



## 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Living,  
**CELEBRATING**  
and Proclaiming  
**OUR FAITH**



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph,

Even though we are not officially into Spring we are starting to turn that corner and sense a new season is coming; change is in the air. Beyond the changes we are noticing in the warmer and longer days and the birthing blossoms, a number of changes are seen around the school. Construction of our new Early Learning Centre has transformed our front yard and is well on its way. Just 16 more months! We are seeing a change in grade four with Ms. Audibert going on her maternity leave today and Ms. McLeod coming on Monday. Swimming and volleyball are officially over and a change of sports for the kids is coming. The big focus before Spring Break is our musical. Given that our gym entrance is unavailable, our entry point for the musical has changed. All attendees will be entering through the school's main front doors with sales of items set up in our courtyard. It will be a change from last year but I'm sure it will be fine. A big shout out ahead of time for all the amazing volunteers who are working so generously in putting on Sister Act Jr. I hope you purchased your tickets.

St. John Henry Newman often said, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to change often". Not an irrelevant quote as we soon head into the season of Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday next week. The 40 days of Lent invite and challenge all of us to cultivate our crusty hearts, in order for God's Life and Grace to grow a little deeper. It is a call to change! Dare we respond.

In Gratitude,

*Glen Palahicky*

Principal, St. Joseph's School



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



Don't forget...  
The class that sells the most tickets wins an amazing prize!



## SHROVE TUESDAY

The Knights of Columbus are generously providing a pancake snack for students. If your child has allergies or food sensitivities, we kindly ask that they bring an alternative from home.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Liturgy at 9:00am

Students wear full uniform, families are welcome to attend.

## EARLY DISMISSAL

1:40pm Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>



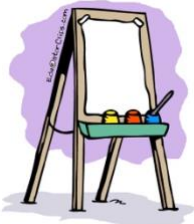
## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR *SISTER ACT* MUSICAL - GET YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

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](mailto: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!



## CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Ms. Buckie's Kindergarten class is looking for gently used children's standing art easels to satisfy her creative bunch this year. If you have one that is no longer being loved in your home and you would like to generously pass it along, please contact Ms. Buckie at [cbuckie@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:cbuckie@cisdv.bc.ca). Thanks!



## HOMework CLUB

Monday to Thursday 2:40-3:10pm

Last week before spring break.

Please note no Homework Club on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.



## 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<sup>st</sup>

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

Any questions, please contact Monique: [monique.les85@gmail.com](mailto:monique.les85@gmail.com)





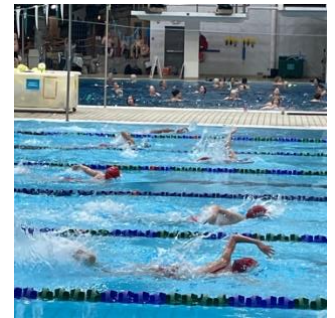
## WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

2H worked with their preschool buddies on arts and crafts to spread the spirit of Pink Shirt Day; belonging, co-operation, and kindness.



## SWIM TEAM

The swim team made a huge splash at Monday's VISSA Swim Meet! Well done to our awesome swim team for your tenacity, determination, and positivity. You worked hard learning new skills and had tons of fun doing it! We are so proud of you – GO TIMBERWOLVES!



Coach Caffrey would like to express her appreciation to Baldwin Sales- Award Crafts -based in Toronto- for donating several hundred ribbons to celebrate our Swim Team's participation. The swimmers were delighted to receive ribbons for each race they participated in!

# EVENTS 2025

UPCOMING

**MAR** KC "DISTRICT" LEVEL  
**1** FREE-THROW  
COMPETITION @ SJS

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**MAR** INTRAMURAL GAMES  
**3** TROPICS VS EAGLES  
SITKAS VS  
PRAETORIANS

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**MAR** INTRAMURAL GAMES  
**10** TROPICS VS SITKAS  
EAGLES VS  
PRAETORIANS

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**MAR** INTRAMURAL GAMES  
**12** WEST 1 VS EAST 4  
EAST 1 VS WEST 4

**THE WOLF DEN**

**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 17<sup>th</sup>- March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>- March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Program dates:**

- March 17<sup>th</sup> -March 21<sup>st</sup>
- March 24<sup>th</sup>- March 28<sup>th</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>- \$275 per child**

**Week #2- March 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>- \$275 per child**

To register, please complete the attached registration form and return it by email to [sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca)

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

**Deadline: Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

If you have any questions, please email Susan at [sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca)

or Debbie at [dclarke@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> (\$275.00) \_\_\_\_\_
- March 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> (\$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, March 7th.  
Payment must be received before your registration is considered complete.  
All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.**





# 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!

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

Send questions to:  
[sarhs-psg@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:sarhs-psg@cisdv.bc.ca)

Thank you for making a positive impact on the planet!





