



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
April 12, 2024

“Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation”

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

ST. JOSEPH'S CELEBRATES NEURODIVERSITY!



We are very grateful this week to Mrs. Danielle Ramos, from RISE Behaviour Services, who gave a Parent Support Group sponsored Parent Education Night on the topic of Neurodiversity and Inclusion.

Danielle's presentation included an explanation of neurodiversity which includes, but is not limited to ADHD, Down Syndrome, Autism, learning disabilities and behaviours associated with bipolar, obsessive-compulsive and Tourette's behaviours.

In today's society, where we are increasingly including individuals with neurodivergent ways of interacting with the world, this was a very well-received presentation that increased our understanding of neurodiversity and how we can include children in a school setting. We learned of the many challenges neurodivergent people face as well as the challenges that schools and families must surmount. We also learned that neurodivergent individuals often have gifts that we neurotypical individuals do not have and are of a benefit to us.

The following day, Danielle Ramos returned with one of her workers from RISE, Hannah Ayton. They gave a presentation to students in Grade 2 and explained how all of our brains work differently. Some concrete activities, such as working with marbles, provided hands on activities to help students understand this issue. My favourite was the exercise to draw a rainbow only using red. What a wonderful way to show how excluding those with differences limits the vibrant expanse of life when we include everyone. These concepts parallel our belief that every child is made in the Image of God and has been given gifts and talents with which to serve the whole community.

I recently had a parent remark that St. Joseph's is a wonderful place for students to learn tolerance and compassion to others in a safe environment. Research (Keys, MacMahon and Viola, 2014 *) has shown that students who work with neurodiverse classmates experience the benefits of improved pro-social behaviours, a strengthened sense of self, and life-long understanding and acceptance.

Thank you, Danielle and Hannah and for your presentations. Danielle has been a member of our school community as a parent for over ten years. She is currently a board certified behaviour analyst and has recently been contracted to work with students and staff. We are looking forward to her support as we endeavour to assist all children in reaching their potential with us.

- <https://www.healisautism.com/post/benefits-inclusive-classroom-neurotypical-children-special-needs>

Many thanks,

Keefer Pollard, Principal

Dates to Remember

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

- Homework Club: Monday- Thursday
- Island Catholic Schools Celebration Music: April 16(Tue.) at 6:00pm at UVic
- Early Dismissal: May 1 (Wed.) at 1:40pm
- Pro-D: May 10 (Fri.), NO School
- In Lieu Day: May 17 (Fri.), NO School



Island Catholic Schools Showcase Concert- April 16 at UVic

The choral and band students from St. Patrick's, St. Joseph's, and St. Andrew's Regional High School will present the annual ICS Music Showcase Concert. It is on April 16 at 6 pm at the UVic Farquhar Auditorium.

To reserve a free ticket, please visit:

<https://tickets.uvic.ca/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent3284.html>

Donations will be collected at the door to help support CISDV music programs, with tax receipts available for donations over \$20.



DANCE FESTIVAL NEWS!

Dear Parents of Irish and Jazz Dancers,

All of our St. Joseph's dancers will be performing at the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival on April 24th at the School Dance Section of the Festival. Parents are encouraged to come watch them perform. The festival will be held at the UVIC Farquhar Auditorium. You may purchase tickets in advance at the Farquhar Auditorium box office or online.

The contact phone number for the Farquhar Auditorium is 250-721-8480.

Last year the tickets were \$12 for adults and \$10 for Seniors and children.

The performances begin at 9:00 a.m.

All of the dancers have been sent home with a permission form for the festival. This form must be signed and returned to school as soon as possible. The students may give their permission forms to their teachers. I have requested that the teachers then send them to the office to be put in my box. No student may attend the festival without a signed permission form. I thank you in advance for your support.

On the day of the festival all dancers must arrive at school by 7:30 a.m. and come directly to the gym.

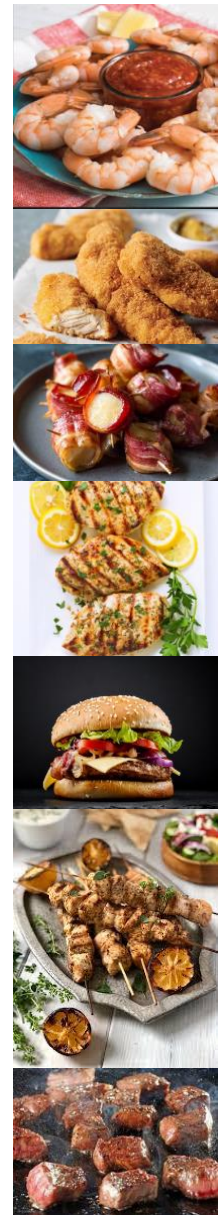
Dancers may wear gym strip that day but they must bring along their costumes and dance slippers.

