



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER
December 9, 2022

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ST. JOSEPH'S IS WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE!



I had a great conversation with the kids at our assembly this week. I was asking them who had the experience of expecting a little brother or sister and how did everyone get ready for the blessed event.

The kids had great answers – buying nutritious food so the baby would come out healthy, preparing the room, shopping for everything we needed.

What a great way to reflect on what is going on in our lives now – we too are waiting in joyful hope for the arrival of a baby! Decorating the halls in preparation for the big day, shopping, shopping, shopping, and collecting food for our feast! (Does anyone know where to get a turkey this year?)

The excitement is most keenly felt in the area of our upcoming Christmas Concert. Mr. Kegalj and Ms. Munro are electrified with plans and preparations for the big show and they are being ably supported by too many staff members to mention by name. Thank you to all of you, I can hardly wait to see the result.

What a blessing it is to be part of a school that is not afraid to say, "Christmas!" How exciting it is to share Part I of the greatest love story ever with our children!

Thank you to those who have already reserved their seats. Over the last two weeks that the sign up application has been in the newsletter, we have reached our capacity for the 6:30 p.m. Thursday Dec. 15. Should you not have booked your seats already, please consider our matinee performance on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 9:00 a.m. or even our technical rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 1:00 p.m. We hope to see you all there as we begin the Christmas Season with a bang!

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

Winter Uniform/ Full-Dress Uniform Thanksgiving Day until Spring Break, School Masses and Formal Assemblies	
Girls'	Boys'
<p>K-3 grey tunic or grey skort (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee) or girls' grey dress pants 4-7 grey kilt or grey skort or girls' grey dress pants Skirts and skorts may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee</p> <p>Plain white cotton blouse, with pointed collar, buttons in the front. Long or short sleeves. No stand-up collars, frills lace or embroidery. No coloured or patterned t-shirts under blouses.</p> <p>Grey and burgundy single crested tie.</p> <p>Burgundy cardigan, pull-over or vest. School sweater must be worn at the beginning of each day.</p> <p>Plain black dress shoes or all black including soles runners free of coloured logos or stitching. Pump style shoes, boots or heels higher than ½ inch are not allowed.</p> <p>Grey knee-high socks or tights. No frills or lace on socks or tights.</p> <p>An optional hair band in grey, burgundy, white or black may be worn.</p>	<p>Plain grey dress pants. Polyester/viscose blend recommended.</p> <p>Plain white long-sleeved or short-sleeved dress shirt. No coloured or patterned t-shirts under shirts.</p> <p>Grey and burgundy single crested tie.</p> <p>Burgundy cardigan, pull-over or vest. School sweater must be worn at the beginning of each day.</p> <p>Plain black dress shoes or all black (including soles) runners free of coloured logos or stitching. No boots.</p> <p>Grey or black socks.</p>

Haircuts must be neat and compliment the school uniform – no extreme haircuts or styles, including razor cut or dyed designs. Hair dyeing or bleaching is not allowed. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted. One or two small stud or sleeper earrings are permitted. Additional jewelry is not permitted unless approved by the principal.

Exceptions to the uniform code (e.g. discreet jewelry of a religious or cultural nature) may be approved by the principal on a case-by-case basis for religious, cultural or health reasons.

Students wearing Hijab must choose colours of grey, white, burgundy or black.

Summer Uniform Spring Break until Thanksgiving	
Girls'	Boys'
<p>K-3 grey tunic or grey skort (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee) or grey walking shorts or girls' grey dress pants.</p> <p>4-7 grey kilt or grey skort or grey walking shorts or girls' grey dress pants.</p> <p>Skirts and skorts may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee.</p> <p>St. Joseph's crested polo shirt or plain white cotton blouse, with pointed collar, buttons in the front. Long or short sleeves. No stand-up collars, frills lace or embroidery. No coloured or patterned t-shirts under shirts.</p> <p>Grey and burgundy single crested tie. Ties are optional for the summer uniform but must be worn for mass and formal assemblies.</p> <p>Burgundy cardigan, pull-over or vest. This is optional for the summer uniform but must be worn for mass and formal assemblies.</p> <p>Plain black dress shoes or runners free of coloured logos or stitching. Pump style shoes, boots or heels higher than ½ inch are not allowed</p> <p>Grey knee-high socks or tights. No frills or lace on socks or tights.</p> <p>An optional hair band in grey, burgundy, white or black may be worn.</p>	<p>Plain grey dress pants or grey walking shorts.</p> <p>St. Joseph's crested polo shirt or plain white long-sleeved or short-sleeved dress shirt.</p> <p>No coloured or patterned t-shirts under shirts.</p> <p>Grey and burgundy single crested tie. Ties are optional for the summer uniform but must be worn for mass and formal assemblies.</p> <p>Burgundy cardigan, pull-over or vest. This is optional for the summer uniform but must be worn for mass and formal assemblies.</p> <p>Plain black dress shoes or all black (including soles) runners free of coloured logos or stitching. No boots.</p> <p>Grey, white or black socks.</p>

