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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
October 4th, 2024



Living,
CELEBRATING
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph,

Wow, another week has flown by, and each day is full of life and learning. As you know, schools are wonderful places that often bring laughter and joy. One funny, little story highlighted for me how easy miscommunication can happen and how our little ones interpret things much differently from adults. The other day we discovered a large ground nest of wasps outside. This was a concern for all of us and our kids. As I wear many hats, duty called me to take care of this problem. As I frantically searched the maintenance room I found our protection and I blasted the nest with RAID to ensure things were safe. (Forgive me St. Francis.) I then put up a big sign with pictures and capitalized words saying WASPS - STAY AWAY!

At lunch I walked by the sign with some students and one looked at the sign, then looked at me, scratched his head and said in the most serious tone, " Mr. P. why did you write that sign telling wasps to stay away; they can't read!"

Wishing you a great weekend.



In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's School



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Monday, October 21st ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, October 23rd IN PERSON

An email with a link and instructions for online registration will be sent out early next week.



TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS NEEDED

St. Joseph's is looking for some parent volunteers to help with parking lot traffic. If you can give 1- 5 days a month helping out it would be appreciated. Qualifications: strong sense of safety, patience, good judgment and a thick skin. Please email Mr. Palahicky if interested.



LOOKING FOR LEGO!

Do you have any Lego lingering in your house that is no longer in use? The Kindergartners would love to take it off your hands! Contact Ms. Buckie at cbuckie@cisdv.bc.ca. Thank you so much!



FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Parent Involvement Program (PIP) cheque is now due.

IF you have not already done so, please submit your cheque for \$150 postdated to June 15, 2025 to the office as soon as possible. IF you do not have cheques, money can be sent via e-transfer to sjv@cisdv.bc.ca or you can pay by cash or credit/debit in the office.

All families are required to contribute a minimum of 10 volunteer hours to the school each year. Each school year we require a June 15th post-dated cheque of \$150 from you and return it when you have completed your hours. If the volunteer hours are not fulfilled within the school year, the \$150 cheque will be deposited and cashed.

Grandparents and other family members can fulfill the required hours if necessary.

There are a wide variety of ways to fulfill your volunteer hours. Parents go on field trips, read with students, help teachers, or assist in the office, fulfill some custodial or grounds keeping tasks, participate in fundraisers, work bees, or many other volunteer opportunities.

To volunteer for most school activities, a criminal record check is required. Please contact the office for further information if you do not have a current Criminal Record check on file with us. We can provide you with further information.

To record your hours please fill out the Parent Volunteer Hours form that can be found in the office or on our school website under Forms and Documents tab



CROSS-COUNTRY

Our next cross-country meet is on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at Henderson Park. The race will start in the baseball field. The bus will leave the school at 2:55pm. Please pick your child up by 4:15pm, as there will be no bus returning to the school. Please check out with Coach Fallow or Coach Whiteside before you leave. GO TIMBERWOLVES!

A big thank you to the parents and staff who helped at our last meet. It was a great success, and once again our athletes made us proud with their determination and school spirit!

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7
Samara 3 rd place	Tanner 2 nd place Liam F. 4 th place	Kason 7 th place Dylan 9 th place	Benicio 1 st place Donald 2 nd place Chiamaka 4 th place Lucus 4 th place Isla 5 th place Austin 5 th place Carter 6 th place Norah 8 th place Olivia 9 th place Benji 10 th place	Aseoluwa 2 nd place Michael 7 th place Giles 8 th place

RUGBY

Congratulations to a successful rugby season to our grade 6-7 Timberwolves!



