



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER
November 18, 2022

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ST. JOSEPH'S BATTLES HIGH ABSENTEE RATES!

Across our city, our province, and our country, we are finding high absentee rates among children at school and adults in the workplace. After two years of being protected by social distancing, remote work and mask wearing, we are once again exposed to germs and may have lost our immune response to some infections. Although there have been calls by groups to re-institute mandatory masking in schools, Dr. Bonnie Henry has indicated this will not be a strategy that the province will be adopting at this time. She does, however, encourage us to normalize the use of the protective face coverings for kids who may want to, or need to, wear them. That is already the practice at St. Joseph's School. I would like to remind everyone, children and adults, that you are welcome to wear a mask whenever you wish and to thank you for your efforts to keep yourself and others as safe from infection as possible.



How else is St. Joseph's responding to high sickness absenteeism? We are re-committing ourselves to the practices we established at the beginning of the year:

- Cleaning: We still are ensuring the custodial staff are following protocols for cleaning.
- Ventilation: Teachers are opening windows often to ensure a flow of fresh air through the room.
- Hand Hygiene: Hand washing and sterilizing remain a mainstay of our practice.
- Respiratory Etiquette: Sneezing and coughing into an elbow or tissue are reducing the spread of germs.
- Staying Home when sick.

The staying home when sick is a practice that is most important to all of us. Thank you to all the staff that remain home, even though they wish to continue guiding the learning in their class personally. Thank you to all the parents who are keeping their children home when ill to reduce the spread of infections in our classrooms. Finally, thank you everyone who is working hard to keep our children and community members as safe and healthy as possible.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming Winter Gala with St. Joseph's Parish. It is going to be a great night of fine dining, entertaining auctioneering and engaging music – a real community celebration event! As an independent school in B.C., we must depend on these fundraisers for capital projects like the completion of our outdoor classroom in the Child Care Garden and other benefits to our children like a recreational program for swimming, gymnastics and other athletic offerings. Thank you in advance to all the Gala Attendees and to the Parents Support Group who organizes all the fundraisers for the "extras" so important to our children's education.

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

SCHOOL CLOSED: Friday, November 25 Island Catholic Schools Faith Day



DONATIONS WANTED PLEASE

Do you have any leftover Hallowe'en candy? Candy your family is not going to eat? If so, the Grade 5's is accepting any donations of wrapped candy to be used in making Christmas crackers for the less fortunate. We are also looking for any toilet paper tubes, Christmas wrapping paper and/or ribbon. All donations can be dropped off in in 5G. Thank-you, in advance, for your support with this outreach activity.



Timberwolves Merchandise

The PSG will be ordering Timberwolves merchandise again this year. Your option will be between a crew neck sweater and a full zip hoodie. Please click the link below for ordering information. This link will also be shared on the PSG Facebook page.

Please submit your order by Nov. 22nd.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYDoJn2JWzPI3pS5jUABSFQ_FducWiUNs0MSM8dH8UjSiKCA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Gr. 6-7 Rec Basketball

Athletes will be taken, by bus, to venues at 2:45pm. Parents have their choice of picking their children up at the venue, or back at our school.

Thursday, November 24	Royal Oak Middle School	Game 1 vs Royal Oak @ 3:45pm-4:30pm
		Game 2 vs St. Pat's @ 4:30pm-5:15pm

Gr 6 & 7 Basketball: Practices

Practices

Mondays - before school, 7:45-8:30am.

Thursdays - during lunch hours, 11:55-12:25pm.

Games

Games are held on Thursday's, after school, and are on the following days:

Competitive League - Coach Zuback

Nov. 24 + potential playoffs Nov. 29 and Dec. 1

Games start at 3:45pm and run until approx. 4:40pm.

Recreational League - Coaches MacNeil + Pilon

Nov. 24

Games start at 3:45pm and run until approx. 6:00pm.



As the basketball commissioners have not finalized schedules/venues, Coach Zuback will be sending an updated schedule home as soon as the information is available

2022 Competitive Basketball Team Schedule

Nov. 24: Lansdowne Middle School @ St. Joseph's

Nov. 29: Semi-Final Playoff Round - Top 4 teams play, venue TBD

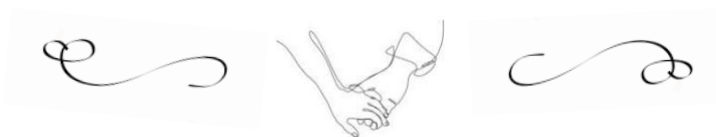
Dec. 1: Playoff Finals - venue TBD



As the Captain said, "Blast that Peter Pan!" ... JUNIOR!!

Neverland awaits, as St. Joseph's Elementary School will soon be whisking you away! More details to follow...

Until then "... Think of the happiest things. It's the same as having wings!"



Gr. 6 Parent Consent Forms & Immunization

If you have not already done so, please return the completed consent form to the school in a sealed envelope as soon as possible. Students in grade 6 will be offered immunizations in school-based clinics with the consent of parent/guardian/representative.

Contact the local Health Unit at (250) 519-5100 if you have any questions.



ABSENT OR LATE

Please report any absence or late students to their teachers and/ the office. sjv@cisdv.bc.ca



SCHOLASTIC

Book Fair

November 22-24, 2022

2:30 – 4:00 pm. In person in the Library
and online sales as well.

**Get ahead of your Christmas shopping
and help the library as well.**

Students will be able to look at books during their class Library time and get a chance to prepare a wish list. Parents can then drop by the Library during sale hours or shop online. All proceeds from the book fair will help with the purchase of new materials for the Library.

Volunteers are needed.

2 parents per day.

Please contact Mrs. Hemmings

dhemmings@cisdv.bc.ca if you can volunteer.





Our annual **Purdys** Christmas chocolates fundraiser is underway.

Log onto [**fundraising.purdys.com**](https://fundraising.purdys.com)

Use customer number **5406**

Order deadline is *November 15th*.

Orders will be ready for pickup at the school
November 29th

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph's Parent
Support Group

Questions, please email: [**slgtadd@gmail.com**](mailto:slgtadd@gmail.com)



2022 Diocesan Faith Day

JOIN US on **Saturday, November 26 th** as we journey together "Seeking Truth, Healing & Reconciliation" featuring keynote speaker, Most Reverend Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina

We are a Church that is wounded and hurting, needing to search out our Pascal bearings and tell our story in a new way – to go deeper into the Pascal Mystery! How are we to be a Church (poor and for the poor) that reaches out in dialogue, seeking healing paths by walking together?

For more information and to register go to

<https://Diocesanfaithday2022.eventbrite.com>

OR email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org OR Phone 250.479.1331 ext. 230



Island Catholic Schools

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

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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