



St. Joseph's Catholic School

757 West Burnside Rd. - Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9

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.

Phone: (250) 479-1232 - Fax: (250) 479-1907

Email: sjv@cisdv.bc.ca

www.stjosephschool.ca

Out of School Care, Daycare & Preschool

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

Newsletter
April 4th, 2025



Living,
CELEBRATING
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph,

As we step further into the gentle embrace of spring, we are reminded of God's promise of renewal and new life. The budding flowers, the songs of birds, and the warmer breezes all speak of the Creator's beauty and love. In this season of growth, our students continue to bloom—not just academically, but spiritually and creatively as well.

Continuing Our Lenten Journey

With Easter just around the corner, our Lenten journey remains a time of reflection, prayer, and preparation. Classrooms have been engaged in meaningful Lenten activities—almsgiving projects, Stations of the Cross, and quiet moments of prayer. We are so proud of the students' efforts to walk closely with Jesus during this sacred time.

Let us continue to support one another as we prepare our hearts for the joy of the Resurrection.

Music and Performances are in the Air!

Spring is also a time for celebration through the arts, and our school is alive with joyful sound and talent! We're thrilled to be participating in a series of musical festival events, ICS Showcase Concert and Greater Victoria Art Show happening over the next few weeks. Please be checking with your child about these events and upcoming field trips!

As always, thank you for your partnership, your prayers, and your love for our school community. May the coming weeks be filled with peace, renewal, and joyful smiles.

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's School



NO SCHOOL
Friday, April 11th
Staff retreat



PURDY'S ORDERS ARE HERE!

They'll be sorted this weekend and be ready for pickup at the school on:
Monday, April 7th for 2-3pm.
 Any unclaimed orders will be in the office.



ICS SHOWCASE - THE JOY OF MUSIC CONCERT

Tuesday, April 15th at 6pm at UVic Farquhar Auditorium

CORRECTION 6pm not 7:30pm as previously stated!

This musical night will showcase the talents of Island Catholic Schools and feature special guests The Avalon Singers. Tickets at the UVIC box office in person (Mon.-Fri. from 9:30 - 4:00), by phone (250)721-8480, or online at tickets.uvic.ca. Tickets are \$10 each, and babies on laps, 2 and under, are free. For more information, email the box office at tickets@uvic.ca.

MEAT ORDER FUNDRAISER

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for items!

Send order and payment to sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca before midnight April 30th!

WELL DONE!



Please include the following information:

Parent Name:

Student Name:

Items ordered & quantity:

Total cost:

Confirmation that you, or a designate, are available for pick up

Friday May 23rd at 2:40pm

Any questions please contact: sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca

THANK YOU!

The Grade 6 classes would like to extend a huge thank you to the Westshore RCMP Indigenous Policing Division for providing us the opportunity to learn about our local community and culture, and paddle Tl'ches Spirit on the Gorge Waterway. We had an amazing time.



HOMework CLUB

After school in the library Monday to Friday 2:40-3:10pm.

On Wednesday math tutors from St. Andrew's will be here for extra math support!



DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREATS

REGISTRATION DEADLINES FAST APPROACHING!

Illuminate Youth Retreat Grades 4-7,

St. Joseph's School, Victoria

Deadline: Monday, April 7 at 6:00 pm

Registration: <https://forms.gle/MxpkBdQHHehk3bLL8>

Payment: <https://bit.ly/4hs3RAR>

Out of town parents with their children are welcome to stay in St. Joseph's School gym on Saturday night to assist with keeping travel costs manageable! Many thanks to Principal, Glen Palahicky!

**DYR Diocesan Youth Retreat Grades 7-12,
Camp Imadene, Mesachie Lake, Cowichan Valley**

Deadline: Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm

Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdE7LAFIuZRtzFGt5cVtJobf59gAMjXEcuoQ1LfMpOylpZYRQ/viewform?usp=sharing>

payment: <https://bit.ly/3WWgGvJ>



WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

7K was outside having some science fun in the sun with mentos and diet coke – this photographer was a moment too late!

TRACK & FIELD PRACTICES

PRACTICES BEGIN THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH

Schedule	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
8:00-8:30am		Shot Put	Long Distance	
11:55-12:40pm		Discus 5-7 Long Jump	Triple Jump 6-7 High Jump	4-5 High Jump Discus 3-4 Long Jump Ball Toss
2:45-3:30pm	Sprint Training			Sprint Training

THE WOLF DEN

St Joseph's Early Learning Centre
Pro D Day Care
Registration for Friday, April 11th
Deadline to register is Friday, April 9th

During Pro D Days, St. Joseph's Child Care offers a supervised program of activities operating from 7:30am – 5:00pm. Please pack two snacks, a full lunch and a refillable water bottle. Super Days are civies days and we will all meet in the multi-purpose room above the gym to start the day.

