



# St. Joseph's Catholic School

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## NEWSLETTER

February 24, 2023

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

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### HEADS UP ST. JOSEPH'S!



We have an exciting end of term during the next three weeks. Here are some highlights of what is coming up:

First of all, the Peter Pan musical is coming together fantastically. It will truly be an enjoyable experience for all of us. Thank you to parent Adrienne Grange, Director; staff members Katie Munro, Lesley Whiteside, Shay Tapin, and pianist, Bruce Neatby. Many other members of the school community are working to make this project a great success. Thank you! Special thanks to custodians Mark Nolin and Pansy Bennet for preparing the stage at a fraction of the cost originally projected. Please get your tickets early! It should be a great show! You can find the details for ticket purchase in this newsletter.

A Civvies Day is coming up next week. On Tuesday, February 28, St. Joseph's is "Going Green for Muscular Dystrophy." Green is the colour of ribbon we wear to acknowledge those with Muscular Dystrophy. So, on Tuesday, students who bring \$2.00 and wear green may wear civvies for the day. Many thanks to Adriana in 6W who has championed this event. What a great way to serve the community, Adriana – thank you!

Speaking of wearing green, on Friday, March 17 at 8:30 a.m., we are having a Celtic Kitchen Tea Party to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers of the school. We will be providing coffee, tea and sweets to all the volunteers, and will have performances by Mrs. Higgin's Irish Dancers and St. Joseph's Shamrock Chorus. So, all St. Joseph's Volunteers, you are cordially invited. We will want to know how much food to prepare and chairs to set up, so please RSVP to this link: <https://forms.gle/NRkcjUAqkak35Sgc6>

Also, this is a timely moment for some important reminders:

In the parking lot, I would like to remind parents that if you stop to let your child off right at the pathway to the back of the school, all the other cars are backed up behind you. If you pull ahead to get as close as you can get to the pathway leading to the gym, many other families will have room to access the drop-off area and let their children out safely. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Finally, I have overheard a recent weather report that stated that this current cold weather is predicted to remain in Victoria into the middle of March. Please remember that St. Joseph's children go out to play at least twice daily and need warm coats, hats and gloves. Please ensure your child comes to school (and brings home) weather appropriate clothing. We know how important it is for children to get outdoors and move in order for them to focus on their studies.

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 all elementary schools near St. Joseph's Elementary. 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>


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

## ***Dates to remember:***

- **Early Dismissal, Wednesday March 1**  
Please note we finish early at 1:40pm for the staff meeting.
- **Early Dismissal on March 17: last day before Spring Break**  
School ends at Noon, 12:00pm
- **Spring Break: March 18- April 2**
- **School Re-opens on April 3**

## ***Re-registration for 2023-2024 School year***

Today, Feb. 24 is the last day for the Re-registration. Please take a minute to complete the online form below by clicking this [image](#) the '[Re-registration form](#)' or hard copy on the next page to secure your child's spot for next year.



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## **St. Joseph's Application & Admissions 2023-2024**

We are actively accepting new applications for ALL grades for the new year. If you have a child or if you know someone whose child is coming to Kindergarten next year, please submit the application and supporting documents. For the application form and the list of the supporting documents, please visit the link: <https://stjosephschool.ca/admission/>



## **Civvies Day: February 28, Tuesday**

Come **in Green or wear a green ribbon** to support Muscular Dystrophy and bring **\$2.00!**

## 40 Cans for 40 Days Food Drive

*St. Joseph's Elementary School is excited to announce it is supporting the annual Knights of Columbus food drive: "40 Cans for 40 Days." Their goal is to fill the shelves of the St. Vincent de Paul's Food Bank (downtown).*

*From Now until March 17 (start of Spring Break), you are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food to the school. You may also bring your donations to St. Joseph the Worker Parish before mass up until April 2, if that is more convenient for you. If you wish to donate cash, a cheque, or make an e-transfer:*

- Cash (put in an envelope with your name and address),
- Cheque (payable to KofC Council 13356), or an
- E-transfer (send to Gary Skabiekas, Financial secretary at: [garys235@outlook.com](mailto:garys235@outlook.com))



## St. Joseph's Spring Break Camp for Before and After School Care families

March 20-24 and March 27-31, 2023

Please find the information and the Registration form attached.



## 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](mailto:sjv@cisdv.bc.ca)). When reporting absence, please also include the reason, e.g. sickness, or appointment etc.





**Island Catholic Schools**  
**Re-Registration for St. Joseph's School Victoria**  
**2023/2024**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade September 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade September 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade September 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade September 2023: \_\_\_\_\_

We will be returning ☐

We will not be returning ☐

If you have a student(s) entering SARHS in grade 8 in Sept., please list the name(s) below:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Dates 2023:**

February 24<sup>th</sup>      Deadline for re-registration: registrations received after the deadline are subject to a \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee, and placement cannot be guaranteed.

May 1<sup>st</sup>      Deadline for applying for Financial Assistance.

April 28<sup>th</sup>      Last day to submit the signed Family Payment Schedule.

June 15<sup>th</sup>      Last day to take advantage of the pre-payment discount.

