

St. Joseph's Journal

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Principal's Message

Happy New Year, everyone, and blessing for 2012. January is such a great time for reflection and renewal, recommitting to what we know is best for ourselves and for our families and community. The beauty of the new year is that it offers us a clean slate to begin anew. What's past is past, and what lies ahead really depends on the kinds of decisions we make. Happily, our decisions are informed by Faith, so we do not 'go it alone'! Fr. William spoke of 'birthing something new' throughout Advent, and now, here we are, contemplating what we have 'birthed' – new insights and understandings, new perspectives, new directions, renewed commitments to core values and goals – these are what we must nurture through the year as it unfolds.

While we celebrate our core values as Catholic schools all year long, the spotlight is on us during Catholic Schools Week, February 6th – 10th. Although as one of our veteran teachers observed, every week is Catholic Schools Week.

We are grateful for schools where Christ's message of redemption is front and center, and we can celebrate God's loving presence in his fabulous creation!

Peace,

Mr. Di Castri

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Yes it's time . . . We are accepting applications for students entering Pre-school and Kindergarten for the 2012/13 school year. Application forms are available in the school office.



KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2012/13

The screening for the Kindergarten class of 2012/13 will be taking place on Friday, February 17. If you have a child entering Kindergarten please mark this date on your calendar! More information to follow.

OPEN HOUSE

We will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, February 8 from 3:30-5:00 PM for new families coming to our school. Spread the word to your neighbours and friends!

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PAG

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and is ready for the New Year!

A big thank you to the PAG's December elves - Kara Christie for handling all of the Purdy's Chocolates orders, Barb McKinnon for organizing our poinsettia sale and Dianne Tremblay and all the parent volunteers for a very successful Silent Auction/Casino Night. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

As you all know, the Silent Auction/Casino Night is our major fundraiser for the year. For 2012, this event will again be in partnership with St. Joseph The Worker Parish. We are currently looking for 3-4 parents as school representatives to join with additional members from the parish on the planning committee. You will be working as a member of a team rather than as a sole coordinator. Please consider contributing some time and being a member of this very important event! For more information about serving on this committee or on any of the other ways that you can become involved in your child's school, please feel free to contact me at: watsonclan@uniserve.com We are always in need of volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who attended our PAG meeting on Wednesday night. If you have not yet had a chance to come to a meeting, please plan on joining us on February 1st at 6:30pm in the library.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Watson
PAG President

Jockey P2P End of Season 60-75% Sale. Amazing deals!
While quantities last!

Friday, January 13th and 20th 2-4pm in the school gym.

View catalogue www.jockeyp2p.ca

For information contact

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15% of sales will be donated to the school.



St. Joseph's School **PRESCHOOL**

We have openings for 3 & 4 year olds in our Monday, Wednesday and Friday Preschool Program. The classes are from 12:30 - 2:50 PM. Please call Susan, our Child Care Manager for more information.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH NEWS - Parish Supporter Forms

Parish Supporter Forms Meetings for Island Catholic Schools - January 17 and 18, 2012 between 3:00-4:00 PM in the church, and also on Saturday, January 21 @ 4:00 PM and on Sunday, January 22 @ 9:00 AM Given the sheer volume of forms and number of requests these meetings have become necessary and are a requirement for all who seek parish support. Fr. William will answer ALL questions at these meetings. Please do not drop off forms at the office, email or call for this is a time consuming task for my office staff and for me personally. Hence, these meetings are the only time I will discuss and collect the forms for consideration. At St. Joseph the Worker Parish attendance at mass, being registered here and support of parish are all factors considered in determining who will receive support.



