

St. Joseph's Catholic School

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Newsletter
December 19th, 2024



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CELEBRATING
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph's,

On this last day of school in 2024, I am struck by how quickly the time has passed since September. It has been full of life and enrichment; I am grateful. Your kids- *our kids*, are amazing and are a real source of joy and blessing. (most days). To see and hear them gleefully playing their games outside or actively engaged in a learning activity or performing creatively in the arts or surprisingly attentive at prayer is to witness something special. It is, at times, to see the light of God peeking through and becoming enfleshed. Something like Christmas happens when our eyes and hearts are open. Thank you for entrusting your children to us and to St. Joseph's School and Parish.

On behalf of the whole school staff and administration we wish you a special, safe and peaceful time in this upcoming Christmas Season. May it be filled with laughter, hugs and kindnesses. We hope you will get some glimpse of the joy and peace of God when you see your little ones excited and exuberant with play and gratitude.



Let's trust in the good and healing news that God's Light and Love in Jesus is With Us and For Us, often in spite of Us.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas.

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's School

Grade 1C invited me to help
read letters from the North Pole!

Miss Coffey

Mark

Al Pelf

Amy Moore

Pleun Audibert
Sarah Pilon

u. Sullivan

Lisley Whitende

Shay Tapin

Raquel Dantas



Megan Desouza

Jody Fallow

Jen dt

Maryory



Deeandra Miranda

Pina Hendry

Jonah

Elena Amos

Merry Christmas

From all of us at St. Joseph's School

Juliana Santos

Elena H.

all the best,
Ms. Buckle

Danica Hammond

Fan Krause

Ailey Dimesi

Robbie Kumbh

John Z...

Sarah...

Seth...

Shari MacNeil

Bella

Ellen Russell

Jessie

Danielle Hamel

Megan Bern

Marylee McKean

Mary Marshall

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri, Dec. 20th – Mon, Jan. 6th Pro. D Day Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Tues, Jan. 7th



HOMEWORK CLUB

Will resume on **Monday, Jan. 13th**.



Grade 7s used the candy donations from the school community to assemble 300 Christmas Crackers which were sent to St. Vincent de Paul. They were distributed to those in need on Saturday. Thank you to Grade 7 and all who donated! And a special thanks to Miss G who spearheaded the project.

TIMES COLONIST 10K TEAM



Thinking of New Year's Resolutions? Why not join the TC10K Team for St. Joseph's which takes place on April 27, 2025. You will get a free t-shirt, accessibility to running clinics and the opportunity to run with friends and teachers while raising money for a great cause. Use the link below. Remember to choose TC10K Teachers and Students (Discounted Rate). Our team name is *St. Joseph's Timberwolves 2025*.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/95989/36th-annual-tc10k-powered-by-runsport>



GRADE ONE PARENTS.....PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

A Parent Reading Workshop Monday, Jan. 27th from 1pm to 2:30 pm

This will be hosted by St. Joseph's and the One-to-One Literacy Society. There will be an interactive workshop for parents which will include practising some of the learned skills with your Grade One student during the last half hour. Registration details will be provided the first week back to school in January!

CHEESE!



WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

St. Joseph's Grade 7 students put it in a great effort, but it wasn't enough to defeat Team Teachers. Thank you to everyone who made Thursday's Staff vs. Students basketball game so much fun!



St. Joseph's Elementary School Presents

SISTER ACT JR.

Scan QR to buy tickets



Or search
"Sister Act Junior"
on [Eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca)

Thursday
March 6 | 6:30 pm

Friday
March 7 | 6:30 pm

Saturday
March 8 | 1 pm & 6:30 pm



CALLING ALL VOLLEYBALL COACHES!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A
COMMUNITY COACH, WORKING ALONGSIDE
A TEACHER SPONSOR?

DO YOU HAVE/ARE WILLING TO GET YOUR
CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK?

DO YOU LOVE THE SPORT OF VOLLEYBALL?

IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT MR. ZUBACK FOR
MORE INFORMATION!
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Season starts mid
January!





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



3 Books = 1 Gift The Challenge Continued



Every week 1000X5 Children's Book Recycling Project donates 800 of your books

Join the hundreds of families who have taken the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. And what can be a better gift than a bag of 3 books for babies and toddlers? Every month 1000X5 pops 2400 books in 800 gift bags. In the last three weeks, hundreds of books have arrived for the weekly Wednesday sorting by 10 dedicated volunteers.

