

St. Joseph's Catholic School

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

Newsletter
February 12th, 2026

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,

As we approach the upcoming Family Day holiday, we are reminded of the precious gift of family – the people who walk with us in love, faith, and support each day. Family Day offers us a beautiful opportunity to slow down, spend meaningful time together, and give thanks to God for the many blessings found in simple moments: shared meals, laughter, quiet conversations, and time outdoors.

At the same time, our hearts are heavy as our country observes today's National Day of Mourning for the victims in Tumbler Ridge. We hold in prayer all those affected – their families, friends, and the entire community. In times of sorrow, we are reminded how deeply connected we are to one another and how important it is to cherish the time we are given.

As a Catholic school community, we place our trust in Christ, who is our light in moments of darkness and our source of peace and hope. May this long weekend be a time of comfort, gratitude, and togetherness for your family. May you find joy in one another and strength in knowing that God walks with us through both celebration and sorrow. The most powerful words of scripture are found in the shortest verse: *Jesus wept.* Wishing you a peaceful and blessed Family Day weekend.

With Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - NEXT WEEK!

As we approach the upcoming Student Led Conferences here is information around scheduling your appointments.

Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, Feb. 18th and Thursday, Feb. 19th

3:00pm - 6:00pm

How to Schedule:

1. Online Booking: We will be using the 'School Appointments' scheduling platform. You can access the scheduling link here: <https://stjoseph.schoolappointments.com/>
2. Please see the attached pdf for step-by-step instructions. Please note the last day to schedule an appointment is Monday, Feb. 16.
3. Available Time Slots: Please choose a time slot that works best for you. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to book early.
Grades K-2: Four families will be able to book during each 30 min. timeslot.
Grades 3-7: Six families will be about to book during each 30 min. timeslot.

If You Need Assistance:

If you have any questions or need help scheduling, please feel free to reach out at svj@cisdv.bc.ca

Our teachers are looking forward to seeing you. Please know that your child will be leading the meeting, sharing their learning and naming some goals. As other families might be present the teacher will not be facilitating each meeting; that is the responsibility of the student. Thank you!

RE-REGISTRATION TIME!

It's time to re-register your child(ren) for next year. We have waiting lists for almost every grade so it's helpful and important for us to know your plans for the upcoming school year. Please note that after the re-registration deadline we will not be able to guarantee your child's placement.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to re-register is February 23rd.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrKdUVqasn5x12kLr4-x3chYLjob0mXTPnThYi3jzWUL131A/viewform?usp=header>

Please complete **one google form per student**. *This form is only for St. Joseph's Students.*
If you need any assistance don't hesitate to contact the office – we are happy to help!



NO SCHOOL

Friday, Feb. 13th Pro-D day
Monday, Feb. 16th Family Day



Shrove Tuesday

SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday, Feb. 17th

The Knights of Colobus will be here making pancakes for all our students! If your child has allergies or food intolerances, we kindly ask that you send them with an alternative snack. Please be aware this will be a small snack in the morning and students will still need to bring a lunch to school.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Feb. 18th

Liturgy of the Word, students in full uniform please.



THE LION KING IS LOOKING...

The Lion King Jr is looking to borrow a few items. If you have any of the following that you would be willing to lend, we would love to borrow them and will return them after the play. They will be well taken care of. You can drop them off at the office, or to Mrs. Fallow's or Mrs. Whiteside's classroom. If you have any questions just email us at lwhiteside@cisdv.bc.ca or jfallow@cisdv.bc.ca. Thank you!

- Baskets, similar to those seen below
- Water jug, similar to those seen below



OUT OF SCHOOL CARE - UPCOMING DATES

Spring Break Camp from March 16-20 and 23-27.

There will only be space for 20 children to sign up.

Registration should be attached to your child's school cash online profile but

only if they are already registered for Out of School Care programs.

<https://cisdv.schoolcashionline.com/>



OUR TINY CHEFS NEED A KITCHEN UPGRADE!

