



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
February 14th, 2025



Living,
CELEBRATING
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph,

It has been a strange week. In all my years of being an educator I've never had an emergency school closure due to the city having to turn off water to fix another problem not directly connected to the school. Firsts are definitely memorable. I do want to thank you for your understanding and patience around this closure; I know it was an inconvenience for many of you.

On Wednesday we had very positive and successful Open Houses for our new families thinking about coming in September. I was so proud of our grade seven ambassadors: Joann, Ella, Selena, Audrey, Liam and Oliver, who led tours and shared personal stories of different things they like about our school. Their poise, character and clarity of expression was very impressive and uplifting. We had excellent feedback from those attending.

We find ourselves in a month filled with celebrations that highlight the importance of love, friendship, connection, and family. With Valentine's Day today and Family Day following closely behind, this is a good time to reflect on the grace and gift of love that nourishes us in so many unique and profound ways. Both days focus on different *types* of love but overlap in the call for us to form deeper relationships of care, respect and affirmation to those special people we often take for granted. Both *eros* and *agape* challenge us out of our selfishness to find freedom in service and taking responsibility for others. As we know, this is difficult to carry out consistently, for we rarely like the hard shell of our egos to be cracked. If you are like me, you find yourself wanting to love more within marriage and family life but often come up empty. We slowly discover that the true source of Love has to come from something deeper and other than just our wounded little heart. We are in need of help.

May Our Abba, who loves us to death in His Son, and invites us in His Spirit to be adopted sons and daughters to be One Family, help us to celebrate Valentines and Family Day with a little more depth and humility.

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's School



FAMILY DAY - NO SCHOOL!
Monday, February 17th



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Wednesday, Feb. 19th & Thursday, Feb. 20th

Click the link to schedule a time that works for your family.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance.

<https://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com/>



THE 2025 ST. JOSEPH'S EASTER PURDY'S FUNDRAISER IS LIVE!

Here is the link: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1982987-126556>

Orders are due by **Friday, March 21st**

Families can pick up their orders on April 7th, between 2-3pm in front of the school.

Any questions, please contact Monique: monique.les85@gmail.com



HOMework CLUB

Monday to Thursday 2:40-3:10pm.

On Wednesdays, math tutors from St. Andrew's High School will be at Homework Club to offer support for Grade 6 and 7 students. This is a great opportunity for extra math help!



HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

The deadline to drop applications at the High School is **Feb. 21st**.



WEEKLY SNAPSHOTS

The love was flowing in 6J! Mrs. James surprised her class with a chocolate fountain.



2025 WORK CUPS FESTIVAL

A great opportunity for sport-loving kiddos. It is an amazing soccer festival that happens over the Easter weekend. Each child is placed on a team that represents a different country in the world and there is an AMAZING opening ceremony! Click the link for more information: <https://myevent.com/2025worldcupsfestival>



TC10K

Looking for a fun way to get active and support our school community? Join the St. Joseph's team for the Time Colonist 10K Run! It's a great opportunity for families to get outside, get moving, and cheer each other on. Whether you're an experienced runner or just want to walk, everyone is welcome to participate. The event includes a 10km walk/run, 1.5km Family Fun Run, and a post-race festival. Let's show our school spirit, stay healthy, and have a blast together. Don't miss out—sign up today and be part of the team!

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/95989/36th-annual-tc10k-powered-by-runsport/register?team=743662>

WINTER SPORTS PRACTICES

Schedule	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
8:00-8:30am	K+D Boys Volleyball (7:40-8:20)	Jr. Dance (7:40-8:30)	Prim. Dance (7:40-8:30)	Sr. Dance (7:40-8:30)	
11:55-12:25pm	B+C Girls Volleyball	Jazz Dance	D Boys Volleyball		Choir Practice
2:45-3:30pm	Musical Rehearsal	B+C Girls Volleyball (2:45-3:45)	Musical Rehearsal	K Boys Volleyball (2:45-3:30)	Musical Rehearsal

THE WOLF DEN

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

**St Joseph's After School Care
Spring Break Camp 2025**

Dear Before and After School families,

This year we are offering Spring Break Camp for 2 weeks, running from **March 17th- March 21st and March 24th- March 28th.**

Program dates:

- March 17th -March 21st
- March 24th- March 28th

Monday to Friday from 7:30-5

Program activities:



A finalized calendar will be sent home with registered families. This year, we will again be offering theme days, organized activities, and plenty of arts and crafts.

Cost:

Week #1- March 17th-21st- \$275 per child

Week #2- March 24th-28th- \$275 per child

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return it by email to sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca

(Please note: E-transfers must be sent to sjv@cisdv.bc.ca)

Deadline: Friday, February 28th , 2025

If you have any questions, please email Susan at sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca or Debbie at dclarke@cisdv.bc.ca.

You can also call the centre at 250-479-1237.



