



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
March 8, 2024

“Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation”

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

CATS MUSICAL EXCEEDS ALL EXPECTATIONS!



CATS premiered last night, and the reviews are in! What a spectacle! The costumes! the dancing! and the electrical energy were stupendous! What a marvellous display of hard work and talent our students presented to us! And what a rewarding result from the many, many, many hours our parent volunteers have put in casting, rehearsing, making costumes, spending six hours in make-up, stage decoration, sound production and the supporting events at the pre-show Jellicle Ball. Thank you for the huge crew of volunteers who have given generously to make this event a success. And thank you, especially, for our leaders in this endeavour: Ms. Shay Tapin, Production Assistant; Mrs. Jody Fallow, Properties Manager, Mrs. Lesley Whiteside, Stage Manager; and finally, Mrs. Adrienne Greer, Director. To you we owe our thanks and admiration! And to the CATS of St. Joseph's, thank you, thank you, thank you, for sharing your hard work and talent with us. You are the stars who have truly risen in the firmament of St. Joseph's School!

If you have not yet got tickets for this show, I highly recommend you do so and invite your friends and neighbours. This show will go down in history at St. Joseph's and you will want to be part of the story. There were moments during the show when I could swear I was in New York, on Broadway and I commended the students afterwards saying, “In my entire 40 year career as a music teacher, this is truly the best elementary school musical I have ever seen!”

Speaking of my 40 year career, the time has come for me to announce my retirement, or as I say, graduation, from my career as an Island Catholic Schools administrator. I have chosen to make this announcement early, as I want the superintendent and Island Catholic Schools Board of Directors to have ample time to secure a high-quality principal so I can be confident I am leaving the community of St. Joseph's School in good hands. As soon as Island Catholic Schools has found this paragon of leadership, we will announce the new principal elect. In the meantime, I feel like I am graduating from high school once again. I am very excited about my future after graduation but savouring every moment of my graduation year and enjoying every event one last time!

Finally, Holy Week activities may seem far off, but this coming week is the last school week before Easter. Each morning, after the morning announcement, we will have students praying three Stations of the Cross over the intercom. Mrs. Hemmings has created a beautiful Way of the Cross in the library that can provide a visual for this meditation. Thank you, Mrs. Hemmings for this display, and Mrs. Bella for organizing this event. We invite all interested parents and caregivers to join us in the library for this meditation and to walk the stations of the cross together.

Many thanks,
Keefer Pollard, Principal

Dates to Remember

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

- March 15 (Fri.) 12:00pm Dismissal, Last day before the spring break
- March 16 - April 2 Spring Break
- April 3 (Wed.) School Re-Open and Early Dismissal at 1:40pm



Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Mar 15

Calling all volunteers! St. Joseph's would like to express our appreciation for all your hard work at the Volunteer Appreciation Tea, with an Irish Sing-a-long and Dancing. If you have volunteered this year please RSVP by Tuesday, March 12 by 3:00 pm. If Erika Dalla Torre, School Council; Jenn Souter, Parent Support Group Executive; Sharon Allan, Hot Lunch

Helpers: Grace Higgins, Dance Parents; or Brenda Bella, Learning Support Volunteers; have emailed you, you can RSVP to them. If you are another volunteer, please RSVP to me at kpollard@cisdv.bc.ca.

Keefer Pollard, Director
St. Joseph's Shamrock Chorus

USED UNIFORM



Used Uniform Sale on

March 12th at 8:30am: Gym foyer



Homework Club

Open Mon. - Thu. in the Library.

This week will be the last week until the first week back in April.



Spring Break: March 16-April 2
School Re-opening: April 3

Annual Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Challenge

On Saturday, the 2nd of March, a talented group of Timberwolves ventured off to St. Patrick's Elementary School to compete in the annual Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Challenge, at the District level.

Our Timberwolves competed here at St. Joseph's, in the Council level of the challenge, to earn the privilege of representing our school among the wider Knights of Columbus District.

Congratulations go out to our representatives:

Arjan
Laurel
William
Silas
Joann
Kyle
Xyriel



TC 10K- Apr. 28, 2024

Come join our team for the annual TC10K and have some fun as a team with St. Joseph's Timberwolves. Staff, students, and families will be walking and running the 10K together. Registration:

<https://raceroster.com/registration/9cfea549-ccd5-487d-b26d-4bc0bf85d28d/entry?team=606796>

DANCE CLASSES NEWS!

Dear Parents of Irish and Jazz Dancers,



I want to invite all of you to come and watch your child dance next Friday morning, March 15th, 2024 during the Volunteer Tea. The Tea will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Please email me to let me know if you are able to attend as we would like to make sure we have enough chairs set up to accommodate everyone.

This is a special performance we usually do around St. Patrick's Day and the students will need to wear green and white comfortable clothing. It is also essential that they bring their dance slippers to school with them that morning.

Classes are going very well and despite Spring Break being especially long this year I think they will all be ready to perform in the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival at the end of April. As soon as I am told the specific date that our dancers will perform, I will send out an email so that you can plan on attending.

Thank you all for your support. If you have any questions please email me at ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca.

I am hoping you can all attend.

Mrs. G. Higgins




FORMED Webinar Link and Family Camp Save the Date

- [FORMED overview for Schools and their Associated Parishes in the Diocese of Victoria - Zoom](#) This webinar is a wonderful overview and navigation of the treasure that is FORMED!
- 10th Annual Diocesan Family Camp and Conference, Nanoose, 2024 Save the Date


Save the Date!
August 15th-18th, 2024
Nanoose Bay

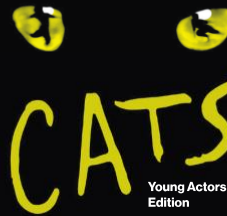
On The Way Together

Registration Opens Soon!

 Bishop Gary Gordon Diocese of Victoria	 Sr. John Mary Sullivan Associate Director, Ministries and Outreach Archdiocese of Vancouver	 Joelle Dressler Director, Faith Formation and Evangelization Diocese of Victoria
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**10th Annual
Family Life Conference and Camp**





Get ready for a GRRRRREAT show!

Hello friends and family of St. Jo's!

With just under a week to lift off of St. Jo's Cats - Young Actors Edition, we thought we'd share a few important updates to make sure you make the most everything available to you at the show.

Pre-Show and Intermission Jellicle Ball

Join us for a fun-filled hour-long pre-show and 15-min intermission Jellicle Ball where you can enjoy activities including silent auction, raffle, face-painting, bar service, and merch/roses/concession station.

Skip the Line

Pre-purchase a variety of concession, merch, and bar beverage tickets and select merchandise like stuffies, fashion accessories, and roses on **Eventbrite.ca** today! Skip the line by picking up pre-paid items at our concierge station in the church hall on arrival.

To make your purchase before the show, please go to **Eventbrite.ca**, select your performance date, click "Tickets," and all the available items will appear for you to purchase.

Share the Show!

We need your help spreading the word about this amazing production!

Please encourage your friends and family to visit **Eventbrite.ca** and search "St. Jo's Cats" or go to the school office to make an in-person ticket purchase.

Let's pack the theatre so our kids can showcase their talents and hard work with our community!

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you at the show!

St. Jo's Musical Theatre Team



Uniform Fitting Day

Bundle deals available

Join us for your Uniform
Fitting Day at St. Joseph's
School on Friday
June 7th 2024
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

To order online 24/7 visit: www.mccarthyuniforms.ca

Or via our Call Centre Toll Free: 1-800-668-8261

Or visit us in store at 1050 Boundary Road, Burnaby BC V5K 4T3

Phone: 1-800-668-8261

Email: customerservice@mccarthyuniforms.ca





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



ST ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL
AFTER GRAD 2024



ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

[HTTPS://WWW.32AUCTIONS.COM/SARHS2024](https://www.32auctions.com/sarhs2024)

March 1-9, 2024

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