**All forms are available at the school, the school website: [www.stjosephschool.ca](http://www.stjosephschool.ca) or at: [www.cisdv.bc.ca](http://www.cisdv.bc.ca)**

☐ Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate Request Form

☐ Financial Assistance Form

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# School VIP Day

Focus Week May 28th — June 3rd 2023

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# PETER PAN JR.

**10 & 11**  
**MAR**

ST. JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY, MAR 10 AT 6 P.M. & SATURDAY, MAR 11 AT 10 A.M. & 1 P.M.

TICKETS ARE \$15 - GENERAL ADMISSION

PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
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with a  
HAMMER**

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SUPERSTAR  
of  
SALES**

**A  
WIZARD  
OF  
WARDROBE**

**A  
POWER-  
HOUSE  
PRODUCER**

**FIERCE  
with  
LIPSTICK**

**HANDY  
with  
HAIR DOS**

**PETER PAN  
needs  
YOU!**

**Volunteer Sign up:**

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/96982010400474064/true#/invitation>

**Questions?**

**Teresa Evangelou at [teresasalema@yahoo.com](mailto:teresasalema@yahoo.com) or  
text 250-744-7042**



## **PETER PAN JR. FRONT ROW SEAT AUCTION**

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

Bid now for a chance to win: 4 VIP Front Row  
and Center Seats

What does this mean?

You will have the opportunity of choosing four  
front-row center seats!

Three auctions to Bid on for seats!

The Auction Runs from February 7, 2023, to  
March 6, 2023 @700pm.

Opening Bid: \$70

<https://www.32auctions.com/peterpanjrmusical>

[Auction Live Now!](#)



**St. Joseph's After School Care  
Spring Break Camp  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup> and  
March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Dear Before and After School Care families,

This year we are offering Spring Break Camp, running from March 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please register as soon as possible as we have limited spaces.

**Program Dates:**

March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>  
**and**  
March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Monday to Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm

**Program Activities:**

A finalized calendar will be sent home with registered families. This year we will again be offering theme days, organized activities, and plenty of arts and crafts! We are strictly following our Covid-19 Safety Plan and public health guidance. We will be staying on-site.



**Cost:**

**\$250.00 per child per week**

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return it by email to [wbirdborau@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:wbirdborau@cisdv.bc.ca) by:

**Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**If you have any questions please email Wendy and Susan at [sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca) or call the centre at 250-479-1237.**

**St. Joseph's After of School Care  
Spring Break Camp 2023  
Registration Form**

Children must be registered in the Before/After School Care Program  
to attend Spring Break Camp

**Yes, we wish to register in the 2023 Spring Break Camp:**

Name(s) of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to register for:

March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup> (\$250.00) \_\_\_\_\_

March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup> (\$250.00) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total payment Included:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please e-transfer payment to [sjv@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjv@cisdv.bc.ca) and include your child's name and what the payment is for in the comments section.

**Please submit to the Early Learning Centre by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Payment must be e-transferred before your child is considered registered. All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

**Late registrations will not be accepted.**





# BOTTLE DRIVE

## ST. JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

When bringing bottles into the depot for donation, please ensure you let them know it is for St. Josephs Elementary School account. Also, it may be handy to keep a picture of this notice on your phone to ensure the funds are deposited into our school account.

Thank you for your continued support

## DONATE YOUR EMPTIES

### Glanford Bottle Depot

4261 Glanford Ave  
Victoria, BC V8Z 4B9

We can also donate at the  
655 Queens Ave / 3961 Quadra St locations

### Questions?

Jenny Scavarelli (Keaton's Mom)  
jennyann0910@gmail.com

# BECOME A ST. ANDREW'S HOST FAMILY



- Currently seeking host family for Grade 9 female student arriving from China April 1st.
- New host families needed for September (accepting applications). From September 2023 families receive \$1200/mo.
- Summer homestay (July & August) \$1300/mo

**LEARN MORE**

homestay@cisdv.bc.ca

250-886-5596



## 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**

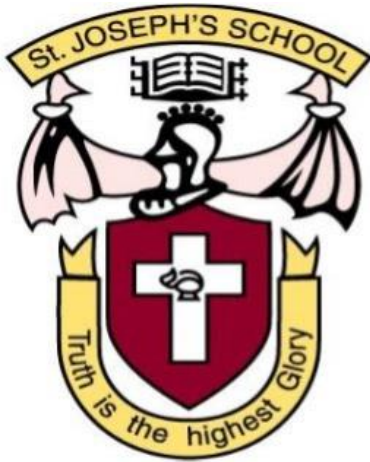
**We meet after Saturday Mass in the School Gym**

**For more information, please contact Ruth at: [SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SJTWYouthGroup@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!



## DIRECTORY:

### Financial & Legal Services

- Blair & Associates - IG Private Wealth Management
- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax
- Whitestone Legal
- Meritage Financial Group

### Food & Beverage

- Local Pizza

### Health & Wellness

- Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

### Photography Services

- Cedar Coast Photography

### Real Estate Services

- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

### Trades & Construction

- Great White North Projects
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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

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## Financial & Legal Services

### Blair & Associates - IG Private Wealth Management

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## Real Estate Services

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