

St. Joseph's Catholic School

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

Newsletter
November 14th, 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. Joseph's,

This week our school gathered for a meaningful Remembrance Day assembly as shared in last week's newsletter. I am incredibly proud of our students' exemplary display of respect and attentiveness throughout the ceremony, even in the midst of some technical difficulties. From the moment our military guests arrived to the closing moments of reflection, our students listened with care as we honored those who have served.

Thank you to families for guiding conversations at home about memory, sacrifice, and gratitude. A special thanks to the teachers and staff for modeling reverence and helping students feel a part of this solemn ceremony.

We look forward to a thoughtful and reflective time next week with our diocesan faith day and professional development that will focus on active silence, led by Dr. Erin Barisano, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in Orange County Anaheim. This faith day/professional development aims to deepen our shared commitment to contemplation, inner peace, and spiritual practices that nurture faith, care and well-being in our school community.

Contemplation and inner peace are not steps away from our day-to-day life but a steady, living practice that strengthens faith and character. As a school community, we are committed to:

- Providing time for quiet reflection at the start and end of activities.
- Encouraging students to name and share what helps them feel calm, safe, and connected.
- Integrating brief mindfulness and prayerful moments appropriate to our shared values.
- Respecting diverse faith expressions while focusing on universal themes of kindness, peace, and service.

These days will bring together all of our ICS schools' staff as well as diocesan workers throughout the island. It will be a blessed time of sharpening the saw, lifting our spirits and forming our hearts to be better teachers, leaders and servants to one another.

Thank you for taking your kids and allowing us this special time together.

With Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary



****Mr. P's Safety Reminder:**
Please wait until you are in the drop off lane in front of the school to have your children leave the vehicle.



PRO-D DAYS
Thursday, Nov. 20th
Friday, Nov. 21*

School and Out of School Care will be closed both these days.



CALL FOR CARDBOARD

Lion King Jr Costume Team is looking for large pieces of cardboard/foamboard. If you have any TV boxes or appliance boxes, they would love to take them off your hands! You can drop off at the office or to Mrs. Whiteside's room. Thank you in advance!



LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY?

Grade 7 classes will be completing a service project and are looking for cardboard toilet paper rolls and your extra Halloween candy. These will be used to create Christmas Crackers for St Vincent de Paul as a festive addition to their Christmas meals. Please send these items in with your child and have them dropped off at the office or either of the Grade 7 classroom.



Grade 7 classes are also in need of Christmas wrapping paper and curly ribbon for their Christmas Crackers outreach program. Donations can be sent to the grade 7 classrooms or the office. Thank you so much!



DRYING RACK DESIRED

Ms. Buckie's class is looking for a collapsible drying rack for our wet Muddy Buddies. If you have one that is no longer needed in your home please contact Ms. Buckie at cbuckie@cisdv.bc.ca. Ms. Buckie and her muddy kiddos thank you very much!!

Scholastic Christmas Book Fair Volunteering

Why be a Book Fair volunteer?

- Because literacy matters.

When?

- December 1, 2 & 4 – 2:30-4:00 pm
- December 3rd – 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Jobs?

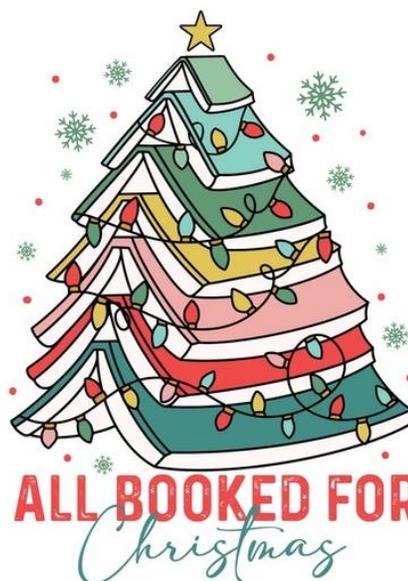
- Helping at the cash desk
- Crowd control

Benefits?

