



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
September 5th, 2025

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph's,

Welcome Back and thank you for all your support and cooperation ensuring a smooth start to our new school year! All staff have worked diligently over these weeks to create a welcoming environment, helping each child settle in and feel at ease. We had a mini assembly on Thursday where we received a special blessing from Fr. Alfie and learned how PENCILS can teach us something. Yes, we can learn a lot not just *with* but *from* our pencils! Like a pencil we all need to place ourselves into our teacher's hands to learn. A spirit of trust and openness is the key to learning. Mistakes will happen but the "pencil erasers" of *problem solving* and *forgiveness* fixes things. A pencil's inside is more important than its outside, as is ours. Furthermore, to be our best version we all need to be sharpened occasionally by discipline, guidance and love here at school and in our families. This year let's trust that God wants to write something special with our lives. Help us Author of All, to be better pencils for You.

This year promises to be a good and blessed one.



Traffic Safety

We want to remind all parents and guardians to prioritize traffic safety during drop-off and pick-up times. Please observe speed limits, follow designated traffic patterns, and ensure that students are safely entering and exiting vehicles. Your cooperation is vital in keeping our children safe! Patience and proper zipper merging goes a long way.

Prayers Requested

We keep Ms. Ellen Russell, our admin assistant, in our prayers as she recovers from a health concern and hopes to return, God willing, next week! Your patience is appreciated as we adjust this week with her absence.

Zen & Brian Garcia, ask for prayers for their 10-year-old son and St. Joseph student, Zian, who needs a living kidney donor (Blood Type O). If you feel called to help, please contact them at 250-589-8945. Please keep Zian and his family in your prayers and help spread the word. Read their message <https://bit.ly/3JBc36w>

With Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary

CROSS COUNTRY



The 2025 Cross Country season is here! Cross Country is open to Grades 3 – 7. We will be running practices on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:00am starting this Tuesday, Sept. 9th. Our first race will be on Monday, September 15th at Windsor Park. Students who are interested in joining Cross Country will be bringing home an information/permission form this week.

If you have any questions please feel free to email either **Coach Fallow – jfallow@cisdv.bc.ca or Coach Whiteside – lwhiteside@cisdv.bc.ca**
Go Timberwolves!

SJV Ultimate Frisbee Team



We welcome any students in grades 6 & 7 interested in checking out Ultimate Frisbee to join Mrs. MacNeill & Mrs. Amos at our first practice on Tuesday, Sept. 9th. Please return permission forms prior to attending practice.

Practices will be held Tues. & Thurs., 2:45–3:30.
Jamborees will be:
–Wed. Sept. 17th
–Wed. Sept. 24th
–Wed. Oct. 1st
*Locations TBA



LATES AND ABSENCES

A friendly reminder to please contact the office and/or your child's classroom teacher if they will be away. Unexcused absences must be reported and followed up on, so we really appreciate your cooperation.

Email: sjv@cisdv.bc.ca Office: 250-479-1232



FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

Verification sheets were sent home with students today and are due back in the office by Monday, Sept 15th.

This information helps us stay up to date with current information so we may contact you in the event of illness or emergency. Once completed, please attach \$10 per to the form or e transfer to sjv@cisdv.bc.ca.



Last school year, Mrs. Hendry and her grade two class visited with the residents at Broadmead Lodge throughout the year. These special visits sparked moments of purpose, joy and friendship between generations, reminding us all of the power of community. Following Jesus' call to love one another, the students shared His compassion in a beautiful and tangible way. Thank you, Mrs. Hendry & students, for sharing this kindness and generous gift of your time and presence!

You can read Broadmead Lodge's newsletter sharing this and other news here: [Moments Newsletter, Fall 2025](#)

Homework Club

Grades 4-7

Tuesdays & Thursdays

**When? Beginning Sept. 16
After school from 2:40-3:10**

**Where? In the Learning Support Room,
In the Primary Wing**

Intermediate students can bring work to do and come prepared to work quietly. Teachers will be there to assist as needed. There is no need to sign up to attend Homework Club! We hope to see many students in attendance this year!



FRESH FOR KIDS FRUITS, VEGETABLES & HEALTHY SNACKS!

OUR STUDENTS WILL ONCE AGAIN HAVE ACCESS TO A HEALTHY SNACK SUPPLEMENT, SHOULD THEY FORGET A SNACK ON A GIVEN DAY. PLEASE REVIEW THE CONSENT FORM THAT WILL COME HOME SOON, ONLY RETURNING IT IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO ACCESS THIS PROGRAM.

FUNDING COURTESY OF FISA'S FEEDING FUTURES FUNDING,
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE



We are once again making Timberwolves Athletic T-shirts, your child (Gr. 3-7only) may wear this shirt or training and at all athletic events. **The cost per t-shirt is \$24. One response per t-shirt, by Sept. 10th.** Payment is due upon submitting the form. **Please etransfer (24\$ per t-shirt) to the OFFICE: svj@cisdv.bc.ca**

If needed , you can pay at the office by cash/cheque. Forms will also come home so fill it, attach 24\$ and return to the teacher. Please direct any questions about the order to Marta Dumas at dumas4kids@gmail.com

Link to form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCwiwBmo9pusX2BVvQqq-cwMoMf4dklAffAshpUljUmGm8fw/viewform?usp=dialog>

Timberwolves Hoodies

Please go to the link below and complete the form and submit by September 17, 2025. One response (one hoodie) per form. Payment is due upon submitting the form. This year you will have the choice of a zip up or pull over hoodie. The cost per hoodie is \$36. Please e-transfer your payment, including your child's name to sjv-psg@cisdv.bc.ca.

Link to form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIVC7fms7oabtO3MYr7TxPGmkXd0a7NHUIpx3-uXpKbnD1eg/viewform?usp=dialog>

Uniform and School Supplies Reminder

As a reminder, please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate school uniform each day. This helps promote a sense of community and belonging. You will see attached pictures of what is expected; please support us by checking what your child is wearing each morning. Additionally, please check that your child has all necessary school supplies. A complete list can be found on our school website.

We will switch over to our winter uniform after Thanksgiving.

Girls'



Boys'



EVENTS 2025

UPCOMING

SEP

4

X-COUNTRY TEAM
MEETING IN GYM

SEP

5

RUGBY TEAM
MEETING IN 7W
SOCCER TEAM
MEETING IN 4A
ULTIMATE TEAM
MEETING IN GYM

SEP

12

GRADES 4 & 5
SOCCER JAMBOREE

SEP

25

TERRY FOX RUN!

THE WOLF DEN



**THE FIRST PSG MEETING
IS ON TUESDAY, SEPT 9 AT
6:30PM**



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**

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All cars entering the parking lot are to proceed down the entrance way and following the arrow as indicated below. (see pic) Drive slow!

Parents then drop off/ pick up their student(s) at the drop-off lane. Please try to pull up towards the flagpole area before dropping of your children.

The inside lane is for through traffic flow; vehicles should not be intentionally stopped there. Parents MUST turn RIGHT on Burnside Road

If parents are entering the parking lot by the entrance by the Rectory (brown house), they must proceed straight and then LEFT to the drop-off lane. THERE IS NO GOING THROUGH THE PARKING STALLS TO GET TO THE EXIT! Please zipper merge (take turns) with traffic coming into the main flow from the church area. We need EVERYONE'S cooperation with our traffic challenges; it is what it is. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