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Last Day before the Break
12:00pm dismissal, Friday, December 16
Red and Green Civvies Day



School RE-Open: Tuesday January 3, 2023

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 via the button below.
- 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.
- *The 6:30pm concert is full as of Dec. 8; please consider the morning one.*
- *Only pre-booking allows your entry to the concert.*
- *On the day of the concert please check in at the gym door with your child's name & homeroom that you entered on the booking form*



Book Your Concert Here !



Sock, Toque, and Mitt Drive

Help us celebrate Christmas by bringing in your donations of *NEW* socks, toques, and or mitts. Donations are being accepted *now until Thursday, December 15*. All donations will be sent to local agencies for those most in need.



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> >



Thank you for your Donations!

Your generous donations of leftover Hallowe'en candy, toilet paper tubes, and Christmas wrapping paper resulted in over **500** Christmas crackers being constructed for the less fortunate.

The students of 5G sincerely 'Thank-you' for your donations and ongoing support of this annual outreach activity.



PARENT COMMUNITY

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Parent Support is looking ahead to 2023 and would like to broaden the base to showcase a wider variety of businesses within our parent community.

ALL businesses are welcome! See our Directory attached!

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



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.

Find the pack from the link below.



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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

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!**

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Completed forms and payment are **due on Dec 15** by e-transfer to sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca.

Thank You!

St. Joseph's Parent Support Group

PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

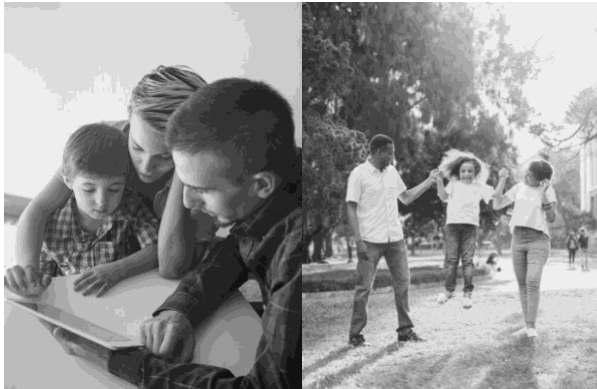


*Please note that any manner of association, inclusion, and participation of any Businesses within this Directory, is not an indication of endorsement by St. Joseph's Elementary School or Church Parish or any of its affiliates.



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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- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

Retail & Commercial Services

- End of the Roll

Trades & Construction

- Great White North Projects
- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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Island Catholic Schools' Advent Concert Series

Please join us for St. Patrick's School's

Advent Carol Service

Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00pm

St. Andrew's Cathedral, 740 View Street



Please join us for St. Andrew's School's

Advent Concert

Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00pm

St. Andrew's High School Gymnasium, 880 McKenzie Ave.



Please join us for St. Joseph's School's Matinee

Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 15th at 9:00am

St. Joseph's School Gymnasium, 757 West Burnside Rd.





Christmas Concert VIP Parking and Seats Auction

Morning Concert Auction and Evening Concert Auction

Do you want VIP parking and VIP seating to see your child(ren) perform?

Bid now on a chance to win:

1 VIP Parking Space

4 VIP Front Row and Centre Seats

What does this mean?

You will have a reserved space to park, the standard 2 tickets per family **plus** 2 extra tickets for people of your choosing in the front row centre seats!

Auction Runs December 9, 2022 to December 14, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Opening Bid: **\$50**

<https://www.32auctions.com/2022Christmas>

Auction Live Now!