Drop your books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in the _____

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY



Over the weeks of Advent, the Diocese is sharing a series of blog posts that explore new ways to bring purpose, shelter, and hope to those in need. The final post for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is now available to read <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/making-room-today-living-the-lessons-of-the-manger>.



On Sunday, December 29, the Diocese of Victoria will join the world-wide Church in celebrating the opening of the Jubilee Year. The Rite of Opening will happen at the 11 am Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding. All are invited to participate in person or via the livestream at https://youtube.com/live/RIYRc_D5e4Y?feature=share.



The 58th World Day of Peace will be celebrated on 1 January 2025. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is "*Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace*". For more information, and to read Pope Francis' message for the Day, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/world-day-of-peace-2025/>



The Canadian arm of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association is launching an emergency appeal to support struggling families in Bethlehem. For more information, and to donate, please visit <https://cnewa.org/ca/>

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

December 24th

5:00pm & 8:00pm Family Mass

11:59pm Midnight Mass

December 25th

10:00am Christmas Day

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

December 31st

6:00 PM New Year's Eve Vigil

January 1st

10:00am New Year's Day



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Christmas 2024

Dear people of the Diocese of Victoria,

It is always a joy to witness the beautiful ways families and parishes prepare for and celebrate Christmas. These preparations often centre on extending extra effort and awareness to the poor in our midst, both locally and globally. This great outreach is born of hope—a hope rooted in the words of John 3:16: *"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

The birth of the Son of God as man—the Word made flesh and pitches God's tent among us—is a timeless event. That marvelous and fateful night in a humble stable continues to resonate in dramatic and pressing ways in our time.

Today, God continues to pitch His tent among us—on our doorsteps, on sidewalks, and perhaps even in the parking lots of our churches. Migrants and refugees cross borders and arrive on storm-tossed shores, longing for a place of peace. Yet too often, the message of fear and indifference is sent: "There is no room for you."

This "no room" mentality reflects the rigid walls of fear and self-protection. However, Christmas is the season of the heart. Dear People of God, open wide the doors of your heart so that all may hear the angelic proclamation to Mary and the shepherds alike: *"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people"* (Luke 2:10).

Do not fear becoming a gift of hope and an instrument of peace. Do not be afraid of embracing the time of God's favour. Know that God's light within you—your joy in Christ Jesus—dispels all darkness. The Christmas story endures wherever and whenever we expand the walls of our own tents to include others.

Jesus' birth, in the midst of a desperate time of war and discord for God's people, represents God's embrace of all that is vulnerable, fragile, and impoverished. It proclaims the eternal good news: "God is with you." His birth in a stable and His outpouring love on the cross will never disappoint, for they reveal God's tender and compassionate plan of hope that embraces us all.

This Christmas, dear people of God, my prayer for you and your families is that hope will be the gift you receive and the gift you give as we prepare for the Jubilee of Hope in 2025.

Christmas blessings and abundant hope in the New Year.

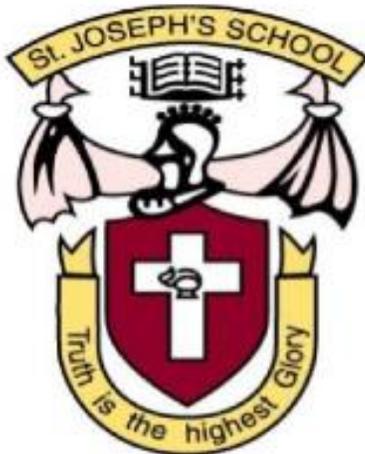
Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Bishop of Victoria

PARENT COMMUNITY

BUSINESS DIRECTORY



*Please note that any manner of association, inclusion, and participation of any Businesses within this Directory, is not an indication of endorsement by St. Joseph's Elementary School or Church Parish or any of its affiliates.



Support Local Parent Owned Businesses!

Our Business Directory is a service provided by the Parents Support Group to help fundraise for our school children and also support our local parent businesses!



DIRECTORY:

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- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax
- Whitestone Legal

Food & Beverage

- Kung Pao Wok

Health & Wellness

- Chatterton Way Dental
- Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

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- Andrea Collins Photography

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- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

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- Qmulus

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- Great White North Projects
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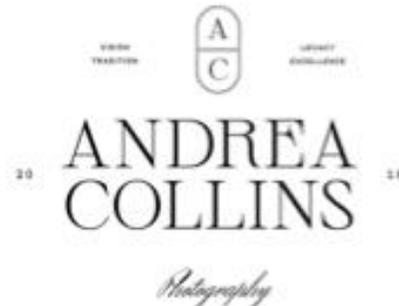
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