

St. Joseph's Catholic School
757 West Burnside Rd. - Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9

Newsletter
October 23rd, 2025

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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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Josephs,



As autumn leaves begin to swirl and the air turns crisp, our school community is buzzing with excitement for the Halloween Howl tonight—our annual celebration of fun, creativity, and community. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every student, parent, and friend of St. Joseph's who helps make this event a special time and a good fundraiser. Your collaboration and generosity are the fabric of our school community. We remind folks that Halloween can bring out images and activities that are inappropriate and antithetical to St. Joseph's values. We trust there will be prudence, respect and sensitivity to these values and that students (and adults) will not be wearing inappropriate costumes.

Furthermore, on the theme of Halloween and keeping things appropriate and safe, we have a planned Halloween safety assembly coming up next Wednesday, featuring our liaison officer, Const. Omoding and Firemen, who will share practical tips for staying safe. They will remind your children about:

- Wearing costumes that are comfortable and easy to move in
- Travel safety on sidewalks and crosswalks
- Checking treats for age-appropriate snacks and avoiding foods that may cause allergies
- Being kind, inclusive, and respectful to all

We encourage families to discuss Halloween safety at home and reinforce our school expectations about respectful behavior and responsible choices.

Tomorrow is a Professional Development Day for our staff who will be sharpening their saws and working at being better in their profession. Some are attending online workshops and others heading over to Vancouver for some worthwhile conferences in their areas of speciality or interest.

Lastly, we continue to wish the Blue Jays all the success they deserve. Go Jays Go!

With Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary



PRO D DAY
Friday, October 24
School is closed



HALLOWEEN HOWL

Date: Thursday, October 23
Time: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Location: Gym and Lower Church Hall

It's time to Howl! Join us for an evening of games, food and spooky fun!
Wristbands are \$25 and tickets are \$1 each (tickets are for food and glow station).

Please note that the main school building will be locked. Please park and walk around to the gym entrance at the back of the school.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, October 29

Constable Alex will be at the school for an assembly focused on have a spooky, fun and most importantly safe celebration. Please ask your children what they learned!



HALLOWEEN COLOURS CIVVIES DAY

Friday, October 31

Students are invited to Halloween themed colours and clothes, but no costumes please.



ST. JOSEPH'S PURDY'S CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1982987-131275>

Get a head start on Christmas shopping and treats for all while supporting our school!
The deadline for orders is Friday, November 7th at midnight. After that, no other orders will be taken. Parents can pickup their orders on Friday, November 28th between 2-3pm by the school entrance.

Any questions, contact Monique at monique.les85@gmail.com.

GRADE 6 & 7

Basketball TEAMS

**Basketball
Season is Here!**

Information letters and permission forms have gone home and practices start next week for the boys, and the following week for the girls!

Boys

Gr. 6 Boys:

7:45am - Oct 15

Gr. 7 Boys:

2:40pm - Oct 16

First

Practices

Girls

2:40pm - Oct 21



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!

FALL SPORTS PRACTICES

Schedule	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before School	Gr. 6 Boys Basketball (7:45-8:30)	Jr. Dance (7:40-8:30)	Prim. Dance (7:40-8:30)	Sr. Dance (7:40-8:30)	
Lunch Recess		Jazz Dance (11:55-12:25)	Gr. 6 Boys Basketball (8:00-8:30)		
After School	Gr. 7 Boys Basketball (2:40-3:30)	Girls Basketball (2:40-3:30)	Girls Basketball (2:40-3:30)	Gr. 7 Boys Basketball (2:40-3:30)	

THE WOLF DEN

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE GRADE 7 GRAD

Would your business like to donate a service or an item?

Do you know someone who owns a restaurant who would like to donate and support our cause?

Do you have any new items at home that you are not needing?



HOW YOU CAN HELP!

The Grade 7 Parents Grad Committee is compiling a silent auction fundraiser to benefit graduation activities, namely, overnight at Camp Imadene and graduation day celebrations.

We would appreciate donations of any sort; These items will be posted online, via a silent auction platform, where our school and parish community will browse and bid on donated items. This auction will be shared further with friends and families of St. Joseph's school.

We are hoping Grade 7 parents help acquire these auction items! Please seek donations through your circles, acquaintances and associates, friends, and families, whomever you deem appropriate.

Our plan is to run this auction for two weeks around November to mid-December 2025. We would like to gather items as soon as possible and we will use the following platform www.32auctions.com. The silent auction site details will be announced closer to our goal live date, which will be early December.

