



## 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  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025



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



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph,

What an incredible week it has been! We didn't rescue any birds, but I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our talented students who participated in our Fine Arts Concert on Wednesday evening. The concert was a spectacular showcase of our school's artistic spirit, featuring outstanding performances by our choir, bands, Irish dancers, Grade 6 French actors and Musical Sr. Act performers. Their dedication, talent, and hard work truly shined on stage, and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

A special thank you goes to our teachers for their inspiring guidance, as well as to the students who poured their hearts into their performances. It was a joy to see the stage come alive with such creativity and enthusiasm – an event that truly celebrated our school's vibrant arts community. Well done Ms. Miranda, Mr. Qu, Mme De Souza, Ms. Higgins, and Mrs. Grange.

I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the amazing parents and volunteers who are working creatively to make our TikiTiki Fun Fair this evening a huge success. Your support, organization, and enthusiasm will create a fun-filled day for our students and families. Events like these strengthen our school community and create wonderful memories for everyone involved. Come out tonight starting at 5 pm. No bouncy castle for me though, I'm still hobbling from a baseball injury.

A special tribute to all of our dads and grandpas who, in the past and present, care, protect, nourish and affirm us to be better people. May they, like St. Joseph, continue to reflect God's goodness, truth and beauty in our lives.

Wishing you all a wonderful Father's Day weekend ahead!

With gratitude,

*Glen Palahicky*

Principal, St. Joseph's School





## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

Students are invited to wear shirts (with uniform bottoms) in one of the four Medicine Wheel colours (red, black, white or yellow) in recognition of National Indigenous History Month.



## SPORTS DAY

Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Students are encouraged to wear civvies in their team colour as directed by their teacher. Please wear sunscreen and bring a water bottle.



## K-6 AWARDS CEREMONY

Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30am



## GRADE 7 GRADUATION MASS

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

All students to wear full uniform please. Families are welcome to attend.



## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Noon dismissal



## LOST & FOUND

Please check the tables in the front hall. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of next week.

## Library News



Hello School Community

The school Library is now closed for the school year. Please return all books to the library. Overdue notices have been emailed to families. Please check your spam to see if a notice inadvertently landed there.

As well, in this newsletter you will find information regarding the Greater Victoria Public Library Summer Program and Contests. This program is a great way to support reading with wonderful

incentives to encourage participation.

At this time, I would like to thank all parents/guardians, students and staff for supporting literacy at St. Joseph's Elementary School. I look forward to introducing new books in the coming school year and hosting another Scholastic Book Fair.

To all, I wish a happy and safe summer.

Mrs. Hemmings dhemmings@cisdv.bc.ca

## NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

Applications are still open until June 21 for the Pastoral Administrator position at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria. This role is vital to supporting and strengthening the community and its service to the people in Gordon Head while it awaits the appointment of a Pastor. The ideal candidate will bring a grounded, spiritual life, supported by theological education and practical experience as a community leader. For more information and how to apply, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>.

On June 20, Broad View United Church (3703 St Aiden's Street, 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. For more information, please contact [SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SJTWYouthGroup@gmail.com)

## The Cast

THEATRE  
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Presents

Anne Shirley  
Marilla Cuthbert  
Matthew Cuthbert  
Gilbert Blythe  
Diana Barry  
Josie Pye  
Miss Stacy  
Mr. Phillips  
Mrs. Rachel Lynde  
Mrs. Spencer  
Mrs. Blewett  
Earl  
Cecil/Station Master  
The Minister  
Malcom Andrews  
Lucilla Harris  
Mrs. MacPherson  
Mrs. Barry  
Mrs. Sloane  
Mrs. Pye  
Prissy Andrews  
Ruby Gillis  
Tilly Boulter  
Gertie Pye  
Moody MacPherson  
Charlie Sloane  
Tommy Sloane  
Gerry Buote

