



## 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 5, 2024

### “Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation”

#### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

#### ST. JOSEPH'S BEGINS A GLORIOUS THIRD TERM!



Welcome back, Everybody! We embark on the third term of the 2023-2024 year. I was most impressed by an Easter homily, last weekend, wherein the priest spoke about Easter being a “Season of Hope.” This really connects with the whole purpose of Catholic Education – to be Beacons of Hope. This term we will continue with this goal by developing our students’ talents, equipping them with skills, and giving them the faith and values foundation to embrace life and make the world a better place.

Speaking of hope, our Track & Field hopefuls are beginning their training this week, as is our Badminton Team. St. Joseph’s endeavours to offer a wide range of athletic and fine arts offerings in our programming to help children discover their talents, commit to a disciplined application to develop their talents, and hopefully experience the excellence that is the result of their dedication. Thank you to our dedicated Badminton coaches, Mrs. Lauder and Ms. Buckie; and our Track & Field coaches, Mr. Zuback, Mrs. Whiteside, Mrs. Fallow, Mr. Veenhof, Mr. Krause, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Lauder, Mrs. Suraci, Mrs. Amos and Mrs. Caffrey. Your generous donation of time and talent makes us able to provide these opportunities for our students!

Another special thank you this week goes out to Constable Alex our School Liaison Officer. Unfortunately, a complaint was made against the school as a community member who was waiting for one of our parents to exit the parking lot was addressed in a very disrespectful manner. Constable Alex volunteered to drop by the school Thursday morning and just see how our traffic flow is progressing lately. Thank you, Constable Alex!

Constable Alex would like to remind everyone not to block the bike lanes and sidewalk and I would like to remind everyone that at St. Joseph’s School we try to treat everyone - members of the school community, members of the church community and members of the neighbourhood community - with respect and dignity. Thank you to all those of you who do so on a daily basis despite the challenges of our parking lot. For those of us (myself included) who sometimes are not as gracious as we could be, let’s renew our commitment to presenting our best selves in the future!

Many thanks,

Keefer Pollard, Principal

## Dates to Remember

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

- Homework Club starting again next Monday
- Easter Mass: April 10 (Wed.) at 8:45am
- Island Catholic Schools Celebration Music: April 16(Tue.) at 6:00pm at UVic
- Early Dismissal: May 1 (Wed.) at 1:40pm



### 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.

## Solar Eclipse Monday, April 8th

Between about 10:40 and 12:40 on Monday, we will experience a partial eclipse here in Victoria. We are taking precautions and keeping our students and staff indoors during this time, although we have links ready to roll to watch the eclipse live on our projector screens!

Please discuss safety protocols with your children this weekend to reinforce our message.

Learn more here: <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/>



Sun, Moon, and Earth interplay



This is what you see from earth.

More information:

- [Canadian Space Agency - Solar Eclipses](#)
- [North American Space Agency \(NASA\) - Solar Eclipses](#)
- [National Solar Observatory - North American Eclipse Map](#)
- [Canadian Association of Optometrists - Solar Eclipse Safety](#)



## Homework Club Starts Again!

2:40-3:10pm, Monday - Thursday

## Parent Presentation: Neurodiversity and Inclusion April 9 (Tue.) at 6:30pm, School Gym

St. Joseph's School Based Learning Support Team and St. Joseph's Parent Support Group are pleased to announce a Parent Education Event.



### Speaker: Danielle Ramos

- What is neurodiversity?
- Understanding the neurodivergent culture and common challenges of living in a neurotypical world.
- Neurodiversity and inclusion
- How to support neurodiversity in the classroom
- How to support neurodiversity at home

## 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



**RISE**  
behaviour services

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY 7:30-8:30PM



**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**

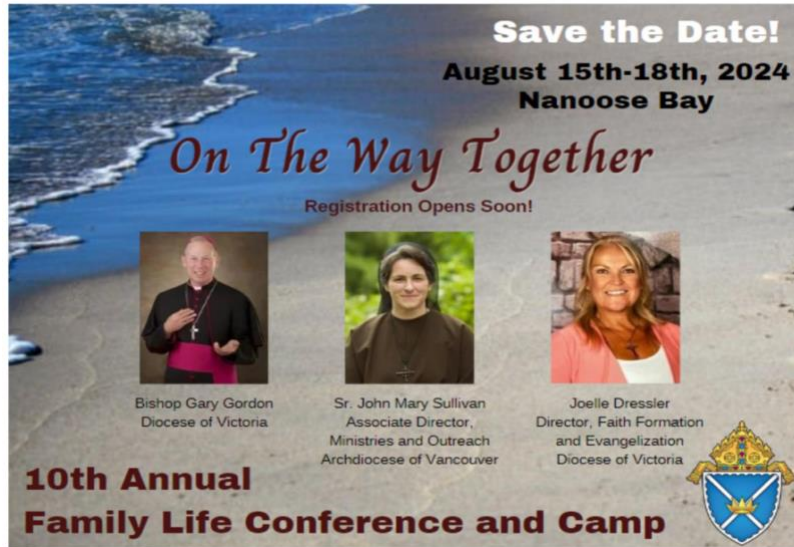
Learning how to navigate and accept emotions

Registration: [info@risebehaviourservices.ca](mailto: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,  
Ministries and Outreach  
Archdiocese of Vancouver

  
Joelle Dressler  
Director, Faith Formation  
and Evangelization  
Diocese of Victoria

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## 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:  
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