Examples of items:

- *New retail items*
- *Business services*
- *Gift cards for restaurants and grocery stores*
- *Unwanted plane tickets to Bali or Italy*
- *Hotel stays, experiences, and event tickets*

Success and funds raised depends on your help!

Please see our attached letter to help with interest and obtaining support/donations.

Questions/collection items. Please reach out to Andrea Collins - awalkercollins@gmail.com

MONTHLY *Bake Sale*

First Friday of each month
with items sold for \$1 or \$2.

Classroom teachers will be
sent info prior to your class'
scheduled sale day.

Grade 7 - Oct 3rd

Grade 6 - Nov 7th

Grade 5 - Dec 5th

Grade 4 - Jan 9th

Grade 3 - Feb 6th

Grade 2 - Mar 6th

Grade 1 - Apr 10th

Kindergarten - May 1st



*A fundraiser for kids
enrichment*



Grads 2026

FUNDRAISER



Hot chocolate 2\$

Coffee 3\$

Cookie 1\$

Get yourself a coffee and a treat to go
while supporting our grade 7's!

WEDNESDAY'S - 8 TO 9 AM

St Joseph's Grads Committee



AND PONIES & PAINT NIGHTS

PRESENT

TRICK OR TROT



**OCTOBER
25TH
10AM - 12PM**

**\$16 PER PERSON
FREE FOR KIDS UNDER 5
\$50 PER FAMILY (UP TO
4 MEMBERS)***

**REGISTER
ONLINE AT
VTRA.CA**



VTRA BARN - 6917 VEYANESS ROAD, SAANICHTON



CRAFT ACTIVITIES - HORSE BINGO - TREATS - PHOTO - BARN TOUR

*50% of the profit will go towards supporting VTRA's Equine-Assisted Services.

COME IN COSTUME!

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

On the evening of October 30 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Victoria (4635 Elk Lake Drive), join members of the Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Dialogue and the Anglican-Roman Catholic Bishops' Dialogue (ARC/ARC-B), together with local representatives from the Anglican, Catholic, and Lutheran communities of the Victoria area, for a thoughtful panel discussion on the soon-to-be-published text "Theologies of Church Apologies". The evening will begin at 7:00 pm with prayer, followed by a panel discussion exploring key themes from the document and an open conversation with participants. A reception will follow.

Youth in grades 7–12 are invited to the annual Diocese of Victoria Camp Homewood Retreat, taking place from January 30 to February 1, 2026, at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. This year's theme is "Blessed Are You." The cost is \$195 per participant, which includes all food, accommodation, and activities. Registration opens November 1, 2025, at: <https://camp-homewood-2025.eventbrite.ca>. For more information, please contact: stpatrickhw@gmail.com

Rachel's Vineyard on Vancouver Island offers safe and confidential retreats for women and men seeking healing and peace after abortion. To learn more, please email rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com or visit <https://www.rachelsvineyardvanisland.org/>

The Serra Club in formation, a Catholic lay organization dedicated to promoting and supporting vocations, meets every last Tuesday of the month in different parishes. Their October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 28th at Our Lady of Fatima (4635 Elk Lake Drive, Victoria). Mass for vocations will start at 6:00pm, and will be followed by a talk by Fr. Eduardo Santos. After the talk, all are invited to stay for treats and fellowship, a chance to connect, share, and learn more about how you can encourage and support vocations in the Church. For more information about Serra Club, please email: victoria@serrainternational.org



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



HOLY MASS FOR ALL SOULS

Celebrant, Rev. Eduardo da Silva Santos

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Rosary at 9:00 am – Mass at 9:30 am

ROYAL OAK MAUSOLEUM

at

**ROYAL OAK BURIAL PARK
4673 FALAISE DRIVE**

*'May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace.'*

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

2025 FALL & WINTER

A Simply Smashing

GOOD USED CLOTHING SALE

FRI NOV 14
+ SAT NOV 15
9:30 - 2pm

*The event
of the year!*



Special Kiosks

AMAZING
JEWELRY



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



FRESH
HOUSEHOLD LINENS



Offering a large
selection of Men,
Women, and
Children's clothing
and accessories
(yes shoes too!)

