



## St. Joseph's Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER  
November 25, 2022

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

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### THE END IS NEAR FOR ST. JOSEPH'S!



As we arrive at the end of November, we conclude the first term of the 2022-2023 School Year. Report cards will be receiving their final tweaks this week and will be coming home on Friday, December 2. Finally, we arrive at the time when we can celebrate with the children the accomplishments of the term and set goals for the second term of the year. Well done, Boys and Girls!

A special thank you, at this time, to all the teachers who daily prepare and deliver the highest quality education possible and whose dedication and vocation to Catholic Education is the backbone of our school! Thank you, teachers! Your extra effort to tackle the workload of preparing the reports is much appreciated.

It is time to turn our focus now to the upcoming themes of Advent, the waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our school Advent Mass is this Wednesday, December 30 at 12:55 p.m. and hosted by 7S under the direction of Mrs. Whiteside. All parents who would like to join with us are very welcome to come also. We are really enjoying celebrating our faith together again after years of COVID restrictions. The children are enthusiastic and engaged and it is a delight to experience liturgy with them. If you are available, please join us.

Other Fine Arts offerings are gathering praise also. Thank you to Mrs. Higgins, whose Irish dancers are preparing weekly for excellence in 2023. Thank you to Mr. Kegalj and the band who will be sharing their talent with us at our upcoming Christmas Concert on **Thursday, Dec. 15**. And thank you also to Ms. Adrienne Grange who has begun the promising work of a musical – Peter Pan – with our students. This is something we can really look forward to in the new year. Thank you, Ms. Grange!

A BIG thank you to our choir who are doing an amazing job! Our first performance of the year is this **Thursday, Dec. 1 at 12:00 noon** in the rotunda of the Legislature. Come hear their angelic voices as they prepare us to celebrate Christmas. All parents and friends of St. Joseph's school are welcome to attend.

Meanwhile our competitive basketball team is undefeated! If we win tonight, we will be Number 1. Well done, Timberwolves! You are doing your school proud. Our recreational team is also developing into fine athletes and getting valuable experience with the game! Well done! Thank you to our coaches Mr. Zuback, Mrs. MacNeill and Mrs. Suraci.

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



**Early Dismissal at 1:40pm  
Wednesday December. 7**

### **Communion Choir at St. Joseph's Parish**



We are putting together a choir to sing at St. Joseph's Parish at Communion at some Sunday services at the 10:00 mass. Our first presentation will be on Sunday, Dec. 4. We will be singing repertoire that the children are already familiar with so they won't need to practice much – just attend a quick rehearsal Friday, Dec. 2 afterschool in the music room.

This choir is open to all students from Grade 2-7 and provides a great way to get children active and participating more fully during the mass.

Email Mr. Pollard at [kpollard@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:kpollard@cisdv.bc.ca) if you wish your child to participate.



### **Lost and Found**

Come and find your lost items!

Thanks to Mrs. Allison Menzies, parent volunteer, all the items are now nicely organized and displayed near the school gym. You can view those items on Youtube < <https://youtu.be/dNAVhgRL7tk> >

### **DONATIONS WANTED PLEASE**

Th Grade 5's is accepting any donations of any toilet paper tubes in making Christmas crackers for the less fortunate. We are also looking for 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.



### **Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 15**



Let's celebrate Christmas with St. Joseph's students making joyful music! Two concerts, 9:00am and 6:30pm, will take place on Dec. 15 in the gym. Please sign up for either morning or evening concert (\* No printed tickets are given). Two seats (max.) for a family.

- If any other family members would like to attend, the Tech rehearsal at 1:00pm on Dec. 14 is open.



**Book Your Concert Here !**





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

Dec. 1: Playoff Finals – venue TBD



### **ABSENT OR LATE**

Please report any absence or late students to their teachers and/ the office. [sjv@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjv@cisdv.bc.ca)



# AUDITIONS!

Do you enjoy singing, acting, or dancing? Or how about all three?!  
In March 2023 our amazing school will be performing the Broadway show  
PETER PAN (the Jr. version). Auditions for this production start NOW!!  
See audition pack for all the details (attached separately).

## ***HUGE 'Thank You' for Winter Gala***

A huge thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Winter Gala. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. Ms. Eunyoung Lee thank you for saying "yes" to my every administrative request. Thanks to the wonderful parents Stephen Wauthy, Brianna and Daniel Shereck, Jennifer Souter, Christina Santos, Carlo Silverio, and Dimitri Evangelou. The live auction would not have been such a success without our engaging auctioneer Joseph Colistro. We could not have pulled it off without the amazing support from the St. Joseph's Parish K of C and CWL- thank you. The band "On Fire" was amazing and had us grooving.

