

## 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**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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



#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR, ST. JOSEPH'S!**

Happy New Year, and Welcome Back to School Everyone! These Christmases when the children are young are so few, and so precious! I hope everyone had a wonderful time making family memories and that you are all back and ready for the work of Second Term.

I would like to begin by welcoming some new members of our faculty. Welcome to Ryan Qu who is our new Band Teacher for Grade 6 & 7. Ryan is already known to us as he was Mr. O'Reilly's student teacher last year at St. Andrew's Regional High School. Ryan also works at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

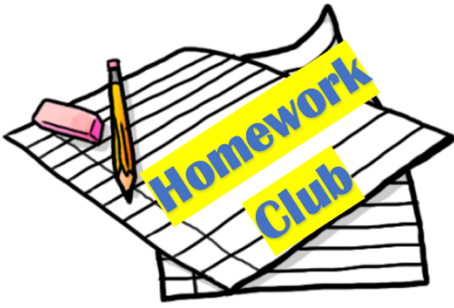
A second welcome goes out to Zack Mahoney, who will be teaching General Music K-4 and Grade 5 band. Zack has been a sought-after Teacher-On-Call with Island Catholic Schools and it is a pleasure having him working with us on a daily basis.

Thank you, this week, to all the parents who have been dropping their children off in the drop-off zone – which is the lane closest to the sidewalk in front of the school. Dropping children off in this lane, so that they do not need to cross any lanes of traffic, has made the parking lot much safer. You may have noticed some parents are not yet following this protocol, but I'm sure everyone will get on board presently.

Also, thank you to parents who choose the other safe option – parking your car and walking your children to the sidewalk. Your time spent keeping your children protected is much appreciated by the school staff, who see your extra effort and are able to relax knowing that the children are being supervised safely.

The next step in keeping the parking lot efficient is for everyone to pull up as close to the church as you can before you stop and let your child(ren) out of the car. The supervisors are seeing cars stop beforehand, especially at the corner where the entrance to the back of the school is. As students are getting out and opening trunks for school bags, this causes a chain reaction of many other cars stopping and backing up traffic, sometimes preventing other families from getting into the parking lot. A good goal for us all for the New Year is to pull right up as close to the church as you can get. Thank you everyone for all your efforts to keeping our parking lot safe!

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



HOMework CLUB  
Monday – Friday  
2:40-3:10

**TIMES COLONIST 10K RUN!**  
St. Joseph's will be registering a kids and adult team for the Times Colonist 10k run, happening Sunday, April 28th. This is an awesome community event that is open to all fitness levels. Check next week's newsletter for links and more information.



**HAVE YOU COMPLETED SOME PARENT VOLUNTEER HOURS?**  
If you have, please make sure you complete the Parent Volunteer Hours form and return to the office.  
The form can be found on our website under Forms and Documents or in the school office or by following this link.  
<https://stjosephschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Parent-Volunteer-Program-Hours-Form-1-2.pdf>



**ST. JOSEPH'S**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
VICTORIA, BC

Musical  
Theatre  
Program

# CATS

**Young Actors  
Edition**

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**  
2023/24



**ST. JOSEPH'S**  
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## Musical Theatre Program

### Support the arts and reach local families at the premier school event of the year!

Get behind the students, staff, and volunteers at St. Joseph's Elementary School by considering one of our sponsorships opportunities for the 2023/24 musical production *Cats: Young Actors Edition*.

All proceeds will be put towards further development of this and future musical theatre productions, arts and culture initiatives, and upgrades to our well-loved school stage's flooring and curtains, as well as the purchase of a new school bus. Thank you for considering our kids!

#### Your organization can share the spotlight at four shows this March

Opportunity	Description	Tickets Included	Suggested Donation
Program Advertisement	1/2 page ad in the (keepsake) program that goes to every ticket holder.	2	\$150
Silent Auction Item	Showcase your products or services at the before-show and intermission auction.	2	n/a
Concession Sponsor	Help power the snacks and drinks sold to ticket holders at all four shows. Includes logo recognition and shout-out.	2	\$500 (or in-kind donation)
Merch Station Sponsor	Provide Cats-related merch for audience members to get involved in the fun (e.g., cat ears, cat tails). Includes logo recognition and shout-out.	2	\$500 (or in-kind donation)
Roses Station Sponsor	Help the audience celebrate the hard work and dedication of our stage performers with the gift of roses. Includes logo recognition and shout-out.	2	\$500 (or in-kind donation)

**To get involved, email the St. Jo's Sponsorships Team:** [sjsponsorships@gmail.com](mailto:sjsponsorships@gmail.com)



#### SHOW TIMES:

Thursday, March 7 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 8 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 9 @ 11 a.m.  
Saturday, March 9 @ 2:30 p.m.

#### LOCATION:

St. Joseph's Elementary School  
757 West Burnside Road  
Victoria, BC

## 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)