**St Joseph's After School Care
Spring Break Camp 2025
Registration Form**

Children registered in the Before/After School Care Program have priority for Spring Break Camp, but we will open the camp up to those in St. Joseph's School after February 28th if there are spots available.

Yes, I wish to register my child(ren) for the 2025 Spring Break Camp

Name(s) of Children: _____

Grade: _____

We would like to register for:

• March 17th to 21st (\$275.00)

• _____
• March 24th to 28th (\$275.00)

Total payment e-transferred:


\$ _____

*Please e-transfer payment to sjv@cisdv.bc.ca and include your child's name and what the payment is for in the comments section

Please submit to the Early Learning Centre by Friday, February 28th.

2025 WOUNDED WARRIOR RUN BC



JZ
Don B...
John
Aggie Ringle
Susan Marcotte
Matthew
Richard
Robert
Thank You!




#INTHISTOGETHER

WWW.WOUNDEDWARRIORRUNBC.CA



BAKE SALES

1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Oct 4th - Grade 7
Nov 8th - Grade 6
Dec 6th - Grade 5
Jan 10th - Grade 4

Feb 14th - Grade 3
Mar 7th - Grade 2
Apr 4th - Grade 1
May 2nd - Kindergarten



NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY



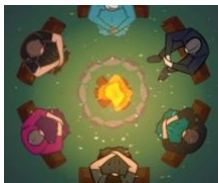
A huge thank you to the people of the Diocese of Victoria for surpassing our 2024 Bishop's Appeal goal! Bishop Gary Gordon shares his heartfelt gratitude in a special message, which you can read on the Diocese website here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/message-of-gratitude-for-the-2024-bishops-appeal>



Development & Peace is hosting two in-person Share Lent workshops: Saturday, February 15, in Victoria and Sunday, February 16, in Nanaimo. The Victoria workshop is at St. Patrick's Parish from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, followed by lunch (RSVP to Nancy Stuart at nancystuart7@gmail.com). The Nanaimo workshop is at Holy Trinity Parish from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM any questions can be sent to robertson@aquinas.org



St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral is seeking a dedicated Director of Musical Worship to uphold and enhance its legacy of musical excellence, inspiring and engaging the worship community through a vibrant and dynamic music ministry. A detailed job description can be viewed here: <https://www.standrewscathedral.com/post/job-opportunity-director-of-musical-worship>



The national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) has released *Sacred Fire Stories*, a powerful new video highlighting inspiring stories of hope from IRF-funded projects. Watch the video here to see the meaningful impact the IRF is making in Indigenous communities: <https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>

The first project featured is from our own Diocese—the Michif Language Revitalization Circle (MLRC), which supports Métis in reclaiming self-identity through learning the Michif language. As a reminder, the next application deadline for the local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is coming up on February 15. For more information and the application package, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/irf> or call 250-800-3167.



On February 14, Abbey Church and Emmaus Community (932 Balmoral Road, Victoria) will host an ecumenical prayer session in The Way of Taizé at 6:00 pm. All are invited to join in this evening of prayer and song.

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



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five
Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria



Give more children the opportunity to love books

Before spring break, take a look around and send in a few books for babies and preschoolers to the pink bin in your school. Babies and preschoolers who are read to develop more vocabulary, greater imagination and an early understanding of how books work. Thanks for helping send 352,000 books into new hands.

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:

Activity & Arts

- Ponies and Paint

Financial & Legal Services

- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Food & Beverage

- Kung Pao Wok
- Maize Fusion Cuisine

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- Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Photography Services

- Andrea Collins Photography

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CONTACT SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA
WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Activity & Arts

Ponies and Paint

Kaitlyn Hendry

poniesandpaintnights@gmail.com

Ph: 250-588-4121

poniesandpaintnights.com

Ponies and Paint Nights strives to provide a unique experience by blending art, horses, and nature in to an all-in-one experience! We do: paint nights, birthday parties, private events, wellness programs, & more! All ages welcome!



Financial & Legal Services

Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Teya Jensen

info@homeroombookkeeping.com

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



Food & Beverage

Kung Pao Wok

Ankie Leung

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Ph: 778-433-8806

Chinese Food (Hillside Shopping Center)



Maize Fusion Cuisine

Cesar Ibarra

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Ph: 250-590-2555

www.maizefusion.com

Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food



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Health & Wellness

Chatterton Way Dental

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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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Carolin Roussel

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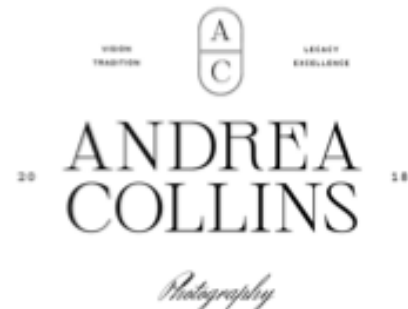
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Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos

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Real Estate Specialist specializing in residential, investment, and commercial properties in the Greater Victoria areas. See our dedicated link for St. Joes Parents!



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Trades & Construction

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