



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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Email: sjv@cisdv.bc.ca

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Out of School Care, Daycare & Preschool

Phone: (250) 479-1237

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/272859616539977> (SJV Parent Support Group Page)

Newsletter
February 21st, 2025



Living,
CELEBRATING
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph,

With less than two weeks before our Sister Act Jr Musical debuts, I want to remind folks to get their tickets <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sister-act-junior-tickets-1028419990877>. So much hard, creative and generous work has gone into preparing our young stars to share their talents, I'm trusting we will show all the organizers our full support. Our musicals are always a celebration of not only talent and creativity but also community! I hope to see you out.

As you can witness, the ELC construction is now moving along. I appreciate Knappett's attention to safety and ensuring that our parking lot is cleared from heavy equipment as well as they can. As the front area is now blocked off, all entry into the gym must take place through the side doors. I thank you for your constant vigilance with our continued parking lot challenges. We all need to exercise attention, calmness and patience with others and with the reality that traffic flow will be slow.

It was good to see many of you out for your child's conferences. By showing off their work to you, confidence, responsibility and a sense of accomplishment is fostered. I hope you all were able to celebrate their learning.

After the last student-led conference our staff met for an important meeting at 6 pm in the library. Over salad, pizza, wings and beverages we came together to celebrate our unity by watching the big Hockey Game! I think it was our cheering that gave team Canada the extra boost to win!

Go Canada!

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's School



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR *SISTER ACT* MUSICAL - GET YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Dear Parents,

We are excited to invite you to support the upcoming *Sister Act* musical production by volunteering! This is a great opportunity to fulfill your volunteer hours while contributing to the success of the show.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with various duties during the following show dates and times:

- March 6 at 7:00 PM
- March 7 at 7:00 PM
- March 8 at 1:00 PM or 7:00 PM

If you're available to help, please email teresasalema@yahoo.com with your preferred date and time. Your support is invaluable and will help make this production a wonderful experience for our students!



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 21*

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!



ST. ANDREW'S HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 26th

Meeting for new parents at 6pm, open house at 7pm

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION

The deadline to drop applications at St. Andrew's is Friday, Feb. 28th.



WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

The students of 3N showing off their stuff during Student Led Conferences this week.



GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Our Girl's Volleyball Team wrapped up the season this week. We are so proud of your hard work and dedication this season. Thank you for bringing such good energy to all your practices and games. GO TIMBERWOLVES!



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	Floor Hockey	Jazz Dance	D Boys Volleyball	Floor Hockey	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

EVENTS 2025

UPCOMING

FEB VISSA SWIM MEET @
COMMONWEALTH
24 POOL 9:30-1:30PM

FEB INTRAMURAL GAMES
TROPICS VS
24 PRAETORIANS
SITKAS VS EAGLES

FEB INTRAMURAL GAMES
AVIATORS VS BISCUITS
27 SOUNDERS VS ORCAS

FEB TEAM K VOLLEYBALL
@ JOURNEY MS
27 TEAM D VOLLEYBALL
@ ST. JOES WOLF DEN!

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

Thursday
March 6 | 6:30 pm

Friday
March 7 | 6:30 pm

Saturday
March 8 | 1 pm & 6:30 pm

St. Andrew's Parent Support Group

Thank you for helping us help our school!

Turn
Pre-loved
into
Re-loved!

SPRING Used School Uniform SALE



Saturday, March 1
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
St. Andrew's School Library

A PSG
activity to help
our growing
school families!

Price List

Golf Shirts, Athletic Sports Wear, Vests	\$5
White Dress Shirts and Grey Shorts	\$5
School Sweaters & Hoodies	\$10
Girls Kilts and Boys Grey Pants	\$10
School Blazer	\$20

Don't miss out a great selection of clothing sizes
in very good condition!

Send questions to:
sarhs-psg@cisdv.bc.ca

Parent
Volunteers Needed
to help on Sale Day.
Sign-Up in
OnVolunteers.

Thank you for making a positive impact on the planet!

**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.



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



Please find below the link to a message from the Most Rev. William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, offering prayers for the health and recovery of Pope Francis: <https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/message-by-the-most-rev-william-t-mcgrattan-bishop-of-calgary-and-ccb-president-praying-for-the-health-and-recovery-of-pope-francis/>



The Catholic Bishops of British Columbia have released a Pastoral Letter on Catholic Schools that highlights Catholic education's key role in evangelization and whole-person formation. It calls for Catholic schools to maintain their identity, integrate faith with learning, and work with families, educators, and pastors to build a Christ-centred community serving both students and society. The letter may be read online at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/pastoral-letter-on-catholic-schools>



The Vatican has released *Antiqua et Nova*, a document on the relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence. It highlights the distinction between AI and human intelligence and calls for ethical guidelines to ensure AI respects human dignity and serves the common good. To read the full document, please visit

https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dff_doc_20250128_antiqua-et-nova_en.html



Father Frank Fanz is offering a talk about his journey to the priesthood, promoting vocations in our Diocese on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 pm in the basement hall at Our Lady of Fatima. This event is organized by the Serra Club in formation, which seeks to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All are welcome!

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

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

- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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

Ph: 604-739-9536

www.homeroombookkeeping.com

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

kungpaowok_victoria@yahoo.ca

Ph: 778-433-8806

Chinese Food (Hillside Shopping Center)



Maize Fusion Cuisine

Cesar Ibarra

maizefusion@gmail.com

Ph: 250-590-2555

www.maizefusion.com

Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food



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Health & Wellness

Chatterton Way Dental

Dr. Matthew Foulkes

info@chattertonwaydental.ca

Ph: 250-598-5441

chattertonwaydental.ca

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.



Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Carolin Roussel

carolin.etiquette@shaw.ca

Ph: 250-474-1941 and 778-432-3344

www.eyeetiquetteoptical.ca

Eye Etiquette offers a range of glasses that are sophisticated, fun, minimal to eye-catching. Our customer service award-winning optical team of licensed opticians, optometrists, and optical assistants are here to help. Providing eyewear, contact lenses, safety glasses and full eye health examinations for all ages.



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Andrea Collins Photography

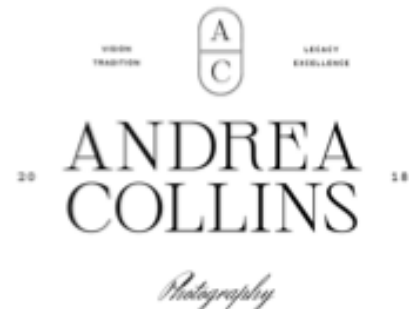
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PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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Kamaretsos Real Estate Team | Pemberton Holmes

Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos

michelle@myvictoriarealty.com

Ph: 250-686-7590

www.myvictoriarealty.com/st-joes-parents.html

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



Technology Services

Qmulus

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Ph: 250-999-5075

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Virtual staffing, local recruitment, and technology services.



Trades & Construction

Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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Plumbing repair/service, renovations, gas and cross connection device install/testing