Program Details:

- We will spend lots of time outside, playing organized games, doing art activities and crafts, and watching a movie.

All students attending Pro- D Day care must be registered with St. Joseph's Before and/or After School Care programs.

Cost: \$55 per child

Payment must be made at time of registration. E-transfers can be sent to sjv@cisdv.bc.ca (Please include your child's name and what the transfer is for.)

Pro D Day on Friday, April 11th.

Registration Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Grade(s): Child #1 _____

Child # 2 _____

Total Payment: __\$ _____

WAIVER: "Accidents can be result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student, or the school or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your son/daughter to participate in this activity, you are accepting the risk of an accident occurring, and agree that this activity, as described above, is suitable for your child."

Parent Signature: _____

**St. Joseph's After School Care
Summer Camp
Monday, June 23rd-Friday, August 1st, 2025**

Dear Before and After School Care families,

We are pleased to offer a summer camp program this year which will run from **Monday, June 23rd-Friday, August 1st, 2025**.

Please register as soon as possible as we have limited spaces.

Program Dates:

Monday, June 23rd – Friday, August 1st, 2025

Monday to Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm

Please note our closing time for July



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! We are opening the camp to BSC and ASC families first, but if there is space, we will then open it up to the rest of the school. **We have 20 spots available each week.**

Cost: \$285.00 per child per week

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

Friday, May 2nd, 2025

If you have any questions, please email Susan and Debbie at sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca or call the centre at 250-479-1237.

**St. Joseph's After School Care
Summer Camp 2025
Registration Form**

Children must be registered in the Before/After School Care Program to attend Summer Camp

Yes, we wish to register in the 2025 Summer Camp:

Name(s) of Children: _____ Grade: _____

_____ Grade: _____

We would like to register for:

June 23 rd -27 th ,	(\$285.00)	_____
June 30 th -July 4 th	(\$285.00)	_____
July 7 th -11 th	(\$285.00)	_____
July 14 th -18 th	(\$285.00)	_____
July 21 st -25 th	(\$285.00)	_____
July 28 th -August 1 st	(\$285.00)	_____

Total payment Included: \$ _____

*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 (sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca)
by Friday, May 2nd, 2025.**

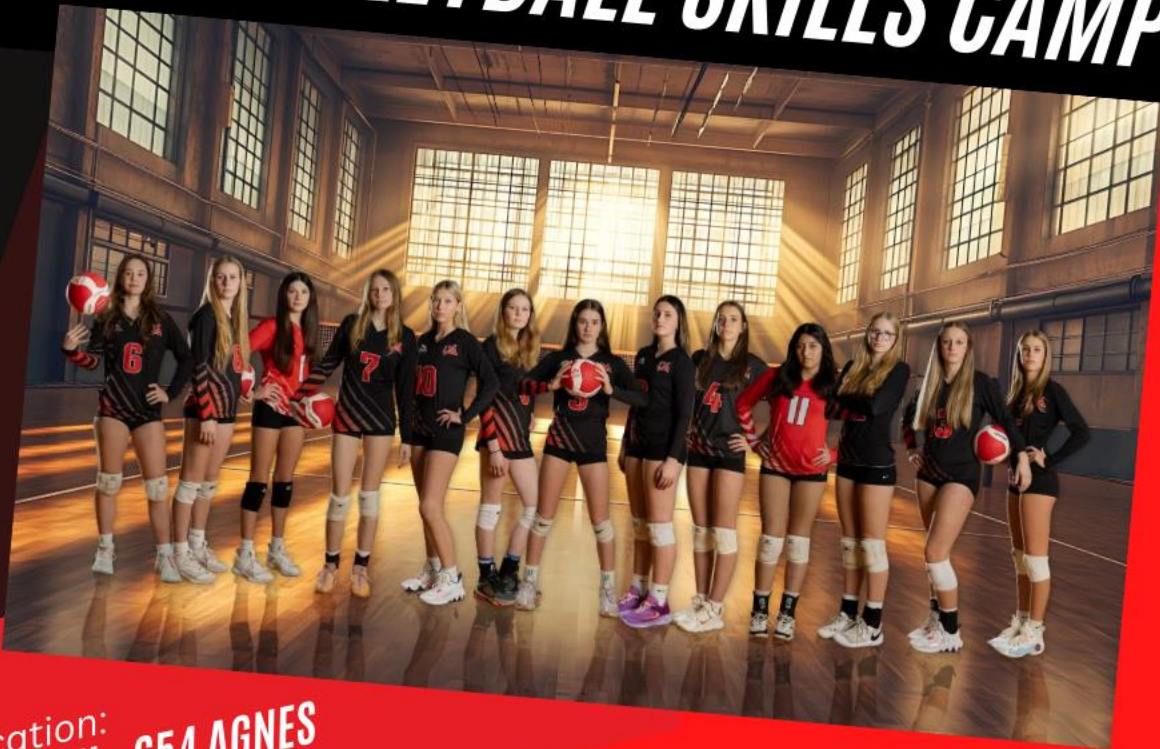
Payment must be e-transferred before your child is considered registered.