Ms. Buckie's classroom is looking to expand their dramatic play centre! If you happen to have a children's sized wooden table and chairs or an ikea (or other wooden) play kitchen that are no longer getting any love in your home, we would be delighted to take them off your hands! Please reach out to Ms. Buckie at cbuckie@cisdv.bc.ca



HOMEWORK CLUB

Grades 4-7

Tuesdays & Thursdays

After school in the *primary learning support room* 2:40-3:10

GR.2 BIG BUDDIES & THEIR PRESCHOOL PALS

2H had an artistic afternoon with their preschool buddies!



SPREAD THE LOVE

On Wednesday morning, we held a Valentine's Day bake sale as a fundraiser for Anawim House. This year, our goal is to raise money for Anawim House, who helps the people in our community who are living on the streets, and need a place to stay, and food to eat. We raised almost \$400, and we want to thank all those who contributed, and donated to make this fundraiser successful. We appreciate all the kind generosity and support for this cause.

Thank you so much,
Lucia and Mia- 7K





COME JOIN ST. JOSEPH'S TIMBERWOLVES SCHOOL TEAM ON THE 37TH ANNUAL TC10K POWERED BY RUNSPORT

Save the date: April 26th, 2026

Please register using the link: Teachers and Students of St. Joseph's School:

<https://raceroster.com/registration/e3c3756c-7276-4201-aebb-e5e6a7b1145c/entry?team=929368>

*Ensure to join the "Teachers and Students" when registering.

*Alternatively, you could register for the Thrifty Foods Family Run 1.5km

This year's theme is "Together We Soar".

*All participants will receive a t-shirt, a medal, and lots of treats at the end of the race.

WINTER GYM SCHEDULE

Schedule	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Before School	Boys Volleyball (7:45-8:20)	Jr. Dance (7:40-8:20)	Prim. Dance (7:40-8:20)	Sr. Dance (7:40-8:20)	
Lunch Recess	Girls Volleyball (11:55-12:25)	Jazz Dance (11:55-12:25)	Girls Volleyball (11:55-12:25)	Boys Volleyball (11:55-12:25)	
After School	Lion King Rehearsals		Lion King Rehearsals	Boys Volleyball (2:45-3:30) Swim Practice (2:45-4:30)	Lion King Rehearsals

THE WOLF DEN

EVENTS 2026

UPCOMING

FEB

10

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
HOME GAME IN
THE WOLF DEN!**

FEB

12

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL
HOME GAME IN
THE WOLF DEN!**

FEB

17

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
GAME @
ROCKHEIGHTS MS**

FEB

23

**VISSA SWIM MEET @
COMMONWEALTH
POOL**

THE WOLF DEN

St. Joseph's Elementary School Presents

Disney
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LION KING ©Disney



Scan QR or visit LionKingTix.ca for tickets



THUR
MAR 5 | 7PM

FRI
MAR 6 | 7PM

SAT
MAR 7 | 1 & 7PM

TIMBERWOLF TOQUES!

Click here to purchase and pick up in the school office:

<https://cisdv.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/1016/556/False/True>

Or scan the QR code!



St Joseph's Elementary School

Timberwolf Toques

\$20

Pick up at the school office

***Grab it at School
Cash Online***



NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

The schedule for Amanda Achtman's *Dying to Meet You: A Tour of Hope* in the Diocese of Victoria is now available on the Diocesan website. Amanda is the Director of Ethics for *Physicians for Life* and the founder of *Dying to Meet You*, where she explores questions of death and dying through storytelling, beauty, and a deeply hopeful vision rooted in the dignity of the human person. Find the full schedule of events taking place from February 26 to March 8, 2026, here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dying-to-meet-you-a-tour-of-hope>

The Diocese of Victoria is seeking input in advance of the *Dying to Meet You* tour. All are welcome to participate: <https://forms.gle/8QRGCnUcGMQcyvKo9>

The Correctional Service Canada (CSC) Bridges of Canada Inc. is hiring a full-time Correctional Chaplain in the Pacific Region for 125-165 hours per month (subject to change based on monthly requirements). The Correctional Chaplain will be responsible for providing religious and spiritual services to federal offenders of all faiths residing in William Head Institution. Find the full job description here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>