- Meeting other members of our school community
- Earning volunteer hours
- Supporting the school Library
- Get your Christmas shopping done early

Who to contact?

- Mrs. Hemmings dhemmings@cisdv.bc.ca
- Please state which day(s) you are available.



REMEMBRANCE DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to all St Joseph's students who together wrote over 300 Postcards of Peace to send to deployed Canadian Forces Members that are serving overseas. This community project makes a small impact in the lives of these military members who sacrifice for our peace, well done Timberwolves!

Wreath bearers honouring our veterans and fallen.



Thank you to our guest speaker Capt (N) Kevin Whiteside and the other service member who shared their military experiences with classes.



A display of Remembrance day artwork.



Grade 6 French student performing, Je suis un enfant de paix Tableaux.



2H made peace crowns with their preschool buddies.



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) Swim Practice (2:45-4:30)	

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

13 benefits of reading aloud:



1. Develops language skills
2. Improves listening comprehension
3. Increases attention span
4. Builds vocabulary
5. Exposes the child to good grammar
6. Exposes the child to new experiences and information
7. Stimulates the imagination
8. Stimulates brain development
9. Promotes critical thinking skills
10. Creates a bond between the child and the reader
11. Builds confidence and self-esteem
12. Teaches values
13. *It's fun!*

Read it LOUD!™

www.readitloud.org

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

This is the last weekend to purchase tickets for *Carols of Hope – Together We Build*. This joyful Christmas music festival will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 1:00–3:30 pm at Coastline Church (845 Caledonia Ave, Victoria). This event supports the construction of the new Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Langford and will feature an afternoon of uplifting music and community celebration. For details and tickets, visit <https://www.carolsofhope.com/>

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

The Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee has released two resources for families before and after a loved one dies and enters eternal life. A limited number of copies will soon be available at your parish offices upon request. Digital and downloadable copies of the *A Catholic Perspective: What Family Members Need to Know Before and After a Loved One Enters Eternal Life* resources are available on the Diocesan website here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/care-of-the-dying>

St. Andrew's Regional High School Music Department is hosting "Coffee House," a live performance featuring the St. Andrew's Singers, concert and jazz bands, and many talented solo artists. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm at St. Andrew's Regional High School (880 McKenzie Ave, Victoria). Tickets are \$10 at the door.



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: SJTWYYouthGroup@gmail.com

St. Andrew's Regional High School
Music Department

COFFEE HOUSE



LIVE PERFORMANCE

**Music by St. Andrew's Singers, Concert &
Jazz Bands plus many talented solo artists**

**Tickets \$10 at the door
Wednesday November 19th at 7 PM**

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, ANCOF (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.

