



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 6th, 2025



Living,
CELEBRATING
and Proclaiming
OUR FAITH



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families,

Today was a very Happy Friday for some kids and me! A heartwarming moment unfolded on our school field—one that reminded us all of the beauty of working together for the good of another, no matter how small.

Before school started, a group of seven students noticed a tiny, stranded baby Killdeer bird in the middle of our large field. Alone, unsure, and in danger of being injured, the little bird looked fragile and frightened. Without hesitation, these students acted with compassion and care. Together with me, they gently formed a plan to guide the bird to safety. A student's hand fan became a soft barrier, and my empty coffee mug turned into a temporary nest. With patience, teamwork, and reverence for life, we safely transported the little Killdeer to the edge of the field where its parent was calling nearby.

What struck me most was how naturally these students collaborated. Each offered a helpful voice, a steady hand, a caring heart. There was no debate about who would lead—only a shared understanding that we were doing something good, something life-giving.



In that moment, our school's values came alive: compassion, cooperation, gentleness, and love. This tiny bird became a symbol of what we can accomplish when we work together, not for credit or reward, but simply because it's the right thing to do.

May we all be inspired by this small act of kindness to recognize the opportunities we have each day to bring life, healing, and goodness into our world—together.

With gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's School

LOCAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

Here's the list of LSC members for the 2025/2026 school year.

Thank you for all you do!



Chair: Renita Silva

Secretary: Mary Kimak

Finance: Kian O'Higgins

Uniforms and Marketing: Teresa Evangelou

PSG Liaison: Cristina Campbell

Parish Liaison and ICS Board of Directors Liaison: Brianna Shereck

Buildings and Grounds: Stephen Wauthy

Member at Large: Bonnie Osborne

FINE ARTS NIGHT

Wednesday, June 11th



MARKETPLACE SUCCESS!



On Tuesday our grade 6 and 7 young entrepreneurs sold all kinds of handmade products in St. Joseph's annual marketplace. Between the four classes over \$1000 was raised for charities chosen by the students.

-Kid Sport BC

<https://kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/>

-BC Children's Hospital

<https://www.bcchildrens.ca/>

-Jeneece Place

<https://islandkidsfirst.com/how-we-help/homes-away-from-home/jeneece-place/>

-Fear is Not Love

<https://fearisnotlove.ca>

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

CALLING ALL CAKES FOR THE TIKI TIKI FUN FAIR

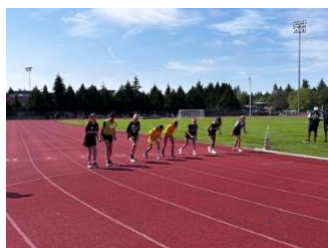
The crazier the better! Cupcakes, big cakes little cakes, whatever you feel like buying or baking! Drop off to the gym between 8:20 am and 5:00 pm on Friday, June 13th.


Candy jars, bags or donations can be dropped off at the office anytime until Friday.



WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

A hop, skip and a jump! Here's some highlights from Wednesday's VISSA Middle School Track and Field City Championships. Congratulations to all of our amazing Timberwolves!



A vibrant yellow poster for a 'Tiki tiki fun fair'. In the top left, a stylized sun with rays contains the text 'Tiki tiki fun fair' in green. In the top right, there is a black and white QR code. The center features a wooden signpost with four directional signs: a red arrow pointing right with 'June 13', a yellow arrow pointing left with '5:00pm-7:30pm', a red arrow pointing right with 'St Josephs School', and a yellow arrow pointing left with 'Volunteers needed'. On the left, a red surfboard is stuck in the sand, with text and a URL written on it. The bottom right corner shows green palm trees. The entire scene is set against a bright yellow background.

Tiki tiki
fun fair



June 13

5:00pm-7:30pm

St Josephs School

Volunteers needed

Sign up
below or by
scanning
the QR code
to make this
even
possible

<https://signup.com/go/tMLYnzG>

TIKI TIKI CANDY PRIZES

Our wheel of chance relies on candy prizes. Help make this game a success by donating candy jars, bags, chocolate with a bow etc... make it as fun or as simple as you wish!

****BONUS****

The class with the highest number of donations will win a freezie day if their own!



TEKE TEKE FUN FAIR

PRE-ORDER AND SAVE!

Wrist bands \$20pp

(Unlimited play)

Local Pizza (Large) + 4 pop/water \$35

Pre
order
by June
6th

STJOSEPHS.HOTLUNCHES.NET

Day of pricing

***Wrist bands \$25pp**

***Pizza by the slice \$5**

***Pop/Bottled water \$1**

***Gatorade \$2**

***Chips \$1**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GREAT
BEACH FUN

READING
AT THE CABIN

BOOKS LIGHT
UP THE MIND

Summer Scholastic Book Fair

June 9-12


M, T, W, Th

2:40-4:00 pm

**St. Joseph's Elementary
School Library**

Volunteer Opportunities Available.
Please see the newsletters for more information or

✉ dhemmings@cisdv.bc.ca



☐ LOST

☒ FOUND

PLEASE RSVP TO
EAMOS@CISDV.BC.CA

**Looking for PPP hours?
We would appreciate
help from two parent
volunteers to organize
and display lost and
found items the week of
June 9-13.
There's lots to be found!**

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association invites you to a special webinar to discuss the current situation in Ethiopia. Many communities are facing extreme hardship, particularly in the regions where CNEWA is actively working to provide support. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, June 11 from 9-10 am Pacific Time, and can be accessed at this link: <https://bit.ly/3SmaIl6>

Catholic Foundation of Vancouver Island is holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday, June 19 at 1:00 pm at the Pastoral Centre in Victoria (4044 Nelthorpe St). All are welcome to attend.

The Diocese is seeking a Pastoral Administrator for Holy Cross Parish in Victoria, to maintain and grow the community and its service to the people of Gordon Head while it awaits the appointment of a Pastor. The successful applicant 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>. Applications must be received by June 21.

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

The Cast

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

THEATRE
al dente
Presents

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 for more information about programs, weekly prizes, and more!
Explore 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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DIOCESE OF VICTORIA



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

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- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

Technology Services

- Qmulus

Trades & Construction

- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Activity & Arts

Ponies and Paint

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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

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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

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Chinese Food (Hillside Shopping Center)



The New Mexican Village

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Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food



PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Health & Wellness

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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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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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