SOME OF THE CHARITIES WE SUPPORT ARE: African Heritage Assoc., Anawim House, ANCOD (Answering the Cry of the Poor), Birthright, Development and Peace, Coady International, Missions in Canada and abroad, Mount St. Mary Hospital, Oak Bay Volunteer Service Society, St. Patrick's/St. Andrew's Schools and Student Bursaries, St. Vincent de Paul - Rosalie's Village, Sanctuary Youth Centre, Sandy Merriman House, The Soup Kitchen, Threshold Housing Society, as well as church needs.



St. Patrick's Parish Centre 2060 Haultain St. (Parking and Wheelchair Accessible)



In-Person MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime

JOIN US:

Date: Sat. Nov 15 & Sat. Nov 22, 2025*

Time: 10:00 am–4:00 pm

Location: Holy Trinity

6234 Spartan Road, Nanaimo

Cost: \$125 per couple - includes course materials, lunch, and snacks during the in-person sessions

***Both days must be attended to receive a Certificate of Completion**

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Catholic Marriage
- Children/Fruitfulness
- Sexuality/Intimacy
- Personality & Marriage
- Communication/Conflict Resolution
- Spirituality
- Wedding History & Liturgy
- Financial Management



Scan the QR code or register at:

<https://in-person-marriage-prep-nov-2025.eventbrite.ca>

A remote /zoom option is also available

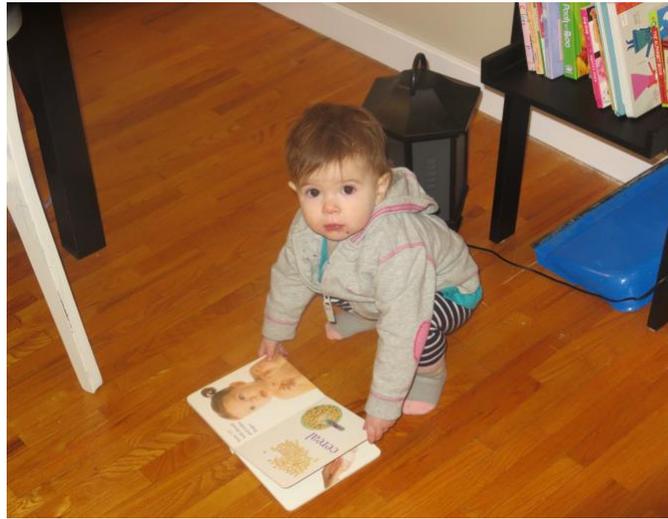
For more information, please contact the
Diocese of Victoria Marriage Office at: 250-479-1331
or email: marriageprep@rcdvictoria.org



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

1000X5 Books Part of October Fun

Wee Ones Need Your Books



As you prepare for the end of the month celebrations with fun costumes and food, can you find a minute to locate 3 gently used books for babies and toddlers and drop them off in the pink bin in front of the library. These books will entertain and enrich wee ones long after the October fun has ended **365,000 books in 15 years!!** **Thank you.**

Find hope and healing at **Rachel's Vineyard:**
A safe, confidential retreat for women &
men seeking peace after abortion.



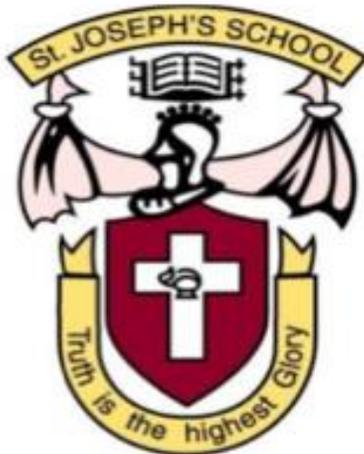
Find out more:
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PARENT COMMUNITY

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.

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)



The New Mexican Village

Cesar Ibarra

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Ph: 250-590-2555

mexicanvillage.ca

Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food



PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



Health & Wellness

Chatterton Way Dental

Dr. Matthew Foulkes

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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.



Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Carolin Roussel

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

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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

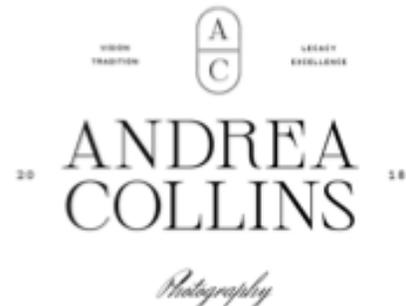
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Michelle & Lee Kamaretsos

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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!



Technology Services

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Virtual staffing, local recruitment, and technology services.



Trades & Construction

Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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Plumbing repair/service, renovations, gas and cross connection device install/testing