ULTIMATE FRISBEE

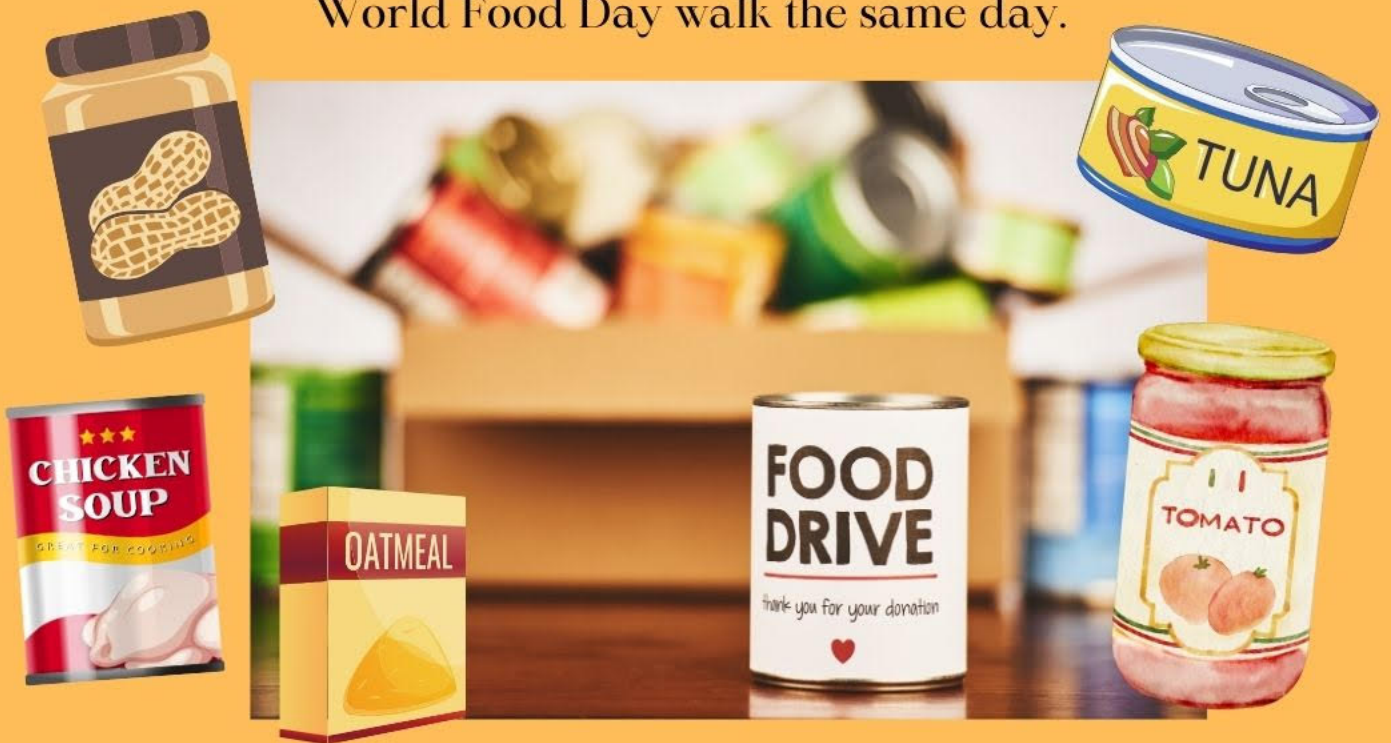
Our teams brought incredible energy, sportsmanship, and skill to our last Ultimate Jamboree at Shoreline on October 2, winning 3 out of 4 games! Huge congratulations to our Timberwolves for their hard work and teamwork!

We will practice once more on Tuesday next week before our final bonus Jamboree at **Lansdowne on Wednesday, Oct. 9th. Bussing will be provided to and from Lansdowne, arriving back at school around 5:00. If you wish to meet us at the venue, please arrive by 4:30.** GO, TIMBERWOLVES!

World Food Day

FOOD DRIVE

"As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings we enjoy and the importance of sharing with those in need. Please consider sending a donation of non-perishable foods to your child's classroom by the morning of October 16th. Representatives from SVDP will collect the donations following our World Food Day walk the same day.





MASITHUTHU GARDEN HARVEST

Both grade 4 classes had a wonderful time harvesting this year's crop. These potatoes will be donated to The Soup Kitchen at St. Andrew's Cathedral, The Pantry at St. Vincent de Paul, Camosun College student food bank, and UVic's student food banks. Also thank you to 1C for helping to pack the potatoes into boxes.



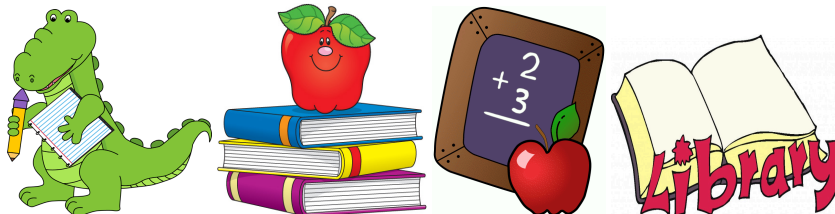
Homework Club

Grades 4-7

Monday-Thursday

When? Beginning Sept 23
After school from 2:40-3:10

Where? In the library





BASKETBALL TRYOUTS! FOR GR.6/7 BOYS



THERE WILL BE A BASKETBALL PRACTICE, TUESDAY, OCT. 8TH, FROM 2:45-3:30 IN OUR GYM, FOR ALL INTERESTED GRADE SIX AND SEVEN BOYS, TO DETERMINE THE MAKE UP OF OUR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS THIS SEASON! IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THE PRACTICE, PLEASE LET MR. ZUBACK KNOW!

ONCE TEAMS HAVE BEEN SELECTED, MORE INFORMATION REGARDING PRACTICES AND GAMES WILL FOLLOW!



