



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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NEWSLETTER
September 15, 2023

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



ST. JOSEPH'S PARKING LOT 101

This week I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined our school community! Welcome! We hope you are finding a warm reception and new second family with us.

New families may be realizing that one of the major challenges facing our school is negotiating the parking lot. At the beginning of the year, it is very helpful to share with our new families some of the protocols we have developed to ease the challenge and the frustrations of picking up and dropping off the children. For the rest of us, it also provides a good review of our practices.

Please, everyone, have a look at the parking guide following the principal's message and review the practices to help us all pick up and drop off children in the most efficient way possible.

Also, this week, I would like to highlight the work of the Grade Fours, who harvested the produce of our Masithuthu Potato Garden. These enthusiastic students had a blast Wednesday morning digging in the dirt and harvesting about 1500 lbs of potatoes which will be stored in Father Alfie's garage and used as the foundational ingredient to create the soup which we serve to the needy at St. Andrew's Cathedral Soup Kitchen.

We even had a surprise visit from some Saanich Firefighters who were responding to a false alarm fire and, having confirmed there was no emergency, just jumped in and helped us out.

What a blessing it is to work in a school that puts faith into action and to watch children joyfully engaged in serving the needy. Bishop Gary has expressed their work so eloquently:

This potato project is so crucial and is at the heart of authentic Catholic education, It is foundational for what Pope Francis calls "A Global Education Compact. "It puts the children, parents, and staff in touch with the earth and the millions of people who need this "Garden of Creation" to live well.

Thank you, Grade Fours, Mrs. Fallow, Mrs. Katz, Mrs. Amos Miss Tapin, Father Alfie, Past Teacher, Farmer Jamie Zwicker and Saanich Firefighters Ashmead and Hennessy. You truly have accomplished an amazing good work and engaging social justice project.

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



- Notice that there THREE lanes that ZIPPER together turning in to a single lane exiting the parking lot onto Burnside! (Please notice the blue, green & yellow Alternating cars)
- In the drop off lane, closest to the school, drivers continue to move forward and pick up once stopped
- Drivers are NOT permitted to get out of the vehicles in ANY of the three lanes while waiting. You MUST pull into a parking stall to get out of your car!
- If you need to go to the back, please put your signal light once you reach the merge point to let the other drivers know you are going to the back!

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 (Tue.) Individual 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 send your child(ren) to school in their full uniform. And a Big Smile!

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!



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.

Tour de Rock

Popcorn Sale

Wednesday, October 4th

Minimum

\$2 donation/bag



Meet the Staff Night

Wednesday, September 20th 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!

Meet the Teacher Night

Join us for pizza and pop in the gym

FAMILY COMBO \$25 for a whole pizza and 4 drinks

2 slices/\$5 ~ \$1/pop

Wed Sept 20th 6pm



Parking Lot woes got you down?

Watch the PSG Facebook page for info about
the coveted PARKING SPOT AUCTION

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



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PARENTS SUPPORT
GROUP
ON FACEBOOK
FOR UPDATES



ST. JOSEPH'S
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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

Our first cross country race of the season will be held on Monday, September 18th, at Windsor Park, starting at 3:45pm. The bus will leave the school at 2:50pm. Please pick your child up at Windsor Park by 4:15pm, as there will be no bus returning to the school. Please check out with Mrs. Fallow or Mrs. Whiteside before you leave. GO TIMBERWOLVES!



USED UNIFORM SALE

September 21, 2023 (Thursday)

8:40am-9:15am.

Foyer near the Gym

* Gently used uniform donations are welcome Always!

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?!

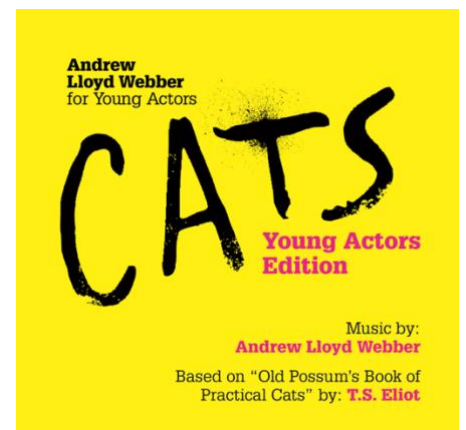
In March 2024 our amazing school will be performing the Broadway show CATS (the young actors version). Audition submissions for this production start "MEOW"!! See audition pack for all the details.

The Musical Audition Pack on google drive

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gMDDVNMM2xBRkeCS6A956SJKJNxmajCR/view?usp=drivesdk>

For further Information please contact the director:

[<sjsmusicalshow@gmail.com>](mailto:sjsmusicalshow@gmail.com)



"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>



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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

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.



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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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