



## St. Joseph's Catholic School

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## NEWSLETTER

February 3, 2023

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

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



#### SUCCESS FOR SJV CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

St. Joseph's has had a great time this week celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2023. Some of the highlights of the week include:

The Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday. This event highlighted the knowledge and skill of our students performing the work of liturgy at the St. Joseph's the Worker 10:00 a.m. Mass. The altar servers were skilled, reverent, and supported Father Alfie in the sanctuary. The readers who proclaimed scripture, the psalm, and read the prayers of the faithful, had obviously practiced at home and were expressive and audible. The choir was talented, enthusiastic, and led us in song with energy and grace. Thank you to the parents who made the commitment to come to this mass and work at home with their children in preparation. Thank you also, to the teachers who served as eucharistic ministers. Many other teachers also attended even though they might usually attend church elsewhere. A special thank you goes out to Father Alfie, our pastor and chaplain, who always encourages the entire school community on the path of faith.

On Monday, the entire student body participated in our annual Face to Face Retreat. This high energy event engages the students and highlights the messages that we are here to Know God, Love God and Serve God in this life and live happily with Him in heaven in the next. They also remind our students that we were "Made for More" and have meaning and purpose in our life. Thank you to Daniel Pashula and Ryan Mitchell for presenting these themes to our students in such an engaging and fun way.

Tuesday, we had an Open House. Our Grade Seven students proved to be the best ambassadors of our school as they led tours of new applicants through the school and drew attention to our school features. They highlighted our Faith background, commitment to beginning to walk the path of truth healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people, the excellence of our BC curriculum, the success of our instruction as measured by the provinces Foundation Skills Assessments, the commitment of the school to Early Literacy, and the provision of specialist teachers for French, Music, Physical Education and Learning Support. They also mentioned our wide variety of extra-curricular offerings to assist children to identify their talents, to apply themselves with discipline to a project, and hopefully to experience excellence for their efforts. Thank you, Grade 7 student tour guides and all Grade 7s. We are proud of you!

Wednesday, the Grade Sixes highlighted our theme of Truth, Healing and Reconciliation with a prayer at the beginning of assembly and the whole school joined the choir in the performance of "The Wellerman" – how fun!

On Thursday, we had a Teacher vs. Student Volleyball Game. What a great way to have fun with the kids. I was especially impressed with the skill of the players of our boys' volleyball team whom I played against. Liam and Kia, you are a force to be reckoned with! Also, we had a "Where's My Teacher" event where teachers swapped classes and showed up to another class to read them a favourite book.

Finally, Friday we had so much fun with a costume event where teachers dressed as students and students dressed as teachers. Most students dressed as Mr. Zuback – I wonder why? Thank you to the teachers who got into the spirit also. The staff room looked like a scene from Derry Girls! Also on Friday, teachers performed a Readers' Theatre for students and presented plays which highlighted Seven Sacred Indigenous Teachings: Love, Courage, respect, Humility, Honesty, Wisdom, and Truth.

Congratulations St. Joseph's on reflecting on our Faith, our Year's Theme, our curriculum, literacy and extra-curriculars with fun, engaging and participatory events. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in organizing and delivering this week's event and especially to our "Head Girl, Hilary," also known as Mrs. Suraci, who led our Catholic Schools Week Committee with such initiative and enthusiasm.

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

**February 16 & 17 Pro-D, School Closed**



**February 20 Family Day, School Closed**

**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 Led Conferences  
February 22 & 23**

The conference is in person event at school.

Please book your appointment via

<https://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com/>

The appointment system is open until Feb 20.

Teachers including the specialty teachers look forward to seeing you!

Please refer to the booking instructions next page

## SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS ONLINE < Booking Instructions>

1. Logon to: <http://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com>.
2. The following screen appears.

The screenshot shows the 'School Appointments On-Line' web site. At the top, there's a header with the site name and a navigation bar with links: LOGIN, HELP, FORGOT PASSWORD, and REGISTER. Below the navigation bar, there's a welcome message and a login form. The login form has fields for User ID, Password, and a Remember Login checkbox, with a Login button. Below the login form, there's a message: 'On-line appointment booking is not available at this time.' At the bottom, there's a table titled 'Upcoming Parent Teacher Appointment Schedule'.

Schedule	Schedule Start	Booking Start
St. Joseph's School Term 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews	Wednesday Mar 16, 2011	Mar 11, 2011 at 4:00pm

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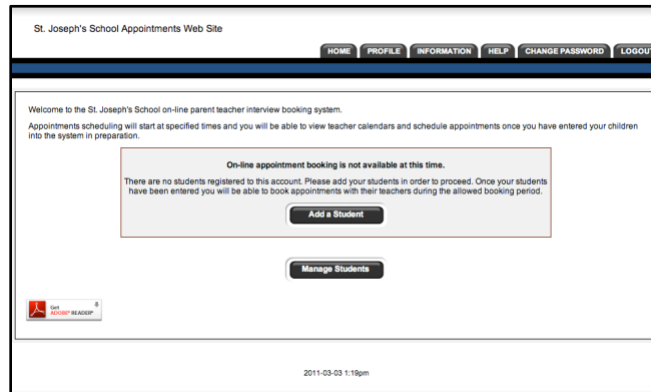
“Register” tab

3. Click on the “Register” tab and fill in the registration form to create an account. All fields are required on the parent registration form to create an account.
- \* If you already created your account, you can skip and book your Appointment, to Step 6.

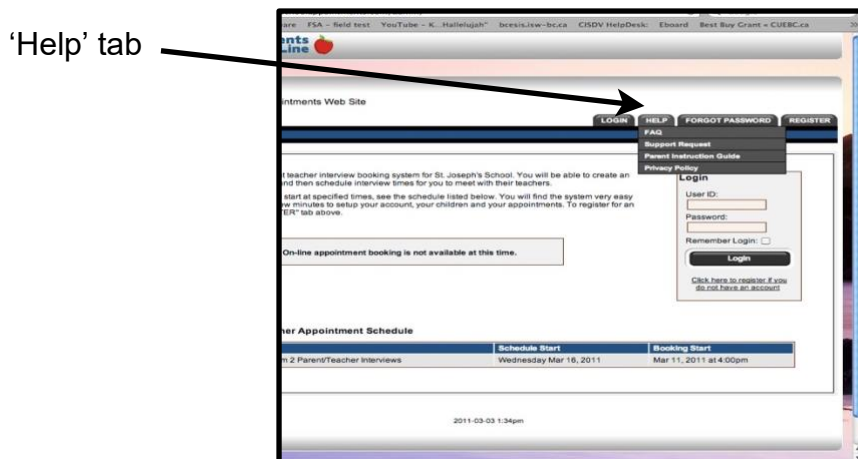
The screenshot shows the 'Register for an Account' form. It has a title 'Register for an Account' and a note: '\*\* All fields are required unless indicated \*\*'. The form contains the following fields: Parent First Name, Parent Last Name, Phone, Email Address (with a note: 'Please enter only one valid email address.'), Preferred User ID (with a note: 'Valid user id's must be at least 4 characters long and can contain letters, numbers, or one of the following: the dash '-', the underscore '\_', the at symbol '@', or the period '.''), Enter Your Password, and Enter Your Password Again. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Register Now' and 'Clear Form'.

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- Once all fields are entered, click 'Register Now' and the following screen appears.



- You may now add your child(ren), Applicant(s) through 'Add a Student'.
- Once all your children have been added, you are then ready to begin booking your 'Student Led Conference's
- For more information and help, click on the 'Help tab'.



- Don't forget to Logout.

## 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/>

# **GIRLS** **VOLLEYBALL** **GAMES**

**UPCOMING**

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**JAN**  
**24**

**@ JOURNEY  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
3:45PM - 5:25PM**

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**FEB**  
**7**

**@ ST. JOSEPH'S  
WOLF DEN  
3:45PM - 5:25PM**

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**FEB**  
**21**

**@ ST. JOSEPH'S  
WOLF DEN  
3:45PM - 5:25PM**

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**THE WOLF DEN**

# **BOYS** **VOLLEYBALL** **GAMES**

**UPCOMING**

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**JAN**  
**26**

**@ ST. JOSEPH'S**  
**WOLF DEN**  
**3:45PM - 5:25PM**

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**FEB**  
**9**

**@ ST. JOSEPH'S**  
**WOLF DEN**  
**3:45PM - 5:25PM**

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**FEB**  
**23**

**@ ST. JOSEPH'S**  
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**THE WOLF DEN**





ST. JOSEPH'S PRESENTS

A MUSICAL BASED ON THE PLAY BY J.M. BARRIE

# 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  
OR ONLINE

[WWW.EVENTBRITE.CA/E/PETER-PAN-JR-MUSICAL](http://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CA/E/PETER-PAN-JR-MUSICAL)  
TICKETS-526728187187

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## **St Joseph's School Proudly Presents Peter Pan Jr. Musical**

**Are you looking to get your volunteer hours in? We need volunteers to help with the success of the performance.**

**We are looking to attain volunteers as soon as possible to help with the sewing of the costumes and to help the set chief with painting and hammering up props for the set.**

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

**Please look at the signup link to see how we can use your talents to support the musical, as there are many other roles to fill.**

**Sign up to volunteer via the link below:**

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



**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 Cerna email: [ruthver@gmail.com](mailto: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!



## 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
- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS



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## Financial & Legal Services

### Blair & Associates - IG Private Wealth Management

Brian Blair

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### Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Teya Jensen

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### Meritage Financial Group

Shane Edmison, CFP

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## Food & Beverage

### Local Pizza

Mandeep Gahunia

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## Health & Wellness

### Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Carolyn Roussel

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## Real Estate Services

### Kamaretsos Real Estate Team | Pemberton Holmes

Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos

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Ph: 250-686-7590

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## Trades & Construction

### Great White North Projects

Lukasz Jarawka

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