

St. Joseph's Catholic School

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Newsletter
November 7th, 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,

On Monday the devoted staff and thoughtful students of St. Joseph's will gather for a special, meaningful Remembrance Day Assembly in preparation for the important holiday on Tuesday. We will take time to appropriately honor the brave courage and selfless sacrifice of those who have valiantly served our country and paid the ultimate price. It's an opportunity for deeper, contemplative reflection on the timeless importance of peace in our wide world and in our wounded hearts. Through moving music, gentle silence, poignant poetry, uplifting song, earnest prayer and the gracious presence of our military guests: Captain Kevin Whiteside, Master Corporal Vee Chandrakanth and Petty Officer First Class Steven Donegan our students will be led deeper into the profound significance of Remembrance Day. Representatives from each class will experience reverent laying down of wreaths to honor, remember and respect the noble men and women who gave their lives in defense of peace and democracy.

It is our hopeful aim that this assembly will not only honor the valued past but also inspire our students to understand the enduring value of peace and the essential importance of standing against conflict in the world and on the playground.

I hope all families are able to spend this upcoming holiday honoring and remembering the countless sacrifices of so many, celebrating joyful, quality family time and making earnest efforts in becoming better, kinder peacemakers.

Thank you for your continued support in forming the whole child.

With Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary



*Loose parts poppy explorations
by KN*



REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Monday, November 10th

We invite students who belong to youth organizations—such as Cadets, Guides, Scouts, etc. to proudly wear their uniforms.

Students will be given poppies to wear. Donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund are welcome but not required.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tuesday, November 11th

School is closed.



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.



ST. JOSEPH'S PURDYS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN

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

TODAY is the last call for Purdys orders!

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. If parents are unable to pickup at the scheduled time, they can email Monique

at monique.les85@gmail.com to coordinate an alternate pickup plan. I.e: drop an order off at after school care. Otherwise, any orders not picked up will be held at the office.



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!!



NEWS FROM THE PSG

PSG MICROSITE NOW LIVE!

This easy-to-access page is your one-stop spot for PSG updates for upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, fundraising campaigns, and meetings. We encourage families to bookmark it and check back often for the latest information and ways to get involved.

 Visit the **PSG Microsite**

HALLOWEEN HOWL FEEDBACK

Thank you to all the families who joined us for this year's Halloween Howl! Your enthusiasm made the night such a success. Whether you attended or weren't able to make it, we'd love to hear your thoughts. Please take a few minutes to share your feedback. Your input helps us plan even more fun, family-friendly events in the future.

 Take the **Halloween Howl Feedback Survey**



THANK YOU!

A massive thank you goes out to Parul and Harish Sharma, local pharmacy owners and parents of one of our wonderful Kindergarten students, for their incredible support of the St. Joseph's staff this week!

Parul and Harish volunteered their resources to host a convenient flu and COVID-19 vaccination clinic here at the school on Tuesday. Their thoughtful efforts allowed many staff members to easily get their "jabs."

We deeply appreciate this commitment to our well-being. This convenience will go a long way in helping our team stay healthy and fit throughout the upcoming flu season. Thank you, Parul and Harish, for being such generous partners in our community!

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?

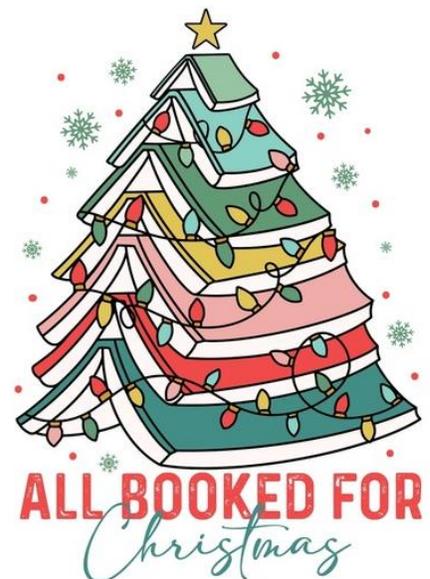
- Helping at the cash desk
- Crowd control

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.



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

EVENTS 2025

UPCOMING

NOV
11 REMEMBRANCE
DAY - NO GIRLS
BASKETBALL

NOV
13 GR. 7 BOYS
BASKETBALL GAME
IN THE WOLF DEN!

NOV
13 GR. 6 BOYS
BASKETBALL GAME
@ LANSDOWNE MS

NOV
18 GIRLS BASKETBALL
GAME @ PCS

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

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Duncan is seeking a part-time office assistant/receptionist for 16.5 hours per week. The candidate will be the welcoming face of the parish, providing reception and office administrative services in various clerical capacities. A complete job description may be found on the St. Edward's Parish website: <https://stedwardsduncan.com/news>

On Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Bishop Gary will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance for the clergy and religious who served in our Diocese who have died in the past year. The Mass will be held at noon; all are invited to participate, either in person at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria (740 View St), or via the Diocesan livestream at: <https://youtube.com/live/2CT0a1AGN1g?feature=share>

Pope Leo XIV has released his message to young people for the 40th World Youth Day 2025. This year's celebration will take place on November 23, 2025, the Solemnity of Christ the King, with the theme: "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (Jn 15:27). Read the Holy Father's full message here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/youth/documents/20251007-messaggio-xl-gmg.html>

On November 21, the Esquimalt United Church (500 Admirals Road) 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.

Mount St. Mary Hospital will host its annual Christmas Market on Saturday, November 29th, from 10:00 am–2:30 pm at 861 Fairfield Road. Browse local vendors offering handmade gifts, baked goods, plants, Christmas décor, and more—plus enjoy live entertainment and a White Elephant Sale. Admission is free—everyone is welcome!



