



## 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  
November 10, 2023

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

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### ST. JOSEPH'S PARKING LOT IS NOT SAFE!



This week a child was running through the parking lot, rushing to avoid being late. His parents had dropped him off in front of the Potato Patch instead of in the drop off area in front of the school. A car that was backing up almost hit him.

Parents, Caregivers, Boys and Girls! The situation in our parking lot is currently unsafe. Please, we ask that parents park their car and walk their child(ren) to the drop off area OR drop them off ONLY in the drop off area. Please do not drop off children in front of the Potato Patch or in the drive through lane

I know the parking lot is frustrating and we are all worried about getting to class or getting to work on time. However, the safety of our children must come first. I know we all want to avoid the tragedy of a child getting seriously hurt or worse. We must all work together to create a culture of safety for our children.

On a brighter note, thank you to all the parents who participated in Parent/Teacher Interviews this week. I hope you gained valuable information about your child's current progress and were able to deepen the partnership you have with your child's teacher as we all work together for their success.

During this month of November, we think of those who have gone before us in faith. Thank you to Grade 3M who hosted our All Saints Primary Liturgy on Wednesday, and to the Grade 6s who have organized our solemn observance of Remembrance Day where we remember those who have given their lives in war and the safety and freedom we enjoy due to their sacrifice. Thank you, especially to Lieutenant Commander Heather MacDonald for speaking to us during the Assembly and leading us in the wreath laying ceremony.

Further study of those who have gone before us in faith will happen next week at our Intermediate Mass focussing on All Saints. Please join us for this mass if you are able. Wednesday, November 15 at 8:45 a.m. And a special thank you this week to Mme DeSouza who has worked with the students and created beautiful mural art about the Saints! *Formidable, Madame! Merci!*

Many thanks,  
Keefer Pollard,  
Principal

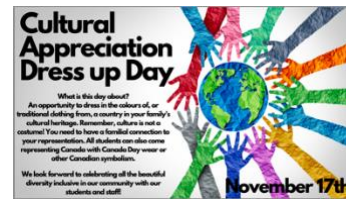
## Dates to Remember

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

Nov. 13 (Mon.) Remembrance Day, School Closed

Nov. 17 (Fri.) Cultural Appreciation Dress Up Day

Nov 23 & 24 (Thu & Fri) Diocesan Faith days, School Closed



**Dear Parents;**

**Please remind your children that cell phones are not to be used at school between drop-off and pick-up. Students are always welcome to make a phone call from the office, and we are happy to pass information along from you to them as needed. Thank you for reinforcing this expectation, and for your understanding.**

**Dear Parents;**

**We need your help! Without a fence between us and Spectrum field, some of our younger students are having a hard time recognizing this as a boundary after school. Can we please ask for your assistance in reminding your children that all students Grades 1-7 will stay on the sidewalk and front grass side of the Kindergarten playground? Kindergarten students will still be supervised on the playground until parents are here for pick-up. Thank you for your cooperation.**

# Cultural Appreciation Dress up Day

**What is this day about?**

An opportunity to dress in the colours of, or traditional clothing from, a country in your family's cultural heritage. Remember, culture is not a costume! You need to have a familial connection to your representation. All students can also come representing Canada with Canada Day wear or other Canadian symbolism.

We look forward to celebrating all the beautiful diversity inclusive in our community with our students and staff!



## November 17th



***Homework Club*** back on schedule

*Homework club will be back on schedule next week, Mon. to Thu.*



### **DONATIONS WANTED PLEASE**

Do you have any leftover Hallowe'en candy? Candy your family is not going to eat? If so, Gr 5's are accepting any donations of wrapped candy to be used in making Christmas crackers for the less fortunate. We are also looking for any toilet paper tubes, Christmas wrapping paper and/or ribbon. All donations can be dropped off in in 5G. Thank-you, in advance, for your support with this outreach activity.





