



St. Joseph's Catholic School

757 West Burnside Rd. - Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9

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
May 3, 2024

“Seeking Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation”

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

ST. JOSEPH'S SURVIVES A THREATENING INCIDENT!



As we all know, the week started off with a disturbing incident on St. Joseph's School grounds. I have been expecting a copy of the official Saanich Police Report to share with you but as our municipal police have many pressing matters to address, we may have to wait a little longer for it. I would like to ensure I gave a final summation to you before the weekend so here is the best rendition of events that I have been able to gather.

Prior to 8:00 a.m. a man behaving erratically was in the vicinity of the school. Passersby attempted to help him and realizing that something was amiss, phoned the police for a wellness check. At 7:50 a.m. a parent and a staff member had approached the individual to offer assistance and shortly after the police arrived. At that time the police noticed that the individual had a gun.

The staff member immediately informed the office and we initiated a Hold and Secure Lockdown of the school. When we say lock down, we often are referring to a threat being in the school building and the teachers and students “hide” in an area of the classroom with doors are locked. This was a Hold and Secure Lockdown, which means we are responding to a threat in the neighbourhood and we just keep people in the building. The situation was resolved quickly, and once the police had given us the “all clear” we were able to let the children go out for some activity prior to the beginning of the school day.

During morning announcement, I reassured students that the incident was over and everyone was safe. Later in the day, Constable Alex visited our school, confirmed that the individual was merely passing by and that the gun was a replica. I had hoped to share that information with the police report, but as this was not possible, I will share it now.

During this event, several social media posts were circulated and were causing distress among the parent community. We sent a text out to reassure parents that the Hold and Secure Lockdown was lifted, but that caused further distress among parent who had not heard. We have reviewed our messaging and will be better prepared to deliver messaging less alarming in the future. Part of the problem is the program we use only allows 140 characters.

Every incident and drill gives us an opportunity to further refine our practice. Thank you to all the parents who gave us feedback. We have used it in our discussion for future drills and events.

And my sincere commendation to the staff. They have been well trained and our primary goal of swiftly and securely ensuring the safety of students was exemplary. Well done, St. Joseph's.

Also, this morning we brought students in to the school first thing. Spraying for moths, which was supposed to occur Sunday, April 28, was rescheduled for Friday. The Ministry of Forests informed us that spraying would be done by 7:30 a.m. and “to avoid contact with the spray, stay indoors for up to an hour following treatment.” Therefore, to ensure the health of our students, we started the day indoors and asked for rigorous handwashing following outdoor recess play.

Many thanks,
Keefer Pollard, Principal

Dates to Remember

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

- Homework Club: Monday - Thursday
- Pro-D: May 10 (Fri.), NO School
- In Lieu Day: May 17 (Fri.), NO School
- Victoria Day: May 20 (Mon.), NO School
- Class Photo: May 23 (Thu.)

2024/2025 Family Payments Schedules



Deadline for return is **Friday May 12, 2023.**

There are two pages that require your signature.

- **Childcare Payment Schedule will be available in a week or so.**
- If you have an older child at the High School, you will be notified when the FPS become available.
- Please contact Mrs. Sullivan <msullivan@cisdv.bc.ca> if you have any questions.

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

Volunteer Sign up:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/821442460075/false#/invitati>



ST JOSEPH'S ELEMENTARY

TIKI TIKI FUN FAIR



FRIDAY

14th June

VOLUNTEERS, ASSEMBLE!

**In order for this event to take place,
we need a minimum of 65 volunteers!**

Sign up now to get your volunteer hours in!

[https://signup.com/go/
yRFykht](https://signup.com/go/yRFykht)



TIKI TIKI FUN FAIR

PRE-ORDER YOUR LOCAL PIZZA NOW!

STJOSEPHS.HOTLUNCHES.NET

Pizza Options: Double Pepperoni or Hawaiian + 4 drinks for \$30 OR
Cheese Pizza + 4 drinks for \$28

Day of event: 1 drink + 1 pizza slice = \$5

Pre-
order
by May
31



Hot Lunches OnLine

FORMED Webinar Link and Family Camp Save the Date



10th Annual Family Life Conference & Camp

August 15th-18th, 2024 | Nanoose Bay
www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp | familycamp@rcdvictoria.org



Sr. John Mary Sullivan
Associate Director,
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Archdiocese of Vancouver



Bishop Gary Gordon
Diocese of Victoria



Joelle Dressler
Director, Faith Formation
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Diocese of Victoria

Purchase Tickets here!



On Eventbrite
Early Bird Pricing
until April 30th!

- **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!

For more information and the link to register, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-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

GREAT BIG LITTLE GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 11, 2024
St. Joseph the Worker Church
753 Burnside Road
Around the Back

Community Garage Sale with 30 large tables
of unbelievable junque and treasures!



Time: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
(Vendors set up 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM)

Free Admission
Hot food, tea, coffee for sale.