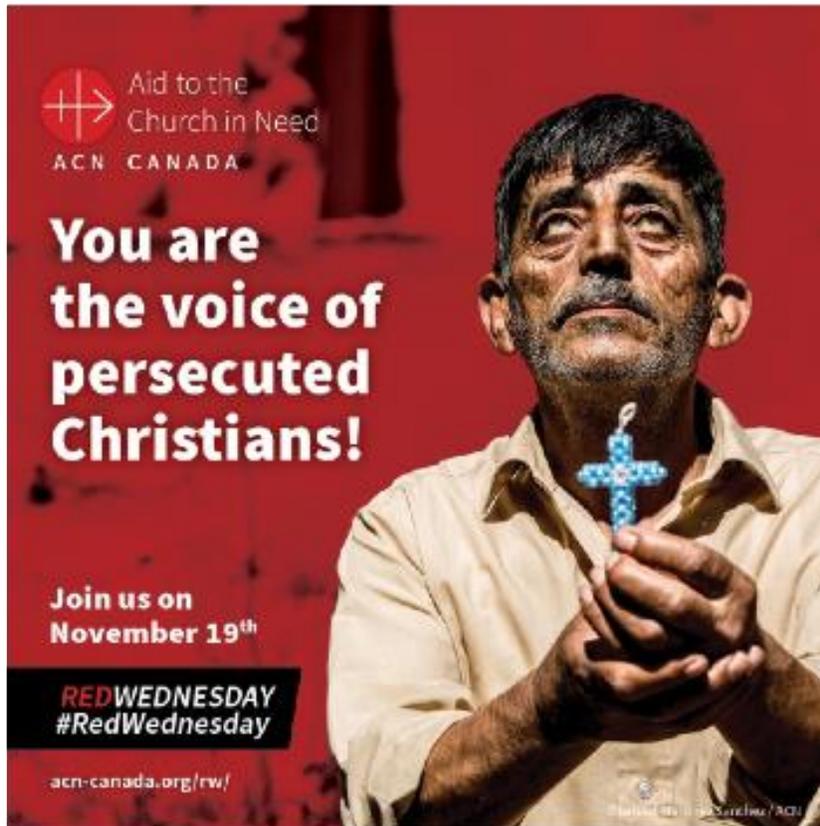


St. Patrick's Parish Centre 2060 Haultain St. (Parking and Wheelchair Accessible)

Red Wednesday – November 19, 2025

As a Catholic and Pontifical Charity, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is especially concerned with poor, oppressed, and persecuted Christians.

Red Wednesday is an event aimed at highlighting the persecution and injustice suffered by Christians, while promoting respect and tolerance between people of different religions. We want people to take a stand for their faith, and more broadly, for religious freedom.



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN CANADA

**You are
the voice of
persecuted
Christians!**

Join us on
November 19th

REDWEDNESDAY
#RedWednesday

acn-canada.org/rw/

Pontifical Charity / ACN



THE ACTIVE SILENCE

DIOCESAN
FAITH DAY

“Finding Stillness for Leadership and Service”

Speaker & Panellist:

Dr. Erin Barisano

Superintendent of Catholic Schools
in the Diocese of Orange, CA

Panellist:

Kathryn Lacerte

General Manager of the Moose
Hide Campaign

DATE: November 22, 2025

MASS: 9:00 am–10:00 am

Sacred Heart Parish
(4040 Nelthorpe St, Victoria)

SPEAKER: 10:00 am–3:00 pm

St. Andrew's Regional High School
(880 McKenzie Ave, Victoria)

The Active Silence invites you to embrace rest and reflection during this Jubilee Year of Hope, learning to find inner stillness that deepens faith and renews your commitment to mission.

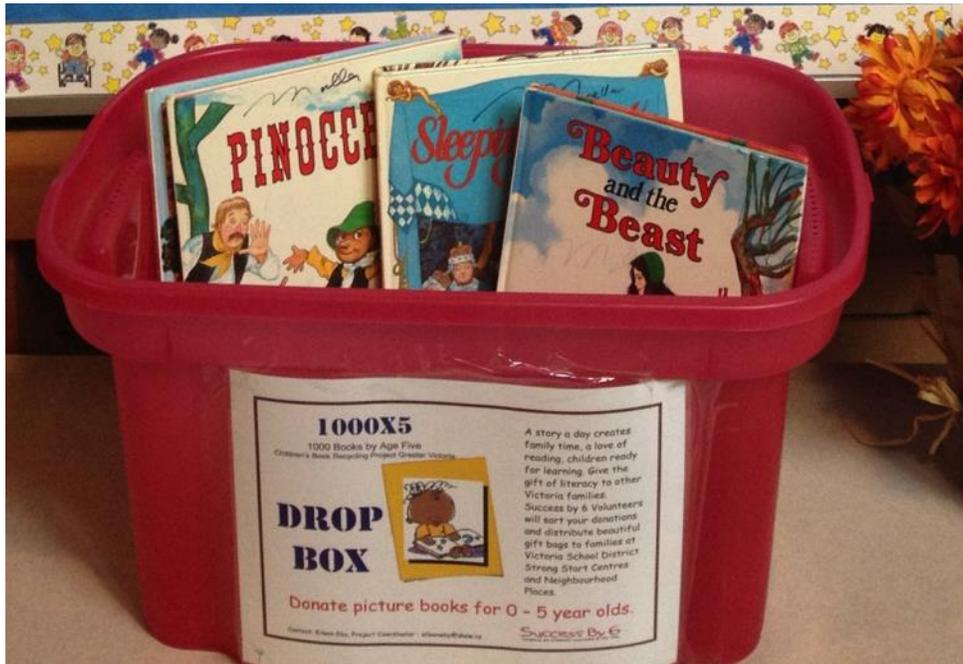
All are welcome to attend!