## Timberwolves Basketball Games

Boys Team						
Date	Venue	Leave SJV	Game 1	Game 2	(est) Finish @ Venue	(est) Arrival @ SJV
Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Central MS	2:55pm	4:25pm	5:10pm	6:00pm	6:15pm
Girls Team						
Date	Venue	Leave SJV	Game 1	Game 2	(est) Finish @ Venue	(est) Arrival @ SJV
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Joseph's	2:55pm	3:45pm	N/A	4:40pm	4:40pm
Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Central MS	2:55pm	3:45pm	4:25pm	5:10pm	5:30pm

- Please feel free to contact Mr. Z ([jzuback@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:jzuback@cisdv.bc.ca)) or Mrs. Spaven ([aspaven@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:aspaven@cisdv.bc.ca))



## Irish and Jazz Dance

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.

There are still a few students who are attending class and yet have paid their dance fee for the year. Dance fees were due at the end of September. You may pay at the office with interact, send in a cheque made out to St. Joseph's, pay cash, or e-transfer the fee. Please submit your payment as soon as possible.

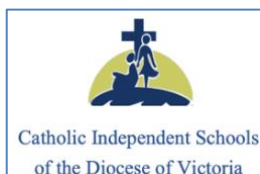
Another problem is that several students have not yet purchased their dance slippers. They need a pair of black gym slippers. These are basically black ballet slippers. You can purchase them at any dance supply shop or online through Amazon.

Thank you all for your support. If you have any questions, please email me at [ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca)

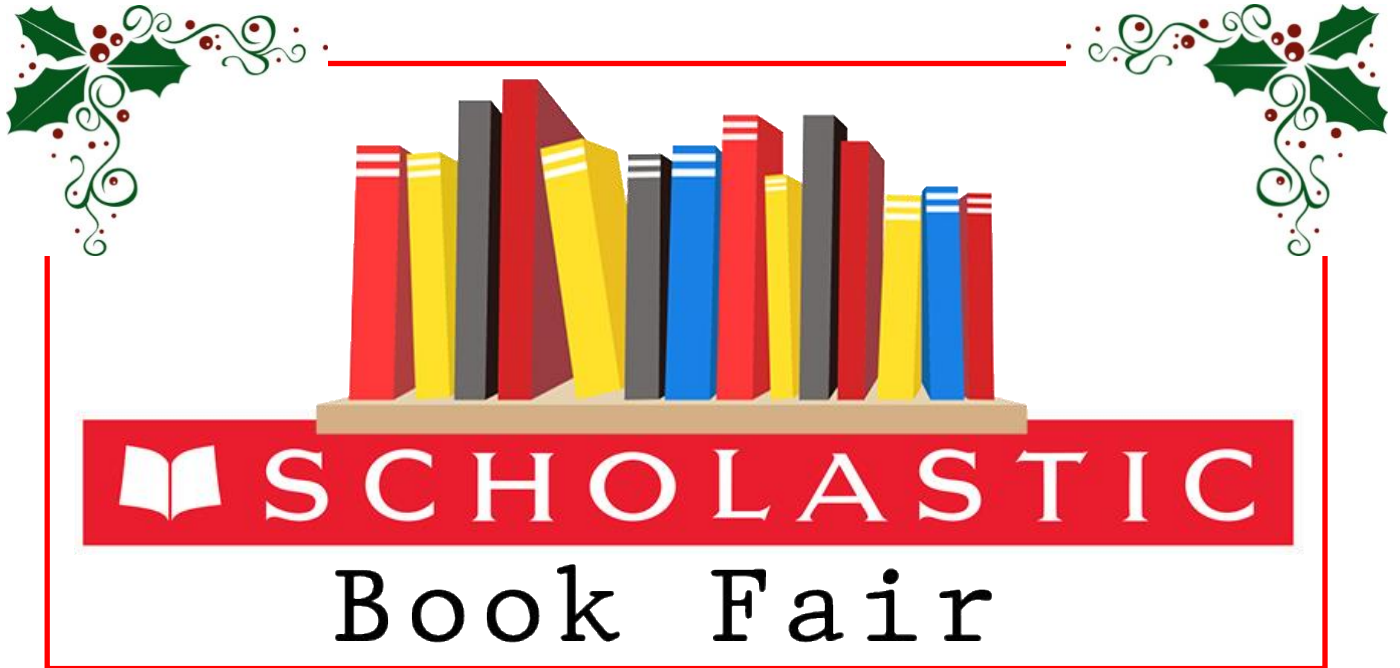
Sincerely,

Mrs. G. Higgins

## JOB POSTING for St. Joseph's School



- Music Specialist Teacher (1.0 FTE)**  
**Band 5-7 – General Music K-4 (Training in Kodaly Methodology an asset)**
- Start Date: January 2, 2024**
- Application Deadline: November 22, 2023**
- For more information: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-10-30-SJ-Music-Specialist-Teacher.pdf>**



