



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

October 27, 2023

"Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

ST. JOSEPH'S CELEBRATES HALLOWE'EN!



I love the beginning of November in Catholic Schools – we have three days to celebrate our victory over death!

First, we celebrate Hallowe'en which abounds with images of death – ghosts, skeletons and old crones riding broomsticks. Pity that regular society only has these images, because we know that

Hallowe'en is really the Vigil of All Saints. (All Saints becomes the Old English All Hallows and evening becomes e'en – Hallowe'en).

As Catholics (and those who share our faith) we believe that death is not the end of our existence, but the beginning of a new life in eternity. We follow Hallowe'en with two major days of celebration, All Saints and All Souls, where we celebrate Jesus' victory over death and our destiny to live in happiness eternally in the afterlife.

St. Joseph's School will continue this celebration of Saints and Souls when we return to school on November 2 and throughout the month of November.

Because of course, November 1 is our Staff Retreat and there is no school that day. Should you wish to share some All Saints Family activities with your child(ren), perhaps the following resource will be helpful:

<https://catchat.ca/blog/all-saints-day-fun>

But back to Hallowe'en! Tonight, we can get ready to celebrate with the kids at our annual St. Joseph's Hallowe'en Howl! What a great opportunity to share in the fun and excitement the kids will enjoy! What a great opportunity for the adults to gather together and connect with each other! I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

And here is a special shout out to Heather Bruce, who has been organizing Hallowe'en celebrations at St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's Elementary for more years than she would like me to share with you. Your work and talent have provided hours of fun for a generation of Catholic Families. Thank you, Heather!

And thank you teachers who have created decorations, parents who are volunteering and St. Andrew's High School students (Go Sabres!) who are lending a hand this evening. May a good time be had by all!

Many thanks,

Keefer Pollard
Principal

Dates to Remember

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

Oct. 31 (Tue.) Black and Orange day, Civvies Day

Nov. 1 (Wed.) Staff Retreat, School Closed

Nov. 7 & 9 (Tue & Thu.) Parent Teacher Interviews

Nov. 8 (Wed.) Early Dismissal, School ends at 1:40pm

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

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



Parent Teacher Interviews: November 7 & 9

Please book your appointment Now:

< <https://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com> >

This year we have options of online and in-person interviews.

Interview schedule is 3:00pm-6:30pm both days and each time block runs for 15min.

Please book a time for your child(ren). Class teachers, and specialist teachers in French, Music and PE are participating. They look forward to meeting you!

- **Nov. 7 (Tue.) Online:** Virtually you will meet the teacher.
The teacher will send you the **Zoom link**.
- **Nov 9 (Thu.) In-person:** In the classroom you will meet the teacher.
- Please book your appointment(s) via < <https://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com> >
Booking system is OPEN now until Nov. 5. The instructions are on the next page.



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 message for us. This will be another good way for the school to communicate.

SCHEDULING SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS ONLINE

1. Log onto: <http://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com>
2. The following screen appears.

School Appointments On-Line

St. Joseph's School Appointments Web Site

LOGIN HELP FORGOT PASSWORD REGISTER

Welcome to the on-line parent teacher interview booking system for St. Joseph's School. You will be able to create an account, enter your children and then schedule interview times for you to meet with their teachers.

Appointments scheduling will start at specified times, see the schedule listed below. You will find the system very easy to use and it will take only a few minutes to setup your account, your children and your appointments. To register for an account, click on the "REGISTER" tab above.

On-line appointment booking is not available at this time.

Login

User ID:

Password:

Remember Login: ☐

Login

Click here to register if you do not have an account

Upcoming Parent Teacher Appointment Schedule

| Schedule | Schedule Start | Booking Start |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| St. Joseph's School Term 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews | Wednesday Mar 16, 2011 | Mar 11, 2011 at 4:00pm |

2011-03-03 12:52pm

3. Click on the **"Register"** tab and fill in the registration form to create an account. All fields are required on the parent registration form.
** Each year the system clears out all the data. Please create a new account.*
4. Once all fields are entered, click **'Register Now'** and the following screen appears.

St. Joseph's School Appointments Web Site

HOME PROFILE INFORMATION HELP CHANGE PASSWORD LOGOUT

Welcome to the St. Joseph's School on-line parent teacher interview booking system.

Appointments scheduling will start at specified times and you will be able to view teacher calendars and schedule appointments once you have entered your children into the system in preparation.

On-line appointment booking is not available at this time.

There are no students registered to this account. Please add your students in order to proceed. Once your students have been entered you will be able to book appointments with their teachers during the allowed booking period.

