

St. Joseph's School Newsletter

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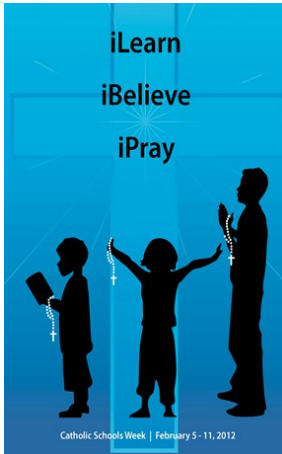
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February 1, 2012



Principal's Message

"ilearn, ibelieve, ipray"

Our theme for Catholic Schools Week reminds us what it means to be a Catholic Christian. In today's technology filled world we are bombarded with the latest generations of ipads, iphones and imacs. Some people are reluctant to embrace the world (the theme plays on embracing technology) but to be truly Catholic is to not only to embrace the world, but also to name what is filled with God's goodness and recognize God's grace in the world. It is up to us as Christian followers not to hide from worldly things that challenge us, but to find a way to use them to glorify God and honour God's desire for us.

The theme also speaks to what we have in common with all schools; we are communities where children learn and grow. Academics, fine arts and athletics are offered at all schools but in a Catholic school our belief in God permeates all we do. We are journeying with your children as they grow closer to Jesus through prayer and action.

As we approach Catholic Schools' Week it is important for us to give thanks to God for the privilege of having a choice of schools and recognize our part in ensuring that Catholic education thrives in our community. Take the time to invite a family to our Open House, come and celebrate the week with us, and pray for our initiatives and fundraising events. Together, we can make St. Joseph's the school where many more students learn, believe and pray!

May God bless you abundantly
for all you do,
Mrs. Gwen Jahelka



Re-Registration Forms 2012-13

Re-registration forms were sent home last month to all families. This form helps us prepare for the upcoming school year. Please fill out and return by **February 15th, 2012** to avoid a registration fee.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance forms are available at the office and must be received by the Island Catholic Schools main office by **February 17th, 2012**. If you have applied previously and provided a copy of your income tax forms for 2010, you are not required to submit the return again this year.

Forms are available on our website:

www.stjosephselem.ca



Kindergarten

The Kindergarten class for 2012-13 is filling up quickly. Please get your registration forms in as soon as possible.

Virtue of the month: Friendliness

Friendliness is taking an interest in other people, being warm and courteous. When you are friendly, you happily share the things you have. You share your time, your ideas, your feelings and yourself. When you are a friend, you share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness can be shown in a warm smile, a gentle touch, or a kind word. Friendliness is caring without being asked to care. It is best cure for loneliness.

The Practice of Friendliness

I like myself and realize I have a lot to offer.

I smile and greet people with courtesy.

I have the courage to introduce myself.

I ask people about themselves.

I am loyal and caring friend.

Friendliness makes me a good companion.

Parent Auxiliary News

Ola Everyone!!!

Our 10th Annual Auction, Dinner and Barn Dance is quickly approaching. This is our biggest fundraiser and it requires the help of many to make it a great success!!! Helping with this event is a great way to get your volunteer hours in, as well as having a fun time with great people.



must be put away, lights taken down and decorations removed.

We also require help in the kitchen the day before to prepare the food for the dinner.

If you require any more information on any of these positions, please do not hesitate to call Lisanne at 250-245-2814 or email mlpoiron@telus.net

Thank you in advance for all your help.

All the best for February, The Parent Auxiliary



Cowichan Music Festival

We have entered our students in the annual Cowichan Music Festival. The grade 1/2 and 3/4 classes will be in the festival on **Wednesday, February 15th**. The Grade 5,6 and 7 students will be in the festival on **Wednesday, February 29th**.

and **Thursday, March 1st**.

The children will travel by bus to the festival. Please be sure your child(ren) is wearing his/her very best uniform. They will be at the Island Savings Centre Theatre in Duncan from **9:00 am until 11:00 am**. Please join us. Permission forms will be sent home soon.



This year we are holding our event on May 5th. This corresponds with Cinco de Mayo, and so we are going to add a Mexican flair to the evening.

We have divided the areas of need into different groups. First and foremost, we need volunteers to ask for donation items. This job requires individuals to go

WANTED! around to businesses, with our donation letter, and ask if they would be interested in donating something to our wonderful school. This could be any business or family member that may have a service or items that they could provide. Any donation is greatly appreciated! This group is a very important part of the fundraiser success. If you are available and interested in helping this team please call or email Bill Jahelka 250-480-9553 or bjahelka@shaw.ca. (Examples of donations: gift certificates, services such as yard work and house work, garden and household items, art, food items, etc.)

Advertising requires volunteers to put out posters throughout Chemainus, Duncan, Ladysmith and Nanaimo. We also need to sell tickets, so ask your friends and family to join you for a fun filled evening. They'll be glad you did. The tickets are \$30 each and it includes a delicious roast beef dinner with all the trimmings as well as a live and silent auction. Round out the evening with the sounds of "Johnny Innappropriate" a fabulous rock/pop band.

Decorating is another group that we require volunteers for. This is required the day before to set up tables, hang lights and decorations as well help set up the auction tables. We will need strong volunteers to help set up the stage as well.



Clean up on the Sunday usually starts around 11 am, and with many hands it is quick work. All tables and chairs



Start Cleaning!

Garage sale items needed.

St. Joseph's preschool and kindergarten will be holding a garage sale on **Saturday, April 14**. We are looking for donations of household items, toys, books, clothes and baked goods. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of toys, activities, and teaching material for our classrooms.