Thursday, January 17	3:00-4:00 PM Fr. William signing Parish Supporter Forms
Wednesday, January 18	3:00-4:00 PM Fr. William signing Parish Supporter Forms
Saturday, January 21	4:00 PM Fr. William signing Parish Supporter Forms
Sunday, January 22	9:00 AM Fr. William signing Parish Supporter Forms

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Families attending the Catholic school who are parishioners at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish are invited to come to a meeting on January 19th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. This meeting is very important as it will be the only time when Fr. Paul will sign the Parish Supporter Forms. Remember that there are different designations and rates, and that the family has to be active, registered at the parish and attending mass weekly is the key.

Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT/TIME
Monday, January 9	Canada's Best KARATE 3:15-4:00 AM in gym
Monday, January 9	Quick News
Monday, January 9	Grade 2 Skating 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Monday, January 9	Grade 1 Skating 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Wednesday, January 11	Gr. 7 Parent Information Meeting at SARHS
Thursday, January 12	Kindergarten Skating 9:15 AM -10:05 AM
Thursday, January 12	Grade 3 Skating 10:15-11:05 AM
Thursday, January 12	Grade 3 Skating 10:15-11:05 AM
Friday, January 13	Hot Lunch - Pasta and Fruit
Friday, January 13	Recreation Program Grades 4-7
Wednesday, January 18	9:00 AM Mass

SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

It's that time of year again when the weather turns nasty and our school may close due to inclement weather such as a snow storm. The following is our inclement weather practice:



- In the event that Island Catholic Schools close due to inclement weather, notification will be available on the front page of the Island Catholic Schools website www.cisdv.bc.ca before 7:00 a.m. We encourage parents to check this website first.
- In addition, announcements will be forwarded to the following radio stations: CFX 1070, 100.3Q, 91.3 ZONE, 98.5 The Ocean, 103.1 JACK and 90.5 CBC.
- If the schools remain open, the final decision to send your child(ren) to school rests with the parents. Please use your discretion. Safety comes first!

RAINY DAYS

Please remember to send your child to school with boots. Our field is very soggy!



MAD SCIENCE IS BACK AGAIN!

We are, once again, hosting the Mad Science team.

Date: Tuesdays, January 24-February 28, 2012

Time: 3:05 PM - 4:00 PM

Registration Deadline: Jan. 16, 2012

Cost: 1 Child \$107.52

2 Children \$193.54

3 Children \$241.92

Registration forms have gone home with your child.

For additional information call: 250-391-1814.

Grade 7 NEWS

1. Recyclable drink containers: many thanks to parents who have been donating clean empties to us - we appreciate your support. All clean recyclable drink containers can be left in the Gr. 7 hall. Please place glass containers in the green crates as they'll break if dropped in the yellow bin. Also, no dairy (milk, yogurt, Yop) or soup based containers as these are not accepted at the recycling depot.
2. Campbell soup labels: bar codes from the labels is all that we now need and these can be dropped in the box under the info table outside the office.

PLEASE NO MILK PRODUCTS





CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING



The Knight of Columbus will be chipping Christmas trees in the church parking lot tomorrow Saturday, January 7 from 10:00 AM - Noon.

2011/12 HOT LUNCH SCHEDULE

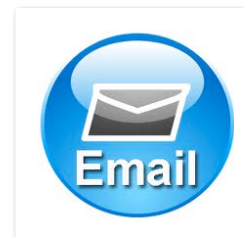
January 6	Chicken Caesar Salad and Greek Souvlaki Meal
January 13	Pasta and Fruit
January 20	Pizza & Veggies
January 27	Jugo Juice
February 3	Chicken Caesar Salad and Greek Souvlaki Meal
February 10	Pasta and Fruit
February 24	Pizza & Veggies
March 2	Jugo Juice
March 30	Chicken Caesar Salad and Greek Souvlaki Meal
April 13	Pasta and Fruit
April 27	Pizza & Veggies
May 4	Jugo Juice
May 11	Chicken Caesar Salad and Greek Souvlaki Meal
May 25	Pasta and Fruit
June 1	Pizza & Veggies
June 8	Jugo Juice
June 15	Chicken Caesar Salad and Green Souvlaki Meal



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TEACHER EMAIL ADDRESSES

In order to give you another avenue to contact your child's teacher, listed below are their email addresses.





