



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
December 6th, 2024



Living,
CELEBRATING
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Dear Families of St. Joseph's,

On this *Feast of St. Nicolaus, from whom our modern-day Santa Klaus evolved, we prepare ourselves with a spirit of joy and generosity as we approach ever gently towards Christmas. The kids have been working hard in so many ways, especially with our Christmas Concert. It is a big undertaking, and we are asking for your full support and cooperation in making it a success. Please see the flyer ad for the times, dates and ticket links for our concerts.

There are a number of other reminders to be noted:

- Unfortunately, we can only issue two tickets per family. The evening concert is almost sold out; there is more room at the matinee.
- Please bring a food item for those in need.
- For the evening concert students need to be dropped off to their classrooms at 6 pm. If you arrive earlier you will need to supervise your child outside.
- To avoid overcrowding of students at the front door we are directing the K's through their outside doors, the 1's to their outside doors in the courtyard, the 3's to their regular line up door. Other classes will come through the front door. **NO ENTRY THROUGH THE BACK TARMAC DOORS**
- Parents will line up at the front hallway doors just right of the gym doors. Doors will open at 6:10 pm.
- Students are collected from their classrooms at the end of the concert.
- Extra Parking at Spectrum School

Looking forward to a wonderful, blessed Christmas Concert.

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's School

***Saint Nicholas of Myra**^{hl} (traditionally 15 March 270 – 6 December 343), also known as **Nicholas of Bari**, was an early Christian bishop of Greek descent from the maritime city of Patara in Anatolia (in modern-day Turkey) during the time of the Roman Empire. His reputation evolved among the pious, as was common for early Christian saints, and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the folklore of **Santa Claus** ("Saint Nick") through Sinterklaas.



St. Joseph's
School



Christmas Concerts

Wednesday, Dec. 11th
Matinee

Doors at 12:45pm
Concert at 1pm

Thursday, Dec. 12th
Evening

Drop-off at 6pm
Doors at 6:10pm
Concert at 6:30pm



Click the link for tickets

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/st-josephs-school-christmas-concerts-tickets-1089000924079?aff=oddtcreator>

Any questions contact
sjv@cisdv.bc.ca

Due to limited space
Only 2 tickets
per family



HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club will take place in the Library as usual from Monday - Thursday (Dec. 9 - 12). This will be the last week of Homework Club until January!



THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT SET AUCTION IS LIVE!

Bidding closes Dec. 8th!

Get 6 front row seats and 1 parking spot for either the afternoon or evening concert.

Bidding online at: <https://www.32auctions.com/Christmas24>



WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

The first round of recess Talent Shows were a highlight of the week. A big BRAVO to all of our fantastic performers. Thank you for sharing your amazing gifts!



Scholastic Christmas Book Fair a BIG HIT!

Thanks to the St. Joseph's Elementary School community, the book fair was a great success. Your support helps the school to purchase new materials for student learning.

What a pleasure it was to see how excited the students were when they attended their classroom visit to Library, which then translated to an abundance of energy after school at the book fair with families.

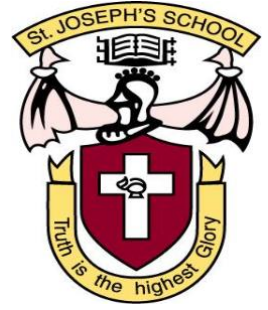
I would like to thank parent volunteers; Chichi, Courtney, Kavita, Laura, Ana Marie, Chantelle, Gerry, Bettina and Christina, who were able to give of their time. A big shout out to Susie (grandmother to one of our students) who was my right-hand gal. I would also like to thank the teachers for their support. The book fair does cause some disruption in the daily routine, however the joy on the students faces and the promotion of reading is worth it.

The winner of the Family Draw was Bella in grade 5V. Congratulations.

I wish all a warm Advent season, a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Daniela Hemmings, Library Technician.





Parent Business Directory

Support local parent owned businesses!

The Parents Support Group is actively seeking a broad range of business that would like to make themselves known throughout our school community... and beyond.

Join the Parents Business Directory!

Arborist? Bookkeeper? Construction Operator? Developer of Cabinets? E-Commerce Owner? Financial Planner? Glass Repair Proprietor? Home Cleaning Services? Investment Advisor? Journeyman of Car Repair? K9 Handler? Lawyer? Medical Practitioner? Nail Salon? Own a store or Restaurant? Plumber? Quantity Analyst? Roofer? Seller of Homes? Teacher of _____? Upholstery Cleaner? Veterinarian? Warehouse Owner? Technicians of any type of repair? Zoning and Bylaw specialist?

As easy as 123 and ABC...

Click the link to sign up... it's that easy!

<https://forms.gle/Xj4HpYCT7JvmfNh1A>

Etransfer payment to: **sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca**

Email llesilverio@gmail.com with questions.

Renewal subscription payments taken

22 November to 13 December.

Cost: \$200 for the January to December 2025 subscription

to the Business Directory, which is circulated weekly in the school newsletter.



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



The Diocese of Victoria will be sharing a series of blog posts over the weeks of Advent that explore new ways to bring purpose, shelter, and hope to those in need. The first post, “*No Room at the Inn: A New Look at an Old Story*”, is now available to read at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/no-room-at-the-inn-a-new-look-at-an-old-story>



On December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada marks the *National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*. This initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council. To read this year’s reflection, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/2024-national-day-of-prayer-in-solidarity-with-indigenous-peoples/>



December 15 is the deadline to apply to the 2025-2026 cohort of the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation’s Leadership Program. This certificate program, offered in partnership with Saint Paul University in Ottawa, was developed to help Catholic women strengthen their leadership skills in an environment which integrates faith and spirituality. The program will begin in June 2025 and is offered mainly online, with a final in-person residency in Ottawa in June 2026. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.cwlfcanada.ca/>.

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



*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:

Financial & Legal Services

- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax
- Whitestone Legal

Food & Beverage

- Kung Pao Wok

Health & Wellness

- Chatterton Way Dental
- Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Photography Services

- Andrea Collins Photography

Real Estate Services

- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

Technology Services

- Qmulus

Trades & Construction

- Great White North Projects
- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

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We provide bookkeeping for all types of small businesses, payroll, GST/PST filings and Personal income tax returns.



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At Chatterton Way Dental, your oral health is our priority. Our dedicated team makes every visit comfortable and stress-free. Experience dental care that keeps you smiling with confidence.





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Photography Services

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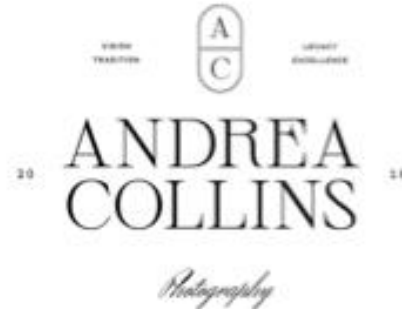
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PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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