



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER
November 4, 2022

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WARM AND DRY STUDENTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S!



If you go out without a coat
In damp and chilly breezes,
Your trip will end in bed my friend,
With fevers, chills and sneezes!

As we head into late fall, the weather turns colder and wetter. Once again, the atmospheric rivers are upon us. At St. Joseph's School we believe that children still need to get fresh air and exercise at recess and lunch for their physical and mental health and to enable them to study hard during the rest of the day. As we live in a boreal rain forest, that means children will be playing in the rain (unless it is bitterly cold and raining very hard). Please make sure your children are provided with warm weatherproof clothing and umbrellas to keep them dry and warm during our outdoor play.

For those who have children who are reluctant to wear weather appropriate clothing, you might find the link below helpful. It is the Weather Network school day report for Glanford Elementary which is the closest school to St. Joseph's that the weather network reports on. They have great pictures that illustrate appropriate wear even to the kindergarteners. You may wish to engage your child in decision making by bookmarking this link and have them look it up.

<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/forecasts/school-day/british-columbia/glanford-middle-school>

A big shout of thanks goes out this week to all those who helped with the Hallowe'en Howl. What a rewarding success. Thank you, especially to Heather Bruce for all the organization and the volunteers from Saint Andrew's Regional High who helped out.

For those of you who wonder what our teachers did for Retreat Day on November 1, let me tell you that it was a great retreat and very well-received by all the staff. We all participated in the Kairos Blanket exercise hosted by Lillian Underwood and her friend Tina. These First Nations presenters from the Saanich Peninsula led us through a visual interactive exercise that traced the history of the relations between indigenous people from before contact with settlers through the negative results of colonialism to the present day beginning of Truth and Reconciliation. In the afternoon we debriefed through an art activity and staff mass with Father Alfie. It was truly a meaningful event and gave impetus to our theme for the year "Seeking Truth, Healing and Reconciliation."

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

- **No School: Remembrance Day**
Friday, November 11



POPPY FUND

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

In recognition of Remembrance Day, students at St. Joseph's School have received a poppy. Please ensure you send a poppy donation for your family which will go to the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Fund. Through your generosity, the Legion helps all of Canada's Veterans and their families. Thank you!

CALLING ALL BROWNIES, SPARKS, GUIDES, BEAVERS, CUBS, SCOUTS & RESERVES!

In recognition of Remembrance Day, students are invited to wear their uniforms on Thur., November 10th.



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 and 7's are 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 5G. Thank-you, in advance, for your support with this outreach activity.



DON'T FORGET

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 7th.

Clocks are turned back an hour. Just think we all get an extra hour of sleep!

Rugby

Congratulations to all Rugby players, we had a great season! A special thank you to Coach Eric for his time and dedication to our team. This year, rugby awards were given to the following Timberwolves:



Best Offensive Player - Miguel
Best Defensive Player - William
Speed Demon's - Macey and Quinn
Leadership Award - Sahib Pabla
Most Improved Players - Sophia and Teagan



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 17	Maria Montessori Academy	Game 1 vs Maria Montessori @ 3:45pm-4:30pm
		Possible extra game against Maria Montessori
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

Oct. 27, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, 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. 3, Nov. 17, 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. 3: Centre Mountain Lellum Middle School @ St. Joseph's

Nov. 10: St. Joseph's @ Journey Middle School

Nov. 17: SMUS @ St. Joseph's

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



ABSENT OR LATE

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



Join us for a

JOINT FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL & PARISH

WINTER GALA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH | 6 PM
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL

ENJOY A STEAK DINNER, LIVE AUCTION, AND LIVE
MUSIC BY THE BAND "ON FIRE". CASH BAR
AVAILABLE. TICKETS ARE \$50/PER PERSON.

[To register, click here](#)

*Calling for Donations for a live auction taking place at the Winter Gala on November 19th, 2022.
Please contact Teresa Evangelou if you would like to help set up, decorate, or help with the event.
Contact information: teresasalema@yahoo.com or call 250-744-7042*



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



St. Joseph's School

Hot Lunch PSG Fundraiser - 2022/2023

Welcome to all new and returning families!

The Hot Lunch fundraising program is an important fundraiser for the Parent Support Group (PSG) which funds a number of activities throughout the school year. All hot lunch proceeds go to our PSG, which as you know all goes back to our children!

