our Facebook page and in the school newsletter.**

We need Volunteers!  
Volunteer Sign up via

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



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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](mailto:ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca) .

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. Higgins





# 1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five  
Children's Book Recycling Project  
Greater Victoria

This year's worldwide UNESCO theme is “*Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces*” which is a perfect link to **1000X5**. This local organization collects gently used donated books for babies and preschoolers.

**Please drop off** your gently used books for babies and preschoolers into the **pink bin** in the hallway outside of the school Library. 1000x5 will send them on to other families in and around Victoria.

This is Year 12 of creating book gift bags each with 3 books and delivering the 276,00,000 books which have been so kindly donated by you. Over the year, children may receive 30 books – transforming learning.

Check out our website more information: [www.1000X5.ca](http://www.1000X5.ca)



## 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 Ruth Cerna email: [ruthver@gmail.com](mailto: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 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the school library. Our next big event is the **Hallowe'en Howl on October 28<sup>th</sup>**!

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](mailto: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



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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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