



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER

September 8, 2023



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

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK TO A GLORIOUS YEAR!



Welcome back everyone! I can tell already that 2023-2024 will be a glorious year!

One factor that will prove to make this a glorious year is that the World Health Organization has declared that COVID-19 is no longer a global health emergency. Hopefully everything that has been paused during the emergency will re-enter our school life again. One instance of this is that I am currently attempting to arrange Recreation Programs for K-4 and am in discussions with gymnastics schools, aquatics programmers for swimming lessons and a martial arts school!

COVID-19 is still circulating, however. We still encourage good hygiene practices and I have already observed teachers reminding students to wash hands or sanitize before eating. Anyone who wants to wear a mask part or full-time is more than welcome to, and we thank you for taking precautions to keep yourself and everyone else healthy.

Another glorious factor is our (almost) completed Child Care Garden. Please head half-way down toward the playground and see this wonderful outdoor space for teachers and students to use. Thank you to Acacia Landscape for getting such a beautiful space ready for use for the first day of school.

The last glorious factor I will mention today is the fantastic team of educators we have for the 2023-2024 year. We welcome back most of our education team with some new additions: Mrs. Victoria Blencoe returns once again, this time as Music Specialist, Mrs. Katherine Gautier-Riggs in Grade 7, Mrs. Sarah Katz (pronounced Kates) in Grade 4, Mrs. Mary Marshall returns to Grade 3, Mrs. Alison Spaven in Kindergarten and Mrs. Juliana Santos as our Grade 7 EA.

Meet the Teacher Night is Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Hope to see you all then as we begin this glorious year together!

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

School Daily Schedule

Start : 8:30am (Supervision from 8:00am)
Morning Recess : 10:10-10:25am
Lunch Recess. : 11:55am-12:25pm
Lunch : 12:25-12:40pm
Finish : 2:40pm (Supervision until 3:00pm)



* First Wednesday of the Month school ends at 1:40pm for the staff meeting

* Kindergarten will be on this daily schedule once Staggered start is complete

Dates to Remember

Sep. 19 (The.) Photo Day

Sep. 20 (Wed.) Opening Mass, Meet the Staff night

Sep. 21 (Thu.) Terry Fox Run

Sep. 22 (Fri.) Pro-D, School Closed



INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PHOTOS

Tuesday, September 19th

Please be reminded that individual student photos will be taken on Tuesday, September 19. It is important to send your child to school in their full St. Joseph's School uniform including clean crested sweater, clean white shirt, school tie and pants/skort/skirt!

Meet the Staff Night

Wednesday, September 20* at 6:00pm, Gym



Come meet the teachers and staff members! This is an excellent opportunity to meet and greet, explore and tour around the school! The classroom teaching staff will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

School 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.

Choir News

We are looking forward to another exciting year in choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:45 and Fridays at 11:55. Students can come to rehearsal to sign up during the first two weeks of school. If your child is in Cross Country, we can excuse them Wednesday morning during Cross-Country Season.



Homework club (Gr 4-Gr 7).



It's back! The Homework Club will be offered for Intermediate students (Grades 4 - 7).
Starting on Monday, Sept. 18th!

It will take place in the library from Monday - Thursday right after school until 3:10pm. Please note that there will not be Homework Club on Early Dismissal Wednesdays.

Prompt pick-up at 3:10 is expected, and required, in order for students to attend! We are looking forward to seeing many students in the Homework Club!

ANNOUNCING

THE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL ANNUAL MUSICAL THEATRE SPECTACULAR...

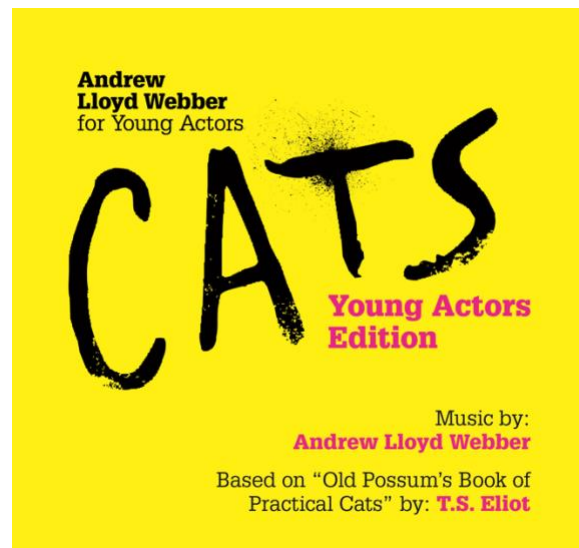
AUDITION NOTICE

Are you a student in grade 1-7 and enjoy singing, acting, or dancing? Or how about all three?!