# 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



Mass times at parishes across our Diocese for Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Holy Week (April 17-20) are listed on the Diocesan website at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/2025-lent-easter-mass-times>. More service times will be added as they become available.



Bishop Gary Gordon has written a message to the people of the Diocese of Victoria regarding the 2025 Share Lent campaign. The message may be read online at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/bishop-gary-gordons-message-for-share-lent-2025>



Cardinal Parolin is leading a daily Rosary for Pope Francis' health in St. Peters Square. Faithful from around the world can participate via livestream at 12:00 pm PDT at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M\\_W3ppj-Umg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_W3ppj-Umg)



His Holiness Pope Francis accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, C.S.B., as Archbishop of Vancouver, and appointed the Most Reverend Richard Smith, presently Archbishop of Edmonton, as his successor. The press release from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops may be read at: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/episcopal-resignation-and-appointment-for-the-archdiocese-of-vancouver/>

## 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](mailto:SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com)

## 2025 DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT: LIVING FOR GREATNESS

We invite youth in Grades 7-12 to join us for the 2025 Diocesan Youth Retreat (DYR)!



This transformative weekend will help deepen their faith, build community, and encounter Jesus. This year's theme, Living for Greatness, promises an unforgettable experience.

### Event Details:

- Dates: May 9-11, 2025 at Camp Imadene, Mesachie Lake, BC
- Cost: \$199 (includes meals, activities, accommodations, and t-shirt)
- Speakers: NET Ministries
- Transportation: Complimentary bus from St. Andrew's High School and Langford
- Mother's Day Brunch: Complimentary for families on Sunday at 11:15 am

To Register: Complete the Google Form by April 15: [Google Form Link](#)

To Pay: [Eventbrite Link](#)

For questions, contact Joelle Dressler at (250) 479-1331 or [jdressler@rcdvictoria.org](mailto:jdressler@rcdvictoria.org).

We hope your child can join us for this life-changing retreat!



# 1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

**1000X5 would love books from your spring cleaning**

14years: 355,000 books

1000 babies and preschoolers/month receive a gift bag of 3 books.

Please check the corners of your house and continue to donate books into the pink bin in front of the library.






# SAVE THE GARRY OAKS

Join us in revitalizing an important Garry Oak ecosystem on Christmas Hill by removing invasive species like English ivy, Scotch broom, and Himalayan blackberry!

Our efforts will help prepare the land for a native flower meadow.

-  Every 2nd & 4th Saturday from 1-4 pm
-  Pruners and shovels will be provided
-  Please bring gloves, safety glasses, and water



Learn more here

1-4 pm | Every 2nd & 4th Saturday

Sacred Heart Parking Lot | 4040 Nelthorpe Street

<https://garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration.eventbrite.ca>



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## 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](mailto:SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA)  
WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS



# PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



## Activity & Arts

### Ponies and Paint

Kaitlyn Hendry

[poniesandpaintnights@gmail.com](mailto:poniesandpaintnights@gmail.com)

Ph: 250-588-4121

[poniesandpaintnights.com](http://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](mailto:info@homeroombookkeeping.com)

Ph: 604-739-9536

[www.homeroombookkeeping.com](http://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](mailto:kungpaowok_victoria@yahoo.ca)

Ph: 778-433-8806

*Chinese Food (Hillside Shopping Center)*



### Maize Fusion Cuisine

Cesar Ibarra

[maizefusion@gmail.com](mailto:maizefusion@gmail.com)

Ph: 250-590-2555

[www.maizefusion.com](http://www.maizefusion.com)

*Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food*





# PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



## Health & Wellness

### Chatterton Way Dental

Dr. Matthew Foulkes

[info@chattertonwaydental.ca](mailto:info@chattertonwaydental.ca)

Ph: 250-598-5441

[chattertonwaydental.ca](http://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](mailto:carolin.etiquette@shaw.ca)

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

[www.eyeetiquetteoptical.ca](http://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.*



## Photography Services

### Andrea Collins Photography

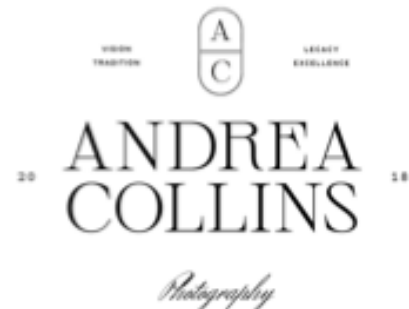
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## Real Estate Services

### Kamaretsos Real Estate Team | Pemberton Holmes

Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos

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Ph: 250-686-7590

[www.myvictoriarealty.com/st-joes-parents.html](http://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

Benoni Cabrera

[sales@qmulusolutions.com](mailto:sales@qmulusolutions.com)

Ph: 250-999-5075

[qmulusolutions.com](http://qmulusolutions.com)

*Virtual staffing, local recruitment, and technology services.*



## Trades & Construction

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