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

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:

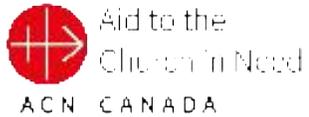
<https://in-person-marriage-prep-nov-2025.eventbrite.ca>

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



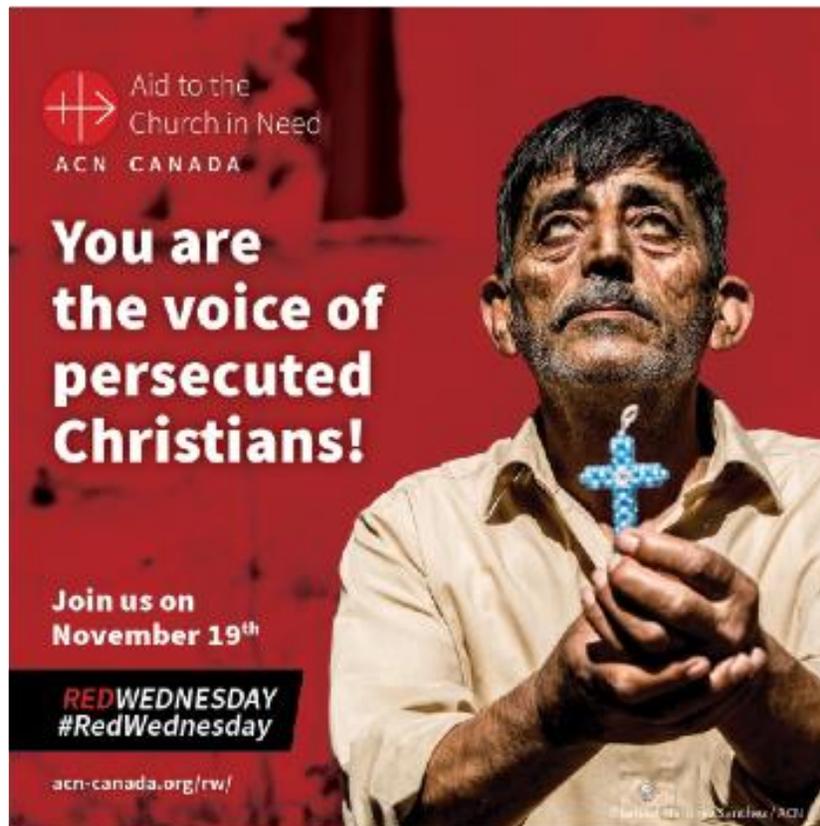
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DIOCESE OF VICTORIA



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.





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.

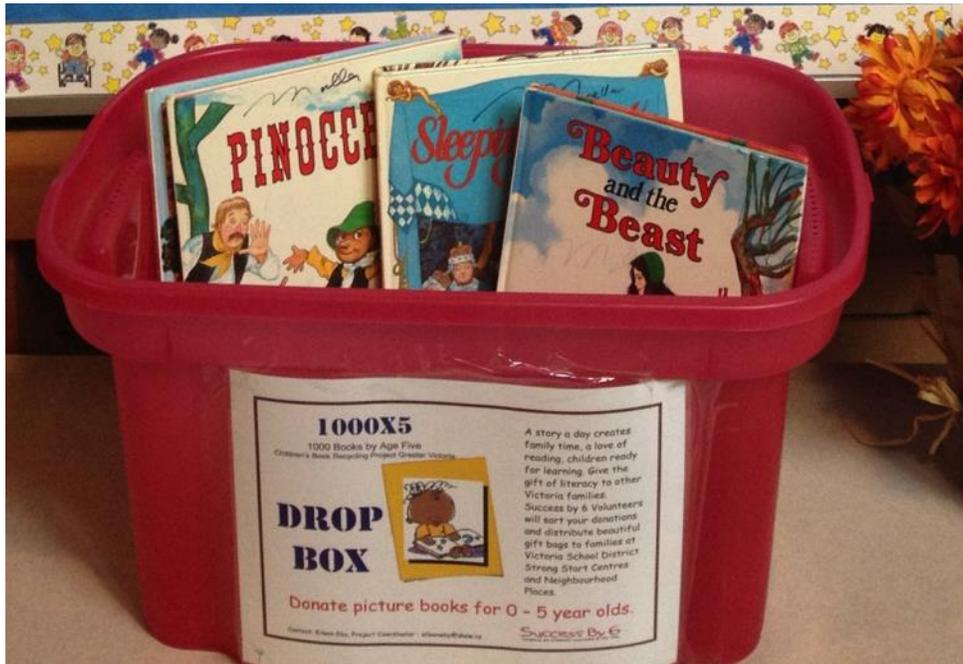
All are welcome to attend!

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

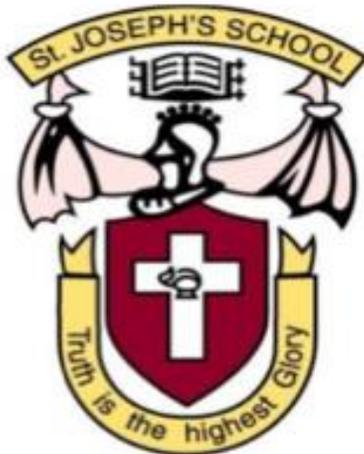
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PARENT COMMUNITY

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

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- Chatterton Way Dental
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- Andrea Collins Photography

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- Qmulus

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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Ponies and Paint

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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!



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Food & Beverage

Kung Pao Wok

Ankie Leung

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Chinese Food (Hillside Shopping Center)



The New Mexican Village

Cesar Ibarra

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Restaurant: Mexican Canadian Food



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