



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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NEWSLETTER
September 29, 2023

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



ORANGE SHIRTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Today we celebrated Orange Shirt Day as our preparation for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

St. Joseph's School engaged in many classroom activities to enlighten our students regarding the challenges the Indigenous People experienced in the residential school system and the effects that continue to this day.

We also attended a special mass for those who died in the residential school system, those who survived and their families.

Two of the prayers our students offered today are:

We pray for the children and families harmed by the Residential School System, and for the healing of many generations living with that harm.

We pray for the Lekwungen speaking people of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations on whose traditional territories our school rests. May God teach us how to walk the path of reconciliation with them.

Let us continue to pray for the Indigenous People this weekend, and I encourage everyone to attend one of the National Truth and Reconciliation events throughout the city or to mark the National Truth and Reconciliation Day is some other way. If you wish to attend the South Island Pow Wow at Royal Athletic Park, information about this event can be found here: <https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow>

In other news, parking lot safety has improved! We are seeing much less of the unsafe behaviour of students being dropped off in locations other than in front of the school in the drop off lane. Thank you everyone, and let's continue to guard the safety of our children at St. Joseph's!

Our parking lot tip for the week is: *When you are in the drop off lane, please pull up as close to the church as you can to drop off your child in front of the school.*

If you stop near the walkway to the back of the school, your child will have less distance to walk, but you back up traffic behind you and parents can't get in to the parking lot. Let's put traffic safety first and pull up as close to the church as you can get – the children can use the extra steps, anyway!

Many thanks,
Keefer Pollard, Principal

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Honoring Indigenous histories and cultures

JOIN US IN REFLECTING AND LEARNING
#EVERYCHILDMATTERS #TRUTHANDRECONCILIATION

September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Every year on this day, Canadians are called to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools and to honour First Nations, Inuit and Métis Survivors and their families and communities. Many activities and events are planned in communities across the Diocese; in Victoria, all are invited to attend the South Island Powwow

<https://www.songheesnation.ca/south-island-powwow> which the Diocese is proud to help sponsor this year. The Powwow runs from 10am – midnight at Royal Athletic Park (1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria), admission is free.

<https://www.rcdvictoria.org/indigenous>

EVERY CHILD MATTERS



WHERE TRADITION AND CULTURE COME ALIVE

SOUTH ISLAND POWWOW

September 30, 2023
Royal Athletic park

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Dates to Remember

* School calendar <<https://stjosephschool.ca/calendar/>>

Oct 2 (Mon.) National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, School Closed

Oct 4 (Wed.) Early Dismissal at 1:40pm

Oct 9 (Mon.) Thanksgiving, School Closed

Oct 18 (Wed.) Photo Retake



There will be **NO Homework Club** next Wednesday due to early dismissal) and Thursday due to staff meeting, October 4 & 5.



Tour de Rock Popcorn Sale

Oct. 4, Wednesday

On Wednesday Oct 4th we are holding a popcorn fundraiser to support children in cancer treatment. This fundraiser will elevate the spirit of Tour de Rock when the team visits St. Joseph's on Friday Oct. 6. Students may purchase one bag of popcorn for a minimum \$2 donation. Students are limited one bag each.

Timberwolves Hoodies

Hello Timberwolves Families! It's that time of year when hoodies are up for order again. This only happens once a year so make sure to follow the link and order by October 13th so you don't miss out!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYvUUOrpZ_unPefOu_ED8S8TZ-C20IugdAe6ZqAV0zw_WINQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



SJV Ultimate Frisbee Team



Our two teams played with heart, showed great sportsmanship, and honoured the “spirit of the game” in our first Ultimate frisbee jamboree on Wednesday! Congratulations to all our players for your great effort, lots of fun was had out there!

Our next Jamboree will be held at Spencer Middle School on Wed. October 4, 3:30–4:55. Parents, you are welcome to come watch and pick your child up from Spencer, or you can meet them back at St. Joe’s by about 5:15.



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.