All registrations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Pro-D Day
APRIL 11

VVA 16U Black Presents:
VOLLEYBALL SKILLS CAMP



Location:
PCS HIGH - 654 AGNES

Led by the VVA 16U girls team & their coach, Claremont's Scott Freeburn

Open to all genders, Grades 6-8

- Option 1: 9:00-12:00pm.....\$60
- Option 2: 1:00-4:00pm.....\$60
- Option 3: 9:00-4:00pm..... \$120

To register: email bardenkimberley@gmail.com



Beacon Hill Wildflower Minis

St Joseph's Elementary School Fundraiser



The Garry Oak meadow above the Children's Farm bursts into a sea of purple camas flowers every May, and it's the perfect place to capture the fleeting beauty of spring.

- Beacon Hill Park – Garry Oak Meadow (above the Children's Farm)
- May 3
- 10 AM – 3:30 PM (20 slots available)
- 10-minute session
- 3-5 hand-edited photos
- \$80

These spots will go fast—just like the camas blooms! Book yours before they disappear. 🌸



ANDREA
COLLINS

Photography



ST. JOSEPH'S
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1150 WILLOW, BC



Name: _____

Email: _____

Order Deadline: April 30, 2025

Pick Up : 2pm May 23rd at St. Joseph's elementary

To order: Contact Jenn Souter jmiskulin2@gmail.com



ITEM	COST	ORDER	TOTAL
6oz Sirloin Steak 24pc/cs *	\$140.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Lil Chef 5oz Beef Burger 36/cs **	\$70.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Breast B/S 4KG *	\$60.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Strips 2x2KG ^~	\$60.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Double Smoked Bacon 4mm 2x2.5KG *	\$90.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Breakfast Sausage 4KG *	\$60.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Thigh B/S 5KG *	\$70.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Wings 10KG *	\$100.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
26/30 Prawns P&D 2LB "	\$25.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Cordon Blue 12/cs ^^~^	\$80.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
6" Cheese Pizza 18/cs ^ ^^	\$45.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
6" Pepperoni Pizza 18/cs ^ ^^	\$45.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
6" Supreme Pizza 18/cs ^ ^^	\$45.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Meatballs 320x0.5oz ^^ ** ^	\$75.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Souvlaki Skewers 60pc/cs *	\$110.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Torpedo Prawns Breaded 10x8pc^^ ^ ~	\$80.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Breaded Pork Cutlets 40x4oz/cs ^^ ^ ~	\$75.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
Chicken Apple Leek Sausage 4KG *	\$70.00	X _____ =	\$ _____
*Allergen Free **Soy ^Gluten ^^Dairy ~Egg "Seafood		ORDER TOTAL =	\$ _____



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





Welcome to our Instagram!



We are very happy to
welcome you

@st.josephselementary



Uniform Fitting Day

Bundle deals available

Join us for your Uniform
Fitting Day at St. Joseph's
School on Friday
June 6th, 2024
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

To order online 24/7 visit: www.mccarthyuniforms.ca

Or via our Call Centre Toll Free: 1-800-668-8261

Or visit us in store at 1050 Boundary Road, Burnaby BC V5K 4T3

Phone: 1-800-668-8261

Email: customerservice@mccarthyuniforms.ca



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• ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE •

Spring

GENTLY USED

CLOTHING JEWELLERY & BOOKS SALE

+

OTHER ACCESSORIES

FRI. APRIL 25

9:30AM - 2PM

SAT. APRIL 26

9:30AM - 2PM



CLOTHING

For women, men
& children, shoes,
& household
linens

St. Patrick's Church [Lady of Lourdes Hall]
2060 Haultain Street
Ample Parking + Wheelchair Accessible

Pick Up for Clothing Donations
Lorrie 250-595-5981
Donations accepted until Tuesday, April 22

NOW ACCEPTING
DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS



SOME OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT ARE:

African Heritage Assoc., Anawim House, ANCOF (Answering the Cry of the Poor), Birthright, Development and Peace, Kids Klub - School Brown Bag Lunch Program, Coady International, Missions in Canada and abroad, Mount St. Mary Hospital, Oak Bay Volunteer Service Society, St. Vincent de Paul - Rosalie's Village, Cool-Aid Society, Rachel's Vineyard, Sandy Merriman House, The Soup Kitchen, St. Patrick's/St. Andrew's Schools and Student Bursaries, Youth at risk charities, as well as church needs.