Register here: <https://diocesan-faith-day-2025.eventbrite.ca>



3 Books = 1 Gift

Help with a literacy gift for others



This is the beginning month of the three book challenge. As we head into the holiday season, many families appreciate a bit of help with gifts. Every month 1000X5 pops 3000 books in 1000 gift bag: three books for each receiving child.

If each child in St. Joseph's Elementary School brought in 3 gently used books for babies and preschoolers, we would collect 1137 books, enough for gift bags of books to 379 children. **Let's make it happen.**

Drop books for babies and preschoolers off in the pink bin in front of the library.

Find hope and healing at **Rachel's Vineyard:**

A safe, confidential retreat for women & men seeking peace after abortion.



Find out more:

www.rachelsvineyardvanisland.org

rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com



Christmas Concert

Carols of Hope



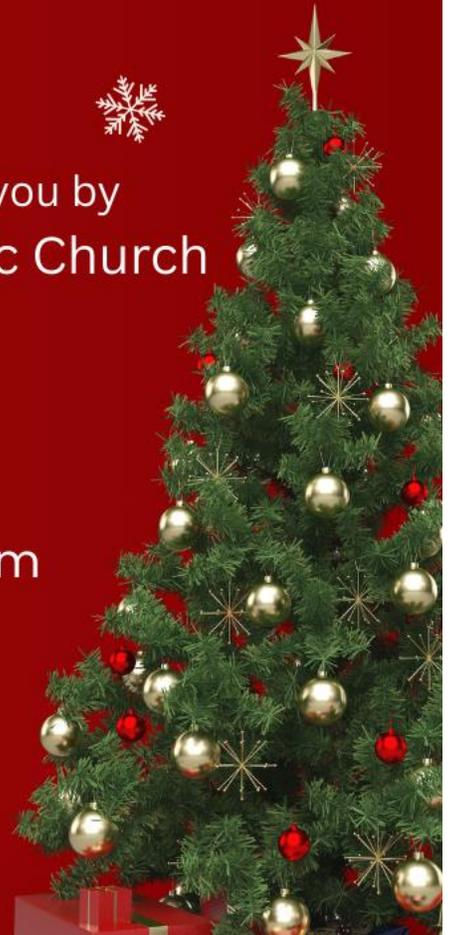
November 22 ✨ 1:00 to 3:30 PM ✨ 845 Caledonia Ave



A fundraising concert brought to you by
Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church



For tickets:
www.carolsofhope.com





ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

Blessed Are You

A WEEKEND OF KNOWING JESUS
THROUGH FAITH, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP



Camp Homewood

1291 W. Rd, Heriot Bay, Quadra Island

Dates:

- Jan 30–Feb 1, 2026
(3:30 pm–11:00 am)

Register today:

- <https://camp-homewood-2025.eventbrite.ca>

Cost:

- \$195

Contact:

- stpatrickhw@gmail.com



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

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- Chatterton Way Dental
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- Andrea Collins Photography

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- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

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- Qmulus

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- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Food & Beverage

Kung Pao Wok

Ankie Leung

kungpaowok_victoria@yahoo.ca

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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



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