Genevieve Roszmann  
Alison Bendall  
Garrett Clayton  
Kaidyn Robertson  
Kaiya Gibbs  
Paige Roussel  
Maia Niedjalski  
Spencer Ronnenkamp  
Karmen McNamara  
Katie Liebault  
Grace Martin  
Stu Adam  
Rob Friesen  
Laura Simons  
Bear Spry  
Emma Sainte  
Andrea Bugslag  
Zara Rodger  
Ravenna Callejas  
Jas Wong  
Isla Home  
Savannah Morrison  
Elanor Walker Collins  
Chiamaka Okafor  
Laurel Whiteside  
Penelope Mackie  
Griffin Hunt  
Norah Whiteside

### Ensemble

Jennifer Beatty, Jenni Woodcock, Wally Trotter  
Isabella Martin, Payton martin, Kate Payne, Rachel Les,  
Katherine Cerna, Brianna Gilson

## ANNE of Green Gables The Musical

Performances at Esquimalt  
High School Theatre

June 20 @ 7pm  
June 21, 22 @ 2pm







BC SRC Artist: Lauren Achtem

## How the BC Summer Reading Club works:

- Pick up your reading record at any GVPL branch.
- Read (or be read to) for 20 minutes or more each day:
  - Read what you like, in any format, or language.
  - Read anywhere: on holiday, at home, at the beach, etc.
- **Climb the ladder** over 7 weeks as you read! Start at the bottom and see how high you can climb.
  - 1 number - 1 day of reading.
  - 7 numbers - 1 week of reading.
- Come back to the library to collect your weekly sticker and prize at any GVPL branch.
- Repeat until you've completed 7 weeks of reading. Congratulations!

### Weekly prizes

Week 1. Bookmark

Week 2. Eraser

Week 3. Tattoo

Week 4. Enter draw for more awesome prizes!

Week 5. Greater Victoria Active Communities Recreation Centre Passes

Week 6. Book

Week 7. Medal

While supplies last!



Visit [gvpl.ca](http://gvpl.ca) for more information about programs, weekly prizes, and more!  
Explore [bcsrc.ca](http://bcsrc.ca) for more online resources and fun.

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

British Columbia Library Association, CUPE BC, Province of British Columbia  
(through Public Libraries Branch, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs) and IslandLink Library Federation.



Welcome to our Instagram!



We are very happy to  
welcome you

**@st.josephselementary**



# 1000X5

**1000 Books by Age Five**

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

**Please fill our empty bins!**

**360,000 books** in 14 years donated to new homes where they are needed. THANK YOU!!! At this time of the year we prepare an extra supply for the many agencies that send books home with families all summer.

Please do a summer clean of your bookshelves and help another child succeed by having a home library. Take your gently used books **for babies to five year olds** to the pink bin in the school's 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
- The New Mexican Village

### 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.

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

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## Activity & Arts

### Ponies and Paint

Kaitlyn Hendry

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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)



### The New Mexican Village

Cesar Ibarra

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

Ph: 250-590-2555

[mexicanvillage.ca](http://mexicanvillage.ca)

Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food



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## 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

Carolyn Roussel

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

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

[www.eyetiquetteoptical.ca](http://www.eyetiquetteoptical.ca)

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## Photography Services

### Andrea Collins Photography

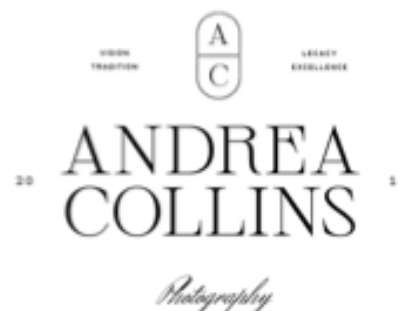
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## Real Estate Services

### 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@qmulussolutions.com](mailto:sales@qmulussolutions.com)

Ph: 250-999-5075

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

Virtual staffing, local recruitment, and technology services.



## Trades & Construction

### Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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