# **December 4-7, 2023**

2:30 – 4:00 pm. In person in the Library

**Get ahead of your Christmas shopping  
and help the library as well.**

Students will be able to look at books during their class Library time and get a chance to prepare a wish list. Parents can then drop by the Library during sale hours. All proceeds from the book fair will help with the purchase of new materials for the Library.

Volunteers are needed.

2 parents per day.

Please contact Mrs. Hemmings

[dhemmings@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:dhemmings@cisdv.bc.ca) if you can volunteer.

## **CISDV** (*Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria*) – **AGM:**

**CISDV – AGM:** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Wednesday, November 22, 2023**. There will be a private ballot election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors at this meeting. Each position is for a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at [schools@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:schools@cisdv.bc.ca) **no later than Friday, November 10**. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:

1. Be a practising Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
2. Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.
3. Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election.
4. Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.

For further information, contact the Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893.



### ***WE'RE HIRING!***

Are you looking for a work environment that makes for a great day? Look no further ~ Island Catholic Schools is recruiting! We are in search of enthusiastic people who are certified, talented, love what they do and wish to work in vibrant school environments! We are currently searching for:

- Administrative Assistant - Queen of Angels School
- Educational Assistants - Queen of Angels School
- One-on-One Support Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - Queen of Angels School
- After School Care Worker - St. Joseph's School
- After School Care Worker - St. Patrick's School
- Teachers on Call
- Educational Assistants on Call
- Casual Bus Drivers

If you are interested in joining one of our teams, please visit: <https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>







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# Attention **Coders,** **Artists, Musicians** **& Storytellers!**



**Registration &  
Pre-Season Challenges**



**Sept 23, 2023  
- Jan 15, 2024**



**Craft your  
legacy!**

Form the ultimate team and take on **The SFU Canadian Coding League challenges**. It's about more than just coding, we need all talents to come up with the most creative solutions!

For Ages 13+

**[codingleague.ca](https://codingleague.ca)**

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## **Purdys Christmas Chocolates Fundraiser is underway!**

Log onto

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1593358-108105>

*[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)

Use customer number **5406**

Order deadline is **November 20th**

Order pickup at the school **November 30th**

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

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







# 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



# Serving with Spirit:

Transformation from the inside out



Join us for a day of learning in community as we consider how the Holy Spirit leads us within a changing church and world.

**All are Welcome!**

November 25, 2023

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

**St. Edward The Confessor Church**  
2085 Maple Bay Road Duncan

Leah Perrault speaks across Canada and writes from her home in Swift Current, Saskatchewan on Treaty 4 territory. She and her spouse, Marc, are enjoying raising their four children and are active members at Christ the Redeemer Parish. You can read more about her at

[www.leahperrault.com](http://www.leahperrault.com)

Register online at:

<https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>



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For more info,  
call 250-479-1331  
or email [chancery@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:chancery@rcdvictoria.org)

## 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



### St. Joseph's Parish Youth Group

Youth Group All Youth Grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us on Saturday evenings following! For more information, please contact: [SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com)



### 2023 Bishop's Appeal - Tapestry of Faith



The 2023 Appeal theme, Tapestry of Faith, provides opportunities for parishioners to build faith relationships, support Local Mission Parishes, and support our Clergy, Religious Sisters, Seminarians, and vocations, as together we weave a Tapestry of Faith for our Diocese. For more information and to pledge, please visit: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal> 2

Mr. Pollard encourages everyone to donate. The parish will use their portion of the fund to buy a new sign with electronic messages for us. This will be another good way for the school to communicate.