Cross-Country

Our next meet is Wednesday, October 4th at Lambrick Park on the upper Winter Soccer Field by Torquay Drive. The bus will leave the school at 2:50pm. The first race starts at 3:45pm. Please pick your child up at Lambrick 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! Since Wednesday, October 4th is an early dismissal day, all Cross-Country athletes will meet at 1:40pm in the gym, where they will be supervised until the bus arrives at 2:50pm.



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.

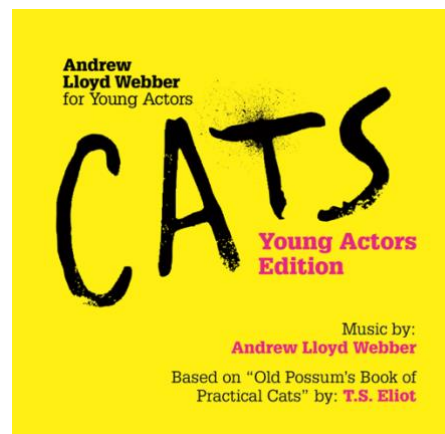
ANNOUNCING

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>



DANCE CLASSES NEWS!

Dear Parents of Irish and Jazz Dancers,

I am excited to say that dance classes are going very well. I am so pleased with the number of students who have decided to join classes this year. That being said, there are a number of students who are attending class and yet have not turned in their registration forms. If your child is one of these students please send in his/her completed form as soon as possible. The students can give it to me at their next dance class, turn it into their teacher, or turn it into the office.

Also please don't forget to pay the dance fee to the office.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. Higgins

Masithuthu Garden

If you like to participate, contact Mr. Zwicker/Jamie via email (sjvmasithuthugarden@gmail.com). Provide the child's first name, this year's class and teacher.

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>





BAKE SALES

1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Oct 6th - Grade 7

Nov 3rd - Grade 6

Dec 1st - Grade 5

Jan 12th - Grade 4

Feb 2nd - Grade 3

Mar 1st - Grade 2

Apr 5th - Grade 1

May 3rd - Kindergarten





Support the PSG

Make drop-off and pick-up a

B r e e z e

Enjoy front-row reserved parking for drop-off and pick-up for the 2023/2024 school year!

WINNER also receives VIP parking for

HALLOWEEN HOWL

Bidding starts Oct 11th and concludes Oct 24th

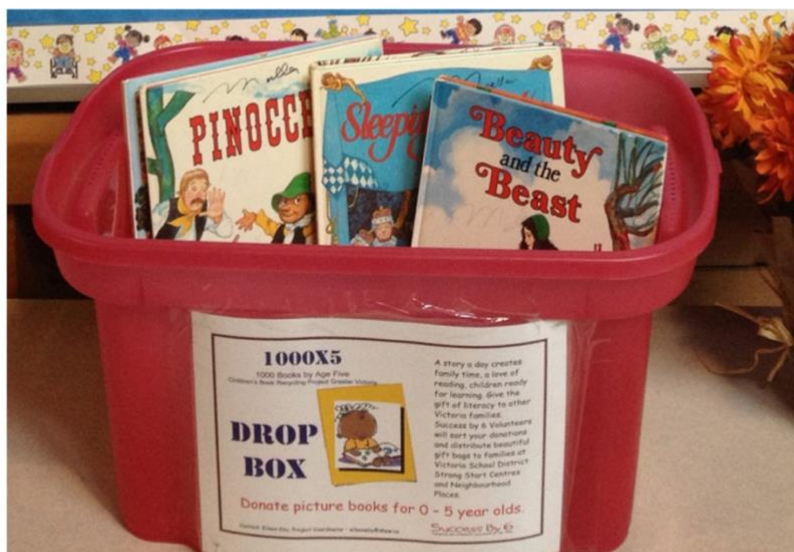
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1000X5 Books Part of October Fun

Wee Ones Need Your Books



As you prepare for October celebrations with fun costumes and food, we are hoping you can find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin located in our library. These books will entertain and enrich wee ones' lives long after the October fun has ended!

311,000 books in 12 years!! Thank you.



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

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*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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