In March 2024 our amazing school will be performing the Broadway show

CATS (the young actors version). Audition submissions for this production start "MEOW"!!

See audition pack for all the details.





USED UNIFORM SALE

September 21, 2023 (Thursday)

8:40am-9:15am.

Foyer near the Gym

* Gently used uniform donations are welcome Always!

RUGBY

Touch rugby for Grade 6 and Grade 7 boys and girls starts next week! Practices are Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8am-8:30am. We will have three jamborees, and these are Tuesdays after school. Transportation will be provided to the jamborees, and parents must pick up from the venue on these days. Forms have been distributed, but if you need another form please see Mrs Whiteside or Mrs Lauder ASAP - they are due back on Tuesday. Huddy Huddy!



CROSS COUNTRY



Cross Country starts for Grade 3-7 students next week. Practices will be at 8AM on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Meet at the Kindergarten playground at the front of the school. Transportation will be provided to the Monday/Wednesday meets and parents must pick up their child from the meet afterwards. Information packages were handed out today, if you need another package please see Mrs Fallow or Mrs Whiteside. Shirt forms are attached to the information packages, and also found at the back of the newsletter. No late forms will be accepted. Go Timberwolves!

Public Health staff includes public health nurses, dental hygienists, Nursing Support Services, community nutritionists, audiologists and others. We work with students, parents and school staff to promote the health of all students in schools. If you have any questions about the services listed below, contact the school or your local health unit:

www.islandhealth.ca/our-locations/health-unit-locations

Health Services

- Screens kindergarten students for hearing and vision problems. Kindergarten dental screening occurs every three years. Parents are contacted if their child needs further help with assessment or treatment.
- In conjunction with teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, provides support for students with specialized hearing equipment.
- Consults about students who have health concerns, at the request of parents, students or school staff.
- Provides information about public health resources and services.

Public Health Phone Numbers

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| ▪ Esquimalt | 250.519.5311 |
| ▪ Gulf Islands | 250.539.3099 |
| ▪ Peninsula | 250.544.2400 |
| ▪ Saanich | 250.519.5100 |
| ▪ Salt Spring | 250.538.4880 |
| ▪ Sooke | 250.519.3487 |
| ▪ Victoria | 250.388.2200 |
| ▪ West Shore | 250.519.3490 |

Immunization

- Offers kindergarten immunization clinics at health units. These vaccines are provided to eligible students:
 - Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus/Polio;
 - Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Varicella (Chickenpox).
- Immunizes grade 6 and 9 students at schools. These vaccines are provided to eligible students:
 - Hepatitis B; HPV and Varicella – grade 6;
 - Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis; Meningococcal – grade 9.

Complex Health Care Needs

- Develops health/dental care plans for eligible students with complex health care needs (i.e. diabetes, seizure disorder).
- Trains educational assistants to support the health/dental needs of these students while they are at school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- www.islandhealth.ca/learn-about-health/children-youth/school-age-children-5-19-years-old

"Masithuthu At Home"

Did your family do the *Masithuthu at Home* this summer? Were you able to make use of the potatoes you grew from our garden's stock? Terrific! Now's the time to dig them from the ground. Watch this short video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKmsNBoEofE>) from our website and dig them up this weekend. Bring them to school in time for Wednesday's Sep 13 Weigh In!

If you were able to participate, your child/ren may also receive a new Masithuthu Crew t-shirt. Contact Mr. Zwicker/Jamie via text (250.391-1280) or email (sjvmasithuthugarden@gmail.com). Provide the child's first name, this year's class and teacher, and requested size (from YS through Adult XXL).