The Diocese of Victoria is offering a two-day marriage preparation course over Zoom on April 17 from 7 pm–10 pm and April 18 from 9 am–4 pm. Open to all, this course provides essential guidance for couples preparing for marriage. A joint Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of both sessions. Please register by April 2 here: <https://zoom-spring-2026-marriage-prep.eventbrite.ca>

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued a statement strongly supporting Private Member's Bill C-218, which seeks to prevent persons whose sole medical condition is mental illness from accessing euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide ("MAiD"). Please find the full statement here: <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/ccb-statement-on-bill-c-218-no-maid-for-mental-illness/>

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

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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rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com



LENT EVENING FOR LADIES: YOU ARE WONDERFULLY MADE



**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 2026**



6 PM TO 8:30



**HALL AT ST. JOSEPH
THE WORKER PARISH**

753 Burnside Road West,
Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9

REGISTER NOW



WWW.MAYRACORDERO.COM/LENT

Does this sound like you?

- You begin Lent with good intentions, then feel discouraged.
- You compare yourself to others and feel like you're falling short.
- You want to pray more, but life is full—and guilt creeps in.

Here's the truth:

- God didn't make you by accident.
- And your temperament isn't a problem to fix—it's a gift to understand.

6- 7:30 PM

Workshop: "How your temperament shapes your Lent"

Discover how the temperaments God has lovingly given each of us shape the way you:

- ✓ pray
- ✓ struggle
- ✓ fast
- ✓ grow
- ✓ return to God with grace, not guilt

You'll walk away with practical, encouraging insights to live Lent more intentionally and with more peace.

Speaker: **Mayra Cordero, Certified Catholic Mindset & Emotional Coach.** Helping Catholic women bring peace into their minds, homes, and hearts.

7:30-8:30 PM

Celebration of the Heart

A joyful time of sisterhood and delight!

Bring your favorite snack (sweet or salty) and enjoy friendship, laughter, and community.



Lent

Penitential Service

Thursday,
March 5, 2026

Confessions | 7:00 p.m.

At **St. Joseph The Worker Parish**
753 Burnside Road West,
Victoria, BC V8Z 1M9

Let Jesus meet you with
His mercy, healing, and love.





Zoom MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

A wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime

JOIN US:

Date: Fri. April 17 from 7 pm–10 pm &
Sat. April 18 from 9 am–4 pm, 2026*

Location: Zoom

Cost: \$75

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

Registration deadline: April 2, 2026

TOPICS INCLUDE:

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



Scan the QR code or register at:

<https://zoom-spring-2026-marriage-prep.eventbrite.ca>

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



1000X5

1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria



1000X5 Victoria Receives the 2025 Mel Cooper Social Innovation in Giving Award

1000X5 was so honored to have a visit and receive this award from Mrs. Cooper and the Telus Community Board on January 28. You are such a large part of why the 1000X5 project is innovative: the community helping to meet the early literacy needs for all. Thanks for helping send 380,000 books into new hands. Place your gently used books for babies and preschoolers into the pink bin in your school and help that number and more young minds grow.

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:

Financial & Legal Services

- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Food & Beverage

- Kung Pao Wok

Health & Wellness

- Age Freely Fitness and Wellness
- Chatterton Way Dental
- Dr. Kirk Bartlett Orthodontist
- Dr. Maico D. Melo, Inc
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- Bespoke Homes Team
- Kamaretsos Real Estate Team

Technology Services

- Monk Office Supply

Trades & Construction

- End of the Roll
- Lisnabreeny Plumbing Ltd.
- Relm Projects Ltd.
- SSD Sawmill Sales Direct Ltd.

CONTACT SJV-PSG@CISDV.BC.CA
WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

PARENT COMMUNITY BUSINESS DIRECTORY



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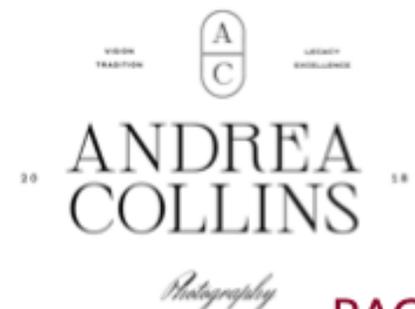
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