Smaller quantities can be dropped off at the Childcare Centre starting now. If you have larger quantities please call the school to make arrangements. We ask that baking be brought in the day of the sale. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let us know.

Tell your friends!

**Red and White "Civies" Day
Tuesday, February 14th**





Catholic Schools Week

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February 5th ~ 12th

This Sunday, February 5th, our students will be welcomed by the parishioners of St. Mary's. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a pancake breakfast with all proceeds benefiting our school. Please join us and have your child arrive at 8:45 am in his/her best uniform.



On Monday, February 6th, we will gather in the foyer at 9:00 am for a school wide prayer led by the staff.

On Tuesday, February 7th, we will gather in the foyer at 9:00 am for a school wide prayer led by the grade 7 students. We will host an **OPEN HOUSE** from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please tell your friends. Anyone that visits our school during the Open House, before or after makes you eligible to enter the draw for the new uniform pieces, valued at \$90.00. A Science Fair and Exhibition will be on display all day in the gymnasium. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

On Wednesday, February 9th, we will gather in the foyer at 9:00 am for a school wide prayer lead by the grade 5 and 6 students.

On Thursday, February 10th, we will gather in the foyer at 9:00 am for a school wide prayer lead by the grade 1 and 2 students. Please invite anyone that is interested in our school. At 1:00 pm., we will hold the "Let Your Light Shine" Student Variety Show.



On Friday, February 11th we will gather in the foyer at 9:00 am for a school wide prayer lead by the grade 3 and 4 students.

On Sunday, February 12th our children will sing and help with the ministries at Mass at St. Joseph's Church. Your child(ren) need to arrive by 10:15 am in their very best uniform. Afterward, the Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast. See you there!



Bus Service to and from St. Peter's in Nanaimo

Please tell your friends that we are now providing bus service for students living in Nanaimo.

Catholic Schools Week Help Needed

We need volunteers to help get our school ready for the Open House. Can you come in and volunteer for a day? Half a day? An hour? Come to the office and we will assign you a task or call and make arrangements for after school. Thank you in advance.



Marketing Team Members Wanted

Mrs. Jahelka is looking for a few key people to form a marketing team. These volunteers would help with planning and executing school marketing initiatives. Please call or email the school if you are interested.

Children's Fitness & Art Tax Credits

The children's fitness and art tax credit lets parents claim up to \$500 per year for eligible fitness expenses paid for each child who is under 16 years of age at the beginning of the year in which the expenses are paid. Our swim club fees and clay workshops are an eligible expense. Please let the office know if you would like a receipt for the 2011 taxation year.



Tuition, Child Care and Donation Tax Receipts

The central office and school office are busy preparing all corresponding tax receipts. You will be notified when they are ready. Please be patient as we do have until the end of the month to prepare. We will do our best to have them done early. Thank you!

Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday, February 14th and Wednesday, February 15th

This term we have arranged for parent teacher interviews on two days. Please fill out and return the form attached to this newsletter. **Remember children will be dismissed early on Wednesday, February 15th at 12:00 noon. Penelakut Island students will be transported to the terminal to catch the 11:40 am ferry that day.**

School closed on Thursday, February 16th and Friday, February 17th.

SWIM CLUB NEWS



There will be no swim club on Tuesday, February 14th. Final swim date is Tuesday, March 6th. There will be a 'Toonie' swim on that date which will be open to all students. Forms will be sent home at the end of February.

You are cordially invited
To our Catholic Schools' Week

Open House

At St. Joseph's School

February 7th

11:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

9735 Elm Street, Chemainus

Please join us for a visit and tour of our school.

Refreshments and Door Prizes

Referred by _____

Please bring this invitation to the school.

Safety is our number one concern!

Please be sure to drive slowly and attentively when you are picking up your children. We have reviewed with the students the importance of using the cross walk when exiting the school grounds. We ask that you come and pick up younger children and walk them to the car. Students are reminded not to walk behind the bus or other cars. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.



Bus Memo

Please be sure that your child (ren) is (are) waiting at the bus stop **5 minutes** prior to pick up time. If the bus driver is kept waiting then the whole schedule is delayed. Please also ensure that pets are on a leash if you are walking your child to the bus stop. Bus drivers do have cell phones and will only answer once they have stopped. **DO NOT** assume messages left on the cell phone will be retrieved immediately. The best way to change bus arrangements is to call the school no later than 2:30 pm.

Please detach the invitation above and give to a family that is interested in our school. Every invitation is eligible for the draw of two uniform pieces.

**Chemainus Branch #191
2011 Poster/Literary Contest
St. Joseph's School Winners
CONGRATULATIONS!**



Primary—Black and White Poster
Jacob Rafuse—Grade 2 ~ 2nd place

Junior Colour Poster
Lenora Shelling—Grade 5 ~ 2nd place

Junior Essay
Emma Graves—Grade 4 ~ 1st Place

Addison Graves—Grade 6 ~ 2nd Place

Haley Beadle—Grade 7 ~ 3rd Place

Intermediate—Colour Poster
Haylee Gyger—Grade 7 ~ 2nd Place



Vancouver Island



FREE

POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINAR SERIES

For Parents of 2-12 year olds

Raising Confident, Competent Children

SEMINAR 2

The values, skills and behaviors to encourage in children are the choice of every individual parent. However, some core skills are important for everyone. Children are more likely to be confident, succeed at school and get on well with others when they develop certain life skills. