



## St. Joseph's Catholic School

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*St. Joseph's School acknowledges with gratitude that we work, play and pray on the territory and traditional lands of the Lekwungen Speaking Peoples of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations whose historical relationship with the land continues today.*

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/272859616539977> (SJV Parent Support Group Page)

## NEWSLETTER

March 3, 2023

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

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### WELL DONE, ST. JOSEPH'S!



This week, I can't help but reflect on the impressive work of the students of St. Joseph's School.

First of all, the teachers, Mr. Untereiner, and I are busy in the composition, review, and editing of the second term report cards. How encouraging it is to read of all the progress our students are making and to celebrate their successes in Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Applied Skills and Design, Career Education, French, Music and Physical Education. How proud I am of all the teachers who do such an amazing job of drawing forth this success from our students and preparing engaging lessons and units to teach them.

I am also impressed with our volleyball team this week as they have concluded their season of play. The boys' team showed great growth over the season and were undefeated in the final jamboree. Both girls' teams showed great growth also, with one girl's team being undefeated for the season. Amazing! Excellent work, St. Joseph's! You have represented your school well and with pride! Thank you to coaches, Mr. Zuback, Lee Malicdan, Mr. Krause, Mrs. Caffery, Ms. Buckie and parent Mrs. Bilney!

Finally, I am impressed with how our students are embracing the season of Lent. Our liturgy, hosted by Grade 5V under the direction of Mr. Zwicker, featured students who were well prepared and shared the Word of God through the scriptures with us. The choir and the children in the congregation were incredibly uplifting as they sang with engagement and enthusiasm. Thank you, Mr. Zwicker, Grade 5V, and all who made this liturgy a great start to our Lenten Season.

Father Alfie also outdid himself with his homily for this event. He wove the themes of fasting from mean behaviour and bullying (it was also pink shirt day), prayer and almsgiving together and pointed us in the right direction as we begin our journey to Easter.

Speaking of almsgiving, St. Joseph's is partnering, once again, with the Knights of Columbus to collect non-perishable food items for the needy during this Lent. The practice of "giving up something" for lent and using that money to provide for the needy is great for children to practice the disciplines of fasting and almsgiving. Perhaps they might have a say in choosing or buying the non-perishable food they donate to those who are going without.

We continue to bring the second term to a successful close over the next two weeks. Report cards are going home on March 15. I hope they will be an occasion of celebration for you and your child(ren)!

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

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

- **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**

## **2022 Tax Receipts are available for pick up in the office.**

If you have a child attending the High School, your Tuition tax receipt will be at the High School.  
All childcare tax receipts will be here at the school.

All tax receipts not picked up by March 14<sup>th</sup> will be sent home in your eldest child's report card.



## **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/>

## **Lost and Found Bin is full!**

Much gratitude to "Used Uniform Store" Volunteer, Grandma Elke, for sorting and putting the items on two tables by the gym.  
Parents and kids, please have a look and take what is yours.  
The items will be donated to charity by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, before the Peter Pan Show.



## 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, or a cheque:*

- Cash (put in an envelope with your name and address),
- Cheque (payable to KofC Council 13356).



## Volunteer Appreciation - Celtic Kitchen Tea party

Friday, March 17, 8:30-10:00Am, School Gym

You are invited to say 'thank you' to all volunteers of the school! Please join us for performances, tea, and goodies.

RSVP by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.gle/NRkcjUAqkak35Sgc6>



## 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). When reporting absence, please also include the reason, e.g. sickness, or appointment etc.



Uniform  
Fitting Day!!!



# School VIP Day

Focus Week May 28th —June 3rd 2023

Join us for your Exclusive VIP  
Day at St. Joseph's School on  
Wednesday May 31st 2023  
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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## Purdys Easter Chocolates Fundraiser is underway!

Log onto:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1593358-106236>

*[Hold **Ctrl** button and click on the link above to access the Purdys site]*  
or

Log onto the website [fundraising.purdys.com](https://fundraising.purdys.com) and use customer number **5406**

Order deadline is **March 20th**.

Orders will be ready for pickup at the school **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Thank you for supporting St. Joseph's Parent  
Support Group

Email [colrra@hotmail.com](mailto:colrra@hotmail.com), if there are any questions







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 [Click Here](#)



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OF  
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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**

**Last Call:**  
**Auction closes on March 6 at 700 pm**

## **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



# Grad 2023

# SILENT AUCTION!

Hello Parents & Guardians!

Have any new items at home that you are not needing? Would your business like to donate a service or an item? Do you know someone who owns a restaurant?

The Grade 7 Grad Committee is compiling a silent auction fundraiser to benefit grad activities, namely grad night and Camp Pringle.

We would appreciate donations of any sort; these items will be posted online on an auction platform, where our school and parish community will access, browse and bid. It will be available to all friends and families of St. Joseph's school!

We need Grade 7 parents (but all members of the school are welcome to help to acquire the auction items!) Please seek donations throughout your circles, close acquaintances and associates, friends and families, whom ever you deem appropriate.

## Examples of items we are looking for:

- New retail items, business services, & new sporting equipment
- Gift Cards for Restaurants, Grocery Stores, and Gas Cards
- Unwanted plane tickets to Bali...
- Hotel Stays, Experiences, & Event Tickets

**"SUCCESS AND FUNDS RAISED DEPENDS ON YOUR HELP!"  
PLEASE SEE OUR ATTACHED LETTER THAT MAY HELP EACH OF YOU  
OBTAIN SUPPORT/DONATIONS FROM YOUR COMMUNITIES.**

Questions /Collect items please reach out to:

Carlo & Lisa Silverio @  
Silverio.lisa@yahoo.ca , or  
Sam Agbay @  
sjgrad23funds@gmail.com

Our plan is to run this Auction for two weeks in or around late March / early April, we would like to gather items ASAP. The silent auction site details will be announced closer to our go live date, we will use the following platform:  
[www.32auctions.com](http://www.32auctions.com)





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February 2023

Dear Sir or Madame:

St. Joseph's is a K-7 Elementary School located in Saanich with students attending from all over Greater Victoria and from all walks of life. Our Parents of Grade 7 Students are starting their preparations for graduation celebrations this year and to raise funds will be hosting an Online Silent Auction this April 2023.

The funds raised from this event will be utilized to jointly support an overnight Camp at Camp Pringle and an afternoon/evening of fun for our students to say farewell to their elementary years within our school system. As these children have had little opportunity over the last 2+ years to participate in activities and field trips we would like to make these two events as special as possible.

Due to increasing expenses, it is essential that we fundraise and we greatly appreciate community support. We are hoping that your company or you as an individual would be willing to donate an item for our event. Your company's name (or yours) will be displayed within the online auction and this auction will be shared with all parents within our school (approx. 7000) along with their family and friends, our committee will find every possible opportunity to share information about you/your company.

Now for our largest request, if you are in the position to be a sponsor for our Camp Pringle event the cost is \$6000, please contact our school directly and we can discuss further [kpollard@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:kpollard@cisdv.bc.ca) or office 250-479-1232.

For more information, please contact Grade 7 Parents at [sjgrad23funds@gmail.com](mailto:sjgrad23funds@gmail.com)

Thank you for your generous support of this fundraising event!

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

# 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.

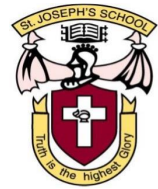
Veni Sancte Spiritus  
Veni per Mariam  
*Father Alfie*

**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



\*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

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS



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## Food & Beverage

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## Health & Wellness

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## Real Estate Services

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Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos

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## Trades & Construction

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2PM MATINEE AND 7PM SHOW

**Sunday March 19, 2023**

1PM MATINEE SHOW

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