Students will dress in their costumes and leave on the school bus for UVIC by 8:15 a.m. If any parents are available to help get the students dressed your help would be greatly appreciated. The students have all worked extremely hard and I am looking forward to seeing them perform. If you have any questions please email me at ghiggins@cisdv.bc.ca

Sincerely,
Mrs. G. Higgins



ITEM	COST	ORDER	TOTAL
6oz New York Steaks 24pc	\$155.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Sterling Silver 5oz Burger 30/case	\$69.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Meatballs 1/2oz Precooked 320/cs	\$69.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Dry Garlic Pork Bites 5kg	\$72.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Individually Quick Frozen Chicken Breast Random 4kg	\$62.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Breaded Chicken Strips 2x2kg	\$58.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
1.6oz Ckd Sausage Patties 100/cs	\$80.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Smoked Bacon 4mm 2x2.5kg	\$80.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
26/30 Prawns P&D 2lbs	\$36.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Bacon Wrapped Scallops 1kg	\$40.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Jumbo Hot Dogs 6ct 66/cs	\$65.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Caramelized Onion & Roasted Garlic Smash 'Ems Potatoes 5x1kg	\$65.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
		ORDER	
		TOTAL =	\$ _____



E-transfer to svj-psg@cisdv.bc.ca
 Send order to jen@bcfood.com
Orders AND payment must be in by May 1st!
PICK UP MAY 10th after school
(or email Jenn for alternate arrangements)

**St. Joseph's After School Care
Summer Camp
June 24th –July 26th , 2024**

Dear Before and After School Care families,

We are pleased to offer a summer camp program this year which will run from June 24th- July 26th.

Please register as soon as possible as we have limited spaces.

Program Dates:

Monday, June 24th – Friday, July 26th
Monday to Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm
Please note our closing time for July



Program Activities:

A finalized calendar will be sent home with registered families. This year we will again be offering theme days, organized activities, and plenty of arts and crafts!

Cost:

\$275.00 per child per week

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return it by email to wbirdborau@cisdv.bc.ca by:

Tuesday April 30, 2024

If you have any questions please email Wendy, Susan and Debbie at sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca or call the centre at 250-479-1237.

**St. Joseph's After of School Care
Summer Camp 2024
Registration Form**

Children must be registered in the Before/After School Care Program to attend Summer Camp

Yes, we wish to register in the 2024 Summer Camp:

Name(s) of Children: _____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

We would like to register for:

June 24th- 28th, (\$275.00) _____

July 2nd -5th (\$275.00) _____

July 8th-12th (\$275.00) _____

July 15th-19th (\$275.00) _____

July 22nd- 26th (\$275.00) _____

Total payment Included: \$ _____

*Please e-transfer payment to sjv@cisdv.bc.ca and include your child's name and what the payment is for in the comments section.

Please submit to the Early Learning Centre (sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca) by April 30th, 2024.

Payment must be e-transferred before your child is considered registered. All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.



ST JOESPH'S PSG & LSC AGM MEETING

May 28th 6:30pm

Location TBD

We are looking for Members at Large!
Anyone interested, please email
sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca

St. Andrew's Theatre Program – ‘High School Musical’

At Spectrum Community School

Tickets are now on sale at the St. Andrew's office.

Presale tickets: \$15.00

At the door: \$20.00

- Thursday, May 2: doors open @ 7:00pm, show starts at 7:30pm
- Friday, May 3: doors open @ 7:00pm, show starts at 7:30pm
- Saturday, May 4:
 - Matinee: doors open @ 10:30am, show starts at 11:00am
 - Closing night: doors open @ 7:00pm, show starts at 7:30pm





AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY 7:30-8:30PM



RISE
behaviour services

April 2

Encouraging Communication from a Behavioural Perspective

April 9

You got a diagnosis! Now what?
Navigating Autism services on Vancouver Island

April 16

Let's learn to be aware: discovering how our environment shapes our awareness

April 23

Autism Acceptance: fostering inclusivity and celebrating differences

April 30

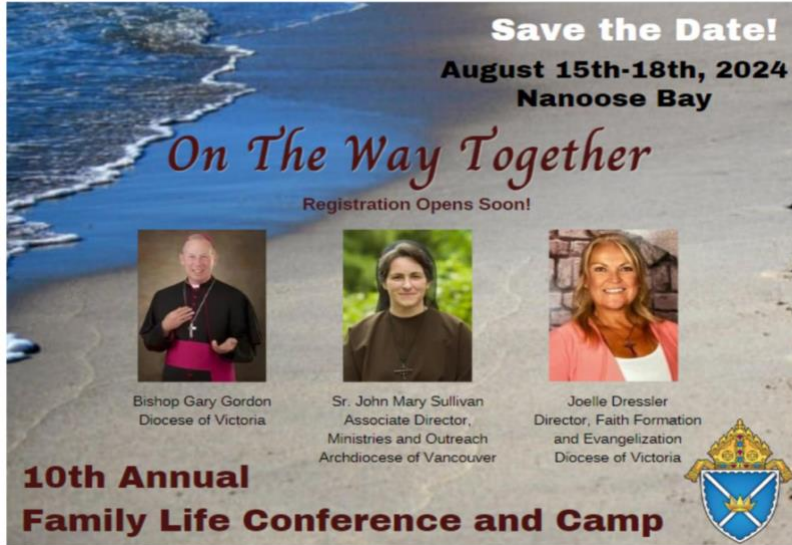
Learning how to navigate and accept emotions

Registration: info@risebehaviourservices.ca




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,
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Archdiocese of Vancouver


Joelle Dressler
Director, Faith Formation
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Diocese of Victoria

**10th Annual
Family Life Conference and Camp**



St. Joseph's Parish Corner

Weekly 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