Add a Student

Manage Students

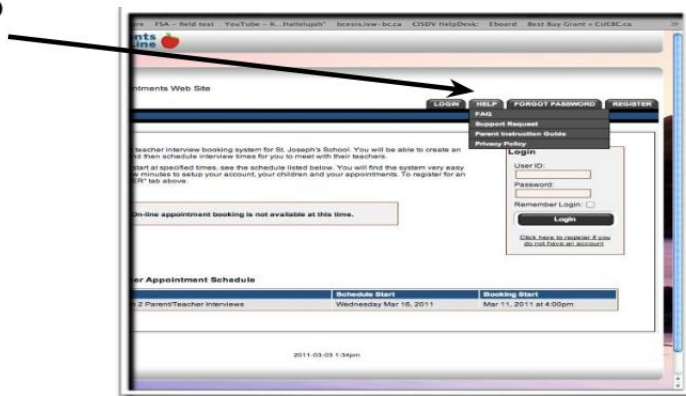
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5. You may now add your child(ren) through 'Add a Student'.
****Each of your child is to be entered separately, and appointments booked Separately, if you have more than one child at school. (To add another sibling click < Insert New>.****

6. Once all your children have been added, you are then ready to **book** your appointment time under the schedule named "Parent Teacher Interview".
 Please be reminded:
November 7 (Tue.) interviews are via Zoom
November 9 (Thu.) interviews are in-person at school.

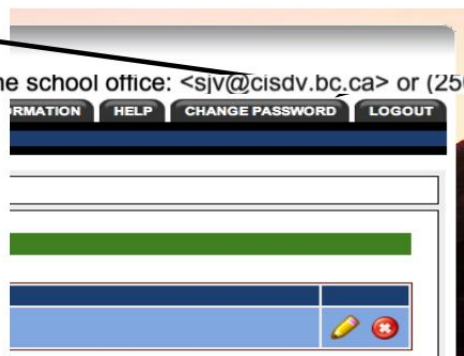
7. For more information and help, click on the 'Help tab'.

'Help' tab



9. Don't forget to logout.

Any questions, please contact the school office: <sjv@cisdv.bc.ca> or (250) 479-1232



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Timberwolves Basketball Games

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

- **No practices this Friday, Oct. 27th**
- Please feel free to contact Mr. Z (jzuback@cisdv.bc.ca) or Mrs. Spaven (aspaven@cisdv.bc.ca)

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.



Irish and Jazz Dance

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 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

Sincerely,

Mrs. G. Higgins

One to One, Virtual Parent Reading Workshop

This fall, ONE TO ONE is hosting a virtual workshop for interested parents/caregivers of beginning readers in Grade 1 (and 2) called *Come Read with Me*. This virtual workshop is open to any parent, regardless of whether or not they are currently in, or have been in the ONE TO ONE reading program in the past.

Here are the details:



- The session is:
 - Wednesday, November 8 at 7 p.m.
 - On Zoom
- The workshop will run for 60 min. approx. with time for questions after.

To register for the virtual session and/or for more information:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/one-to-one-literacy-society-32436852611>

Please share this information with any family that you think might be interested.

Come read with Me is an interactive workshop based on our tutor training and facilitated by a ONE TO ONE educator designed to give parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn positive strategies to help them support their children when reading at home. Participating families will receive a digital resource package. This program is available at no cost to families across British Columbia through the generous support of our donors. St. Joseph's school is grateful to the One to One volunteers who have supported our students during the past few years!

For more information please contact Alistair Nagel, program manager, One to One Literacy Society, Vancouver BC, email <alistair@one-toone.ca>

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

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Wednesday, November 22**. 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 and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at 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.



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





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/>

CWL SACRED HEART GARAGE SALE #2

**SATURDAY
NOV. 4TH 2023
9 AM - 1 PM**

@4040 Nelthorpe Street
Info: desineowen@sha.ca
250-5800066

TABLE \$25
FREE admission + parking
Wheelchair access
Bring Cash & Bags

Jewelry, new and old treasures, original artwork & and more.
Tea, coffee, baked goods, and food: **YUMMY BBQ.**
NEW AND OLD ITEMS!!!



**JOIN US FOR OUR
DIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

Redeeming **CONFLICT**

ONE MESSY SITUATION AT A TIME

with Ann Garrido

As Christians we tend to associate conflict with sin, but how we handle our tensions with one another can be one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world. Speaking out of her own experience as a part-time theology nerd and part-time conflict mediator, author Ann Garrido will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2023

8:30 AM - 3:30PM

(FOLLOWED BY 4PM MASS)

HOLY CROSS PARISH

4049 GORDON HEAD ROAD, VICTORIA

TO REGISTER:

[HTTPS://DOFVREDEEMINGCONFLICT.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://DOFVREDEEMINGCONFLICT.EVENTBRITE.COM)

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

Register online at:

<https://DioConferenceServewithSpirit.eventbrite.com>



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For more info,
call 250-479-1331
or email 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