With appreciation to those who donated auction items:

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Tudor House Liquor Store  
Cedar Cost Photography  
Uomo Modern Barber Shop

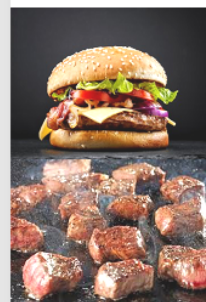
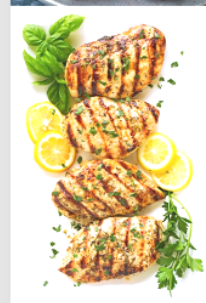
Christina Downstairs Salon  
Fr. Alfredo  
Old House Hotel and Spa  
Private Donators



# St Joseph's Elementary PSG



ITEM	COST	ORDER	TOTAL
5oz Sirloin Steak 24pc/cs	\$110.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Lil Chef 4oz Beef Burger 42/case	\$55.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Meatballs 1/2oz Precooked 320/cs	\$66.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Breakfast Sausage 4kg	\$46.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Individually Quick Frozen Chicken Breast Random 4kg	\$60.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Breaded Chicken Strips 2x2kg	\$55.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Bulk Frozen Chicken Drumsticks 5kg	\$30.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Spitiso Chicken Souvlaki 60pc/cs	\$96.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Dry Garlic Bnls Pork Bites 4kg	\$73.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Smoked Bacon 4mm 2x2.5kg	\$95.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Pork Backribs 10kg	\$155.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
26/30 Prawns P&D 2lbs	\$35.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Bacon Wrapped Scallops 1kg	\$40.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
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		TOTAL =	\$ _____



SEND ORDER FORM (AND ANY QUESTIONS) TO [JEN@BCFOOD.COM](mailto:JEN@BCFOOD.COM)

SEND PAYMENTS TO [SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA](mailto:SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA)

ORDER PICK UP ON **WED DEC 14TH** AFTER SCHOOL TIL 3:30PM

**ORDERS NOT PICKED UP CANNOT BE HELD!**



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## 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](mailto:ruthver@gmail.com)**



# PARENT COMMUNITY **BUSINESS DIRECTORY**



## **Parent Business Directory 2023 Subscriptions**

Thank you to all the parents and their businesses who participated in our annual Parent Business Directory, 2022 Edition. We would like to send our appreciation once again to the Kamaretsos Real Estate Team for their help with formatting and presentation!

The Business Directory has raised **\$5000** for our students via the Parent Support Group, since its inception in 2021. This passive fundraiser continues to help ensure a positive impact for our children: The Gaga Pit Ball area and future projects like the bike rack lock-up are direct results of this fundraiser. The Directory was able to raise funds during the pandemic when in person events were not possible.

We are looking ahead to 2023, and would like to broaden our base to showcase a wider variety of businesses within our parent community. Industries we are hoping to include are: food services, medical/health, self-care, and any e-commerce retailers are encouraged to reach out to us; **But ALL businesses are welcome!**

The annual investment for our Parent Business Directory is \$200 for the standard January to December subscription.

Please click on the following link to sign up, or renew your existing subscription:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLiOL5Z-Ze5k3euAf\\_FVX8fz56HikPzb8ZPwuNt8C3TYt\\_vA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLiOL5Z-Ze5k3euAf_FVX8fz56HikPzb8ZPwuNt8C3TYt_vA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Completed forms and payment are **due on Dec 9** by e-transfer to [sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca).

Thank You!

St. Joseph's Parent Support Group

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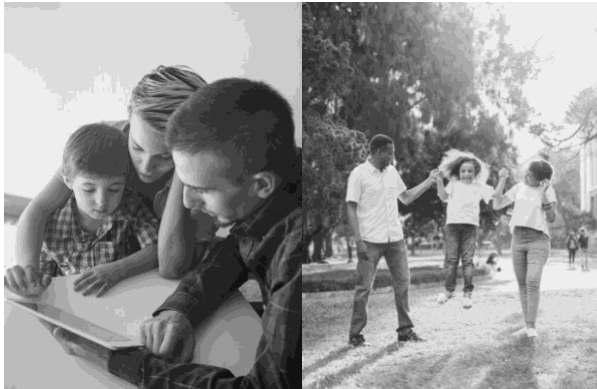


\*Please note that any manner of association, inclusion, and participation of any Businesses within this Directory, is not an indication of endorsement by St. Joseph's Elementary School or Church Parish or any of its affiliates.



## 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 -  
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- 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.

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