Want to know what we do or see what we have done? Check us out on our website: <https://sites.google.com/cisdv.bc.ca/sjvmasithuthugarden/home?authuser=0>



PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Parent Business Directory 2023 FALL EDITION

SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Reduced pricing only \$75 from Sept to Dec (Full year subscription in January, \$200)

If you would like your business to appear alongside others, owned by St. Joseph's parents, on our Business Directory, click the link below to start!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLiOL5Z-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLiOL5Z-Ze5k3euAf_FVX8fz56HikPzb8ZPwuNt8C3TYt_vA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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Make your payment by e-transfer to sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca and note your business name in the message.

Questions? Email either Teya (teya.klavora@gmail.com) or Carlo (llcsilverio@gmail.com).

DEADLINE for submissions: sept 20

Since its inception in 2021, the Business Directory circulated weekly has raised **\$5000** for our students. The Gaga Pit Ball area and other future projects are direct results of this fundraiser.

To broaden appeal, we are hoping to include more food services, medical health and self care, and any e-commerce retailers are encouraged to reach out to us; **But ALL businesses are welcome!**



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DANCE CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12th!

Dear Parents of Irish and Jazz Dancers,

I am excited to say that dance class will begin next week. I will be giving out information letters and registration forms when the students arrive for their first dance class next week. All Irish classes will be before school from 7:40 until 8:25 a.m. Jazz class will be on Wednesdays during the lunch hour from 11:55 a.m. until 12:25 p.m.

Junior Irish Dancers (Grades 4 & 5) will come on Tuesday morning

Primary Irish Dancers (Grades 2 & 3) will come on Wednesday morning

Jazz Dancers (Grades 4, 5, 6 & 7) will come on Wednesday at lunch time

Senior Irish Dancers (Grades 6 & 7) will come on Thursday morning

I am looking forward to seeing all the students and having an exciting year of dance with all of them. If you have any questions please email me at ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca .

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. Higgins



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Hello Families,

This year we will once again be placing an order for athletic shirts. The shirts will be maroon in colour, made of a dry fit material, and have the Timberwolves Logo on the front, and say 'Timberwolves' across the back. Your child may wear this shirt for training, and at all athletic events (cross country meets, track meets etc). This will be the only opportunity this year to purchase a shirt. We will not be doing a spring order. You are not required to buy a shirt.

If you would like to purchase a shirt, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's teacher, or Mrs Whiteside by **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12th**. No late orders will be accepted. We are hoping to receive the order back in time for students to be able to wear their shirt for most of the season this year. The cost of the shirts is \$24 and can be paid by **cash or cheque**, made payable to St Joseph's School.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email Mrs Whiteside at lwhiteside@cisdv.bc.ca

Child's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Size (please circle)

Youth Small

Youth Medium

Youth Large

Youth XLarge

Adult Small

Adult Medium

Adult Large

Adult XLarge

Total Paid: _____

Cash/Cheque (please circle)

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

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



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Catechism Information

Starting this September, Catechism will be offered after mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Children will be placed in the appropriate group depending on their age and if they have had any previous Catechism instruction.

If your children are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Communion and Confirmation, these courses are mandatory.



Details:

Day - First class is on Sunday, September 24th and will continue weekly until May 19

Time - 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 Noon (following the 10 a.m. Mass)

Location: St. Joseph's Elementary School

Cost: \$30 per child

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

*Please provide a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate if they were not baptized at St. Joseph the Worker

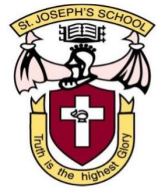
For any questions, please reach out to
ourcatechismjourney@gmail.com



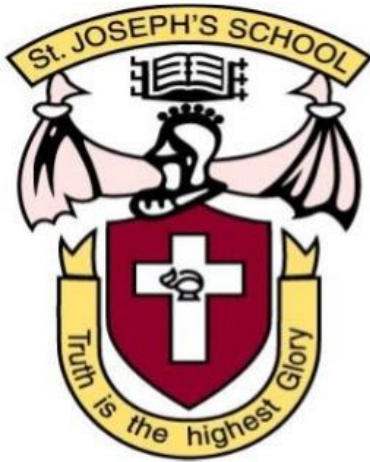
**Grades
1 - 4**

**Mandatory Parents Meeting on
Sunday Sept 17th at 11:15am at the Parish Hall**

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

Food & Beverage

- Local Pizza

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- 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.

CONTACT SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA
WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

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