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY



The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute is hosting a free webinar on Religious and Spiritual Aspects of Suffering on Wednesday, April 9, from 4:00–5:30 pm (PDT). To register, email CCBI at bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca. Please find more information here: <https://www.ccbi-utoronto.ca/2025/03/27/april-9-religious-and-spiritual-aspects-of-suffering-webinar/>



On Good Friday, the Collection for the Needs of the Church in the Holy Land will be taken up to support the Christian faithful in the Holy Land and sustain vital ministries, including parishes, schools, and humanitarian aid programs. This year, as many in the region face increased hardships, we are especially called to respond to their suffering. Envelopes are available in your envelope boxes for this April 18 collection.



UVic's independent newspaper, the Martlet, recently published a story on AI in K-12 education and its impact on post-secondary learning. Paul Rossetti, Superintendent of Island Catholic Schools, shared how AI is being implemented in ICS and how the Vatican's recent statement on AI helps guide the schools' approach to evolving technology. Read the full article here: <https://martlet.ca/teachers-and-administrators-are-struggling-to-keep-up-with-ai-as-it-infiltrates-k-12-schools/>



The Alliance Française de Victoria is hosting a talk by Philippe Villeneuve on the restoration of Notre-Dame de Paris, offering an insider's view of the fire and reconstruction of the nearly 900-year-old monument. The event takes place on April 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, with in-person attendance open to all and a livestream available. Please find more details here: <https://www.afvictoria.ca/events/culture/la-restauration-de-notre-dame-de-paris/>

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. For more information, please contact SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com

1000X5 and Greater Victoria Families Increase Early Literacy



360,000 books cleaned and labelled

120,000 gift bags with 3 books each

Thousands more young children now with home libraries.

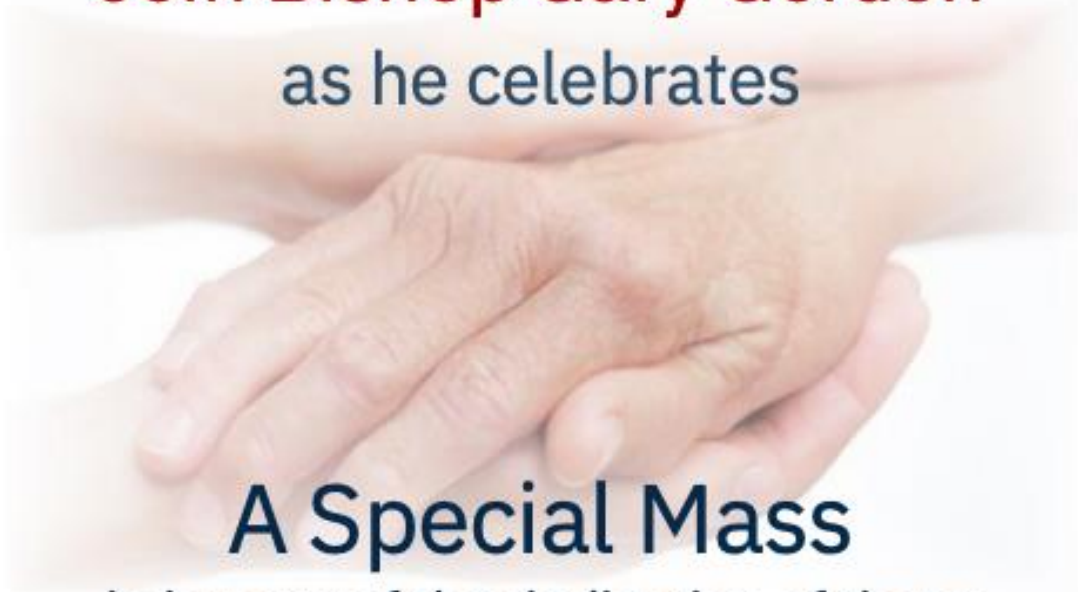
Thousands more young children in the early literacy club.

Together we achieved this in 14 years.

Please continue to take your gently used books to the pink bin in front of the library.

Help change a child's future.

Join Bishop Gary Gordon
as he celebrates



A Special Mass

in honour of the dedication of those
who work or volunteer in

Health Care

Sunday, April 6, 2025

11:00 am

St. Patrick's Parish

2060 Haultain St, Victoria BC

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

to follow in the Lourdes Hall

Attend in person or participate via livestream at:

www.youtube.com/live/Lt2E0Ihxlw4



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA



Illuminate ²⁰/₂₅

Let His Light Shine

Join us for a one-day youth retreat
as we gather to learn about God's
great love for you!

Saturday,
May 3, 2025

Grades 4-7

St. Joseph's
School
Victoria, BC

Presenters:
NET Ministries



Register
Here!



**THE
UNDER-
LYING
TRUTH**





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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
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

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Ph: 250-590-2555

www.maizefusion.com

Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food



PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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Dr. Matthew Foulkes

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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.



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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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