EVENTS 2024

UPCOMING

OCT
8 **GR. 6/7 BOYS**
BASKETBALL
TRYOUTS (2:45-3:30)

OCT
9 **X-COUNTRY MEET**
@ HENDERSON
PARK

OCT
9 **ULTIMATE**
JAMBOREE @
LANSDOWNE MS

OCT
16 **FINAL X-COUNTRY**
MEET @ BEAVER
LAKE

THE WOLF DEN

FALL SPORTS PRACTICES

Schedule	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8:00-8:30am	Rugby	X-Country Jr. Dance (7:40-8:30)	Rugby Prim. Dance (7:40-8:30)	Sr. Dance (7:40-8:30)	X-Country
11:55-12:40pm		Jazz Dance			
2:45-3:30pm		Ultimate		Ultimate	

THE WOLF DEN



CALLING ALL BASKETBALL COACHES!



ARE YOU A PARENT OR OLDER SIBLING WHO IS
LOOKING TO COACH GRADE 6/7 BOYS
BASKETBALL THIS SEASON?

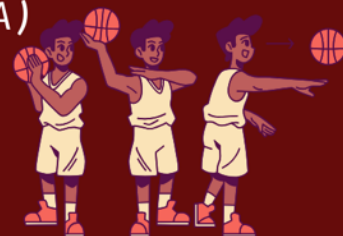
DO YOU HAVE YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD
CHECK, OR ARE ABLE TO ATTAIN ONE?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR INTERESTED
COMMUNITY COACHES TO WORK WITH A
STAFF SPONSOR THIS FALL SEASON.

WHEN: COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL GAMES
BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCT 21ST, WITH REC
GAMES BEGINNING THE WEEK OF OCT 28TH.

COACHES AND SPONSORS WILL WORK
TOGETHER TO DETERMINE PRACTICE TIMES
AND START DATES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SEASON,
PLEASE CONTACT MR. ZUBACK
(JZUBACK@CISDV.BC.CA)



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



JOIN OUR
PARENTS SUPPORT
GROUP
ON FACEBOOK
FOR UPDATES



ST. JOSEPH'S
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
VICTORIA, BC



WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

The Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock Team was given a warm welcome by St. Joseph's. Our students were able to raise \$600 for Cancer research! Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers for popping popcorn.





\$1 or \$2

BAKE SALES

1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Oct 4th - Grade 7

Feb 14th - Grade 3

Nov 8th - Grade 6

Mar 7th - Grade 2

Dec 6th - Grade 5

Apr 4th - Grade 1

Jan 10th - Grade 4

May 2nd - Kindergarten



NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On September 30, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops released a statement on the occasion of the 2024 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, reaffirming its commitment to walking with Indigenous Peoples on their healing and reconciliation journey. To read the statement, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/special-announcements/on-the-occasion-of-the-2024-national-day-of-truth-and-reconciliation>



SYNOD 2021-2024

The Second Session of the Universal Phase of Synod 2021-2024 has begun. From October 2- 27, delegates from around the world will meet in Rome to pray, discuss, and discern how to be a missionary synodal Church. For more information on Synod 2021-2024, and on the Diocese of Victoria Permanent Pastoral Synod, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/synod>.



AN EVENING WITH REVEREND AL

On October 9th at 7:00 pm, all are invited to join

Rev. Al Tysick was the former Executive Director of the Open Door, Our Place Society, and the Dandelion Society, all serving the homeless in Victoria. Al will discuss his 30 years of street ministry, the challenges he faced, and his new book “Muddy Water”. The event will take place at Broad View United Church in Victoria (3703 St Aidans St) and be livestreamed

at <https://broadviewunited.org/special-events-3/>.



YEAR OF PRAYER

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has announced that 2024 will be a Year of Prayer. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering a webinar series as one way for the faithful to participate in this Year of Prayer.

Part two of the series, “Mary, the Saints and Scripture”, will be offered on Thursdays in October, starting on October 3. For more information and to register, please visit https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y6d9S5rIT5u1kgHCB9_IWw#/registration.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

World Wide Marriage Encounter is offering a weekend marriage retreat on the mainland this fall from October 25-27, 2024.

Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love, and learn how to make a good marriage even better – you both deserve it! For more info and to register, please visit

<https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>. ‘
Registration closes on October 14.



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday: 6:30am

Tuesday: 6:30am and 6:00pm

Wednesday: 6:30am and 6:00pm

Thursday: 6:30am and 9:00am

Friday: 6:30am and 9:00am

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 6:30am

Saturday: 5:00pm (Livestream)

Sunday: 10:00am

Sunday: 6:00pm

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**

PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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Support Local Parent Owned Businesses!

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- Andrea Collins Photography

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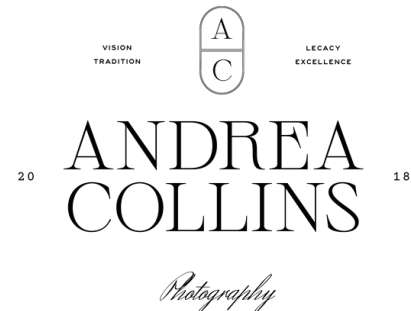
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