The Council Connection
January 2012
Happy New Year!

Welcome to another edition of the St. Joseph's School Council update. Just a reminder, the members of Council for the 2011/2012 school year are:

Dianne Tremblay, Tammy Brissette, Jason Stearns
Robert Grant, Jack Moreau, Angela Hudson, Robyn Gallard

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and were able to spend time with family and friends, and were able to relax and refresh!

As we head back to our regular routines and schedules, we'd like to reflect back on some of the activities the staff and students were part of since the last Council Connection.

October saw the outstanding efforts our students put forth in the World Food Day drive bringing in more than 1400 pounds of food, way to go! We had many students participate in the cross country finals and made us all proud! The Student Council was voted in and swimming lessons ended with a fun swim. The Halloween Howl was another success and the children enjoyed this fun event! We'd like to thank the hardworking crew of volunteers who made the howl and the many other events possible, your hard work is greatly appreciated.

November had the students busy participating in the "School Wide Write", writing on the subject of Friends and Friendship. We had a non uniform day to support the United Way and the joint Casino Night with the Parish was a huge success – thanks go out to the organizing committee and volunteers who contributed to this success. The new report cards were issued and we had the book fair to co-incide with the parent/teacher interviews.

Amidst all the hustle and bustle of December and Christmas approaching, the students participated in 2 Christmas concert performances. They all did an amazing job! We'd like to thank the teachers for their support and Mrs. McLaren for putting together such a heartwarming collection of festive songs! We hope you were able to enjoy a cookie or two after the evening concert and maybe a cup of coffee or tea

and connect with some parents. The last day of school had the children in their P.J.'s watching "The Smurfs" before breaking for Christmas vacation.

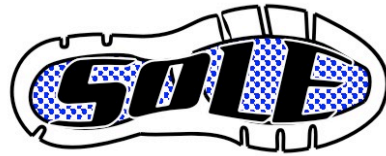
The New Year promises to be an exciting one as we try to once again to set up a Used Uniform shop for our school. Watch for details in the school newsletter to where you can drop of your washed, used uniform that your child(ren) have grown out of and ways to volunteer as we get the shop up and running.

There is also promise of our parking lot returning to it's normal, less hectic state as the construction winds down on Burnside Road. We will be trying to re-configure our parking lot as explained in the November school newsletter to make it a slower, safer place for our children. Details to come in the regular newsletter.

The Recreation Program will be starting up January 6, 2012 for students in Grades 4-7 offering a variety of exciting sports or arts programs for the students to participate in and skating will also begin for Grade K – 3 on January 9, 2012. A huge thank you goes out to the PAC for supporting these programs and contributing to the fees.

Just a reminder that if you have any questions for the Council, you can drop them in the pocket marked "Questions for Council" located on the board just outside the office and Council will provide you with a written response.

In closing, we'd like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the wonderful group of parents, front office staff and teachers who volunteer their time, ideas and generosity to the school, St. Joseph's would not be the same without you!



Women's ONLY 10k Walk/Run Clinic

Are you looking to start your year off with a commitment to being active, increasing your fitness level and your overall well being?

**Join us on Tuesdays beginning January 24th for 13 weeks
In the St. Joseph's School Gym
For all levels of walkers and runners... there is something
challenging for everyone!**

**A program designed by an experienced and certified
BCRPA trainer of trainers of fitness.**

**Contact Mena at solesistermena@telus.net for more
information and your registration package.**

Supporting you in health and wellness!

~ Mena Westhaver, BSc., TFL

www.solesistersvictoria.ca

Be inspired by the women of Sole Sisters

Watch the 2012 Invite Smilebox

<http://secure.smilebox.com/ecom/openTheBox?sendevent=4d6a6b794f4441344f54553d0d0a&sb=1>