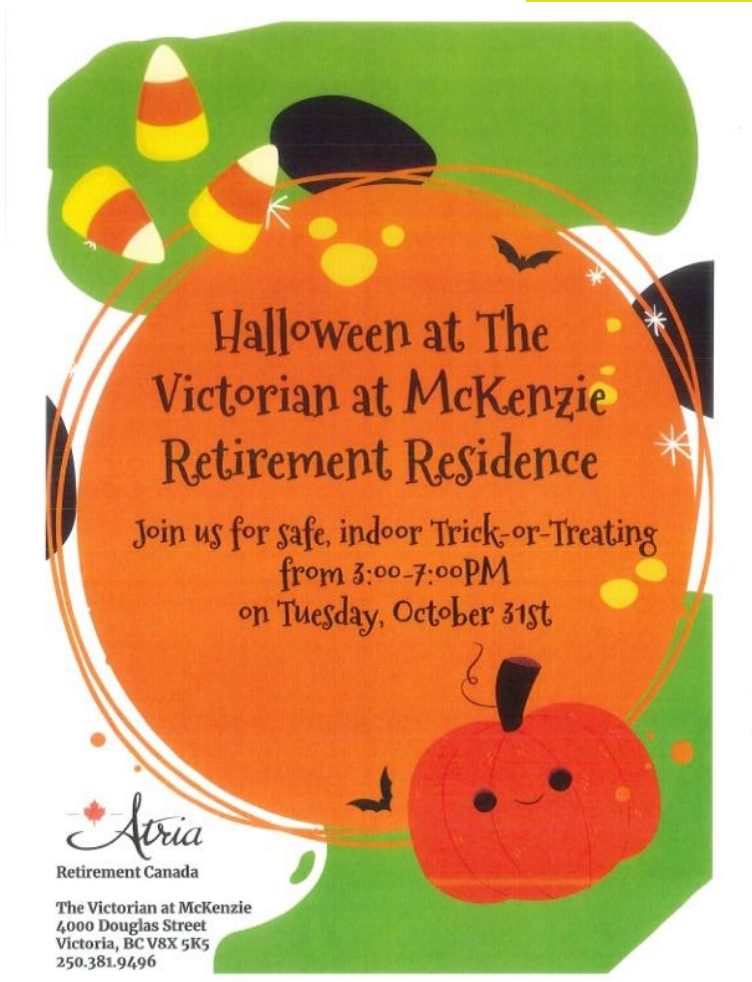
Youth Group All Youth Grades 6 - 12 are invited to join us on Saturday evenings following! For more information, please contact: SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com






 **RISE**
FLAG FOOTBALL
POWERED BY UNDER ARMOUR

DROP IN NIGHT
AT BULLEN PARK
ON OCTOBER 27TH
FROM 6:45-8PM



**Halloween at The
Victorian at McKenzie
Retirement Residence**

Join us for safe, indoor Trick-or-Treating
from 3:00-7:00PM
on Tuesday, October 31st

 **Atria**
Retirement Canada

The Victorian at McKenzie
4000 Douglas Street
Victoria, BC V8X 5K5
250.381.9496



VICTORIA HARBOUR
MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

OCTOBER 28th

FREE!



Black Oystercatcher by Liam Ragan



Bufflehead Drake by Liam Ragan



Young Marbled Murrelet by Jacques Sirois

ESQUIMALT



GORGE WATERWAY NATURE HOUSE

Gorge Park, 11 am – 3 pm

Enjoy crafts, nature scavenger hunts, guided bird walks and plant walks, games, and so much more.

Hosted by the Gorge Waterway Action Society.

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SWAN LAKE
CHRISTMAS HILL
NATURE SANCTUARY

**Swan Lake Nature Sanctuary
11 am – 1 pm**

Learn about Winter Ducks, enjoy a walk with educators, learn how to prevent birds flying into your windows.

Hosted by Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary.

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ROCKY POINT
BIRD OBSERVATORY

**Beacon Hill Park
1 pm – 3 pm**

Learn about the birds we share our land and waters with. Enjoy bird walks around the park and story time on the grass (bring a blanket!). Hot chocolate and snacks.

Hosted by Rocky Point Bird Observatory.

OAK BAY

Cattle Point, 1 pm – 3 pm

Make bird crafts, match bird beaks to tools, plant berry bushes for birds, and enjoy a bird walk.

Hosted by NatureKids BC and Friends of Uplands Park.



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**Songhees Walkway
Pocket Beach
1 pm – 4 pm**

Learn how this beach has been restored to create habitat for those really tiny fish that feed the bigger fish that feed the walrus. Check out the forage fish egg sample demonstration, and learn more about the cultural and ecological significance of this area. *Hosted by Peninsula Streams Society.*

More details at vhmbs.com/events/