Without the participation of parent volunteers - this program would not be successful. Interested in volunteering on hot lunch days? Please email Ranjit at ranjitsaini86@yahoo.ca

This year, the hot lunch fundraising program will be offering menus from the following vendors:

- Kernels Popcorn
- Subway
- Romeo's Pasta
- OPA! Of Greece
- Chopped Leaf
- Boston Pizza



Our on-line ordering system enables ordering flexibility – you may place an order for any or all lunch dates and you are welcome to vary your child's lunch order (eg. pepperoni pizza one week and Hawaiian pizza the next time). Ordering will be done in the schedule of **2022/2023 School Year**.

Hot lunch days will be held every Friday starting mid November, however, if there is no school on that day, we will have hot lunch on Tuesday of that week. Kernels popcorn is running on various Thursdays for the school year. Please note that in an effort to be more environmentally friendly there will be no cutlery provided.

All families (new and returning) must order on-line by following the directions below:

1. Go to ***stjosephs.hotlunches.net***
2. Click the "REGISTER" menu tab at the top right hand corner to sign up.
3. Enter your name, email address and phone, then a user id that you will use for access to the hot lunches application. Enter a password and then enter it again to verify that it is correct. Please note - at the end of the school year the system must be re-set and cleared so it is important that returning families re-register on the system.
4. Once registered, you will be logged into the website.
5. Please add your students by clicking on the "STUDENTS" button below or the "PROFILE" menu tab in order to proceed. Once your students have been added to the system you will be able to place lunch orders immediately by clicking the "Order" button below each child's name.
6. Once you've placed your orders, please e-transfer the payment to ***sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca***. It is ***important*** to include "Hot Lunch", Class Names, and Students Names in the e-transfer.
7. You can view a summary of your order by clicking the "print" button to the right of your child's name. Please double check this as you are responsible for your ordering accuracy. ***Sorry, no refunds.***

The Hot Lunch system will open for orders on Saturday, November 5th.

All orders and payments MUST be completed in the system no later than Friday, November 11th. If no payment is received by midnight on that day - the entire order will be cancelled.

If you need any help or have any questions, please email < sjvhotlunch@gmail.com > If you have any concerns regarding your child's order - please do not hesitate to email. Please allow 24 hours for a response.

Thanks in advance for your support!



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MEMO

Date: October 27, 2022
To: Administrators, Schools, CISDV Board of Directors, Clergy, Religious, Parishes, Staff
From: Bishop Gary Gordon
Cynthia Bouchard, Chancellor
Re: **Appointment of New Superintendent – Mr. Paul Rossetti**

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Paul Rossetti has been appointed as the new Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria (CISDV). Paul has been involved in Catholic administrative educational leadership in the Diocese of Kamloops for the past ten years. He possesses a deep commitment to Catholic education. Paul will assume his new responsibilities as Superintendent of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria on January 2, 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Beverly Pulyk and Joseph Colistro for their dedication, commitment, and leadership as interim Co-Superintendent(s) of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Diocese of Victoria for the past six months. Bev and Joe graciously provided servant leadership and valuable experience during this time of transition, and we remain grateful for their assistance.

We look forward to welcoming Paul Rossetti and his family to the Diocese of Victoria and we extend our support and prayers as he assumes his new responsibilities as Superintendent.

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



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



*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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The Feast of All Souls, November 2, 2022

Dear People of God,

November begins with the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. As the light grows dim and the skies darken with winter storms, blowing leaves to the earth from which they came, this holy day puts before us sparks of light in the midst of darkness.

The saints are heroes of light and hope for every age. Their lives were marked by trust and hope in God. In one way or another, they were exemplars of hope, announcing by their works the God of love and mercy, revealed in the Creator's son, Jesus Christ. They most often gave their lives to the weak and wounded, to the vulnerable and marginal, seeking to liberate humanity from all afflictions, especially sin and death. Indeed, saints are the women and men of every time and age who see with the eyes of the Creator and act with the compassion of Jesus, always open to the Holy Spirit to guide and enlighten.

During this month, we pray that the light of the example of the saints may help us to truly see our neighbour, and that we ourselves may be light for our neighbour's feet on the pilgrimage of life. Our faith invites us to consider deeply Christ's response to the question: "*who is my neighbour?*" (Lk 10:29) How will I be a neighbour to the vulnerable and those abandoned by the side of the road?

