



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 15, 2024

“Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation”

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

ST. JOSEPH'S SPRINGS INTO VACATION!



Well, we have come to the end of the term, report cards are in, and it is time to celebrate our successes of the second term and enjoy the upcoming break. We begin our break with celebrations of two of the heroes of our faith: St. Patrick, March 17th and St. Joseph, March 19th. As the Feast of St. Joseph falls during Spring Break, we will be celebrating our Patron, St. Joseph, on his other feast day; St. Joseph the Worker, May 1. We celebrated St. Patrick today as we designate the last day of school before Spring Break as “Green Day.” This year we hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Tea with Irish Dancing, Storytelling, and Sing-along! Thank you to all

the volunteers who were able to join us and thank you to all volunteers at St. Joseph's. Your work enables us to provide the high-quality programs we offer at St. Joseph's. A special thanks today to Mrs. Grace Higgins who directs the Irish Dancers. Grace and I have been producing Green Day Shows for over twenty years and she will always be my favourite Galway Girl!

For countless hours of work for our children, thank you, Grace!

The end of term has some good-byes and welcomes. Farewell to Mrs. Sarah Katz who is going on maternity leave. Thank you for your work with us Sarah. We pray for you to have a speedy delivery and healthy baby!

We welcome Mrs. Linda Chatton, who will be teaching Grade 4 and Mr. Ian Emtage who will be sharing Grade 6 with Mr. Palahicky until Mrs. James returns.

A special welcome goes out to Mr. Glen Palahicky, who has been appointed Principal of St. Joseph's starting in the 2024-2025 school year. I have known Glen as a member of the Island Catholic Schools administrative team for ten years. He is a faith-filled and competent administrator, and I know I am leaving the school in good hands.

There are two events to put on your radar for next term. A Parent Education Evening on April 9, where Ms. Danielle Ramos will be making a presentation on neurodiversity and how we can make St. Joseph's School an inclusive and safe school for everyone. Also, the Island Catholic Schools Showcase Concert at the UVic Farquhar Auditorium is coming up April 16, featuring talented performances from St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's High School. Get your tickets now for the best seats. You can find the link for these in this week's newsletter.

And finally, best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Spring Break, Holy Week and Easter everyone. We will see you back April 3 as we begin the final exciting term of the 2023-2024 school year.

Many thanks,
Keefer Pollard, Principal

Dates to Remember

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



- **March 16 - April 2: Spring Break**
- **April 3 (Wed.): School Re-opening
Early Dismissal at 1:40pm**

Island Catholic Schools Showcase Concert

Tickets are now on sale for the Showcase Concert at the UVic Farquhar Auditorium for the evening of April 16. The Annual Showcase Concert features our best talent from St. Joseph's, St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's. Please use the link below to get the best seats. See you there!

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



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
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Sr. John Mary Sullivan
Associate Director,
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Joelle Dressler
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Diocese of Victoria

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



St. Jo's Cats Thank You and Video Ordering

Dear St. Joseph's Families,

Thank you to everyone who supported our very successful production of Cats: Young Actors Edition at St. Jo's.

A video of the show will soon be available! To get a digital copy of the video, please pre-order using the following link. Copies are \$20 and you can purchase by eTransfer to the PSG email < sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca >

Instructions are in the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5Ru0hJHTY7zwwW9ACb_HKklcEvbfgnSIJnWLRRHljqoYRw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Video will be available after Spring Break. Get your orders in before April 1!

Also, another big thank you to everyone who participated in the silent auctions and raffles. All winners have been contacted.

Thank you again for your support!

The St. Jo's Musical Theatre Team

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



Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday March 28
7:00pm (followed by adoration)
Good Friday Service, March 29
3:00pm
Saturday Vigil Mass, March 30
8:00pm
Sunday, March 31
10:00am & 12:00 noon



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