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37) gives us a model for our response to the suffering and pain of body, mind, and soul. In the parable, a man fell into the hands of bandits, was robbed and beaten, and left for dead. We too know people who have fallen into sickness and trauma, which robs them of health and well-being and leaves them at the side of the road of life, experiencing loss and feeling half-dead. Ill health represents a real suffering, a trauma of body, mind and soul.

The Samaritan's response to come alongside, to alleviate suffering, and to invest his own resources to treat the wounds and accompany his neighbour, is in sharp contrast to those who are indifferent or too busy with their lives or concerns of ritual purity. The Samaritan, not knowing whether the half-dead man would survive or die from his wounds, responded with compassion, with the "first aid" of oil and wine, and by transporting the man to the inn for more intensive and long-term care.

One could say this parable is about a continuum of care, which required an expenditure of time, talent and treasure on the part of the Samaritan. The Good Samaritan represents the highest human response to people who are robbed of health and strength: applying our resources to rescue the broken and ill from abandonment on the side of the road. The Catholic faith continues to clearly and unequivocally promote the best possible continuum of health care to those who experience being robbed of good health.

It is notable for our particular time that the Samaritan did not offer to alleviate the suffering of the nearly-dead robbed person with euthanasia ("medical assistance in dying", or MAID). The teaching of the Ten Commandments is clear and unequivocal: "Thou shalt not kill". Our faith continues to clearly and unequivocally reject euthanasia (MAID) and assisted suicide as a response to pain and suffering of body, mind, and soul.



The Samaritan came close to the robbed person. He leaned in and attended to the one who was robbed of health and strength. This is the obviously human response to suffering and pain, and to the existential suffering of individuals whose sense of loss of control or the feeling of being a burden to family and friends creates an anguish of soul. Leaving a person abandoned by the side of the road of existence when robbed of health and strength is never the choice of a good neighbour or a just and caring civil society.

The ideology of euthanasia (MAID) is understandable on many levels in contemporary society, as the experience of loss and abandonment is a powerful force of fear and anxiety. We cannot judge the level of fear and anguish in a person's heart who chooses euthanasia (MAID). However, we can say unequivocally to the faithful Catholic people of God that choosing euthanasia (MAID) is never a choice that is the will of the Creator, as revealed in the sacred texts of divine revelation, the Word of God, and the constant teaching of the Catholic and Apostolic faith.

The end of life and the burden of advancing age with the resulting diminishment of mind and body can be a fearful horizon. Christ himself in His agony on the cross cried out, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*" (Mt 27:46). Despite the great advances in health care technologies and the commitment of a just society to do good and avoid harm, we will all experience real crosses. Yet our faith holds to the path of Christ, to be baptized into His death, so as to share in His resurrection from the dead to eternal life. The light overcomes the darkness; engagement and love like that of the saints makes a difference.

Let us use this month of November as a holy time to consider the state of our souls and our relationship with God, and our preparedness for our own health care needs and for our death itself.

- 1) Be reconciled with God, family and friends.
- 2) Have a current health care representative agreement in place (eg, <https://www.health.gov.bc.ca/library/publications/year/2020/MyVoice-AdvanceCarePlanningGuide.pdf>). It is important to name a person in this document, a family member or a trusted friend – a Good Samaritan – who knows our wishes and will act consistently with the health care ethics of the Catholic faith (eg, https://www.chac.ca/documents/422/Health_Ethics_Guide_2013.pdf).
- 3) Choose a trusted person to make financial and legal decisions on your behalf should you become incapable, and grant this person an enduring power of attorney.
- 4) Have have a last will and testament, and be clear about your wishes regarding your funeral and the pastoral care of your remains (<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/funerals-and-burials>), and the spiritual consolation of your family and friends.

This month offers a real invitation to be renewed in faith and trust in our Creator. "*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father*" (Mt 10:29). Jesus is among us as friend and brother on the road of life. Jesus is among us as savior and Lord of life and death. Jesus is our light in times of darkness. Jesus is the Way, giving hope for the pilgrim journey. Jesus is the Truth, giving meaning to our existence. Jesus is the Life, for our lives now and forever.

Entrusting ourselves to Mary our mother, we say in all trust: "*Pray for us now and at the hour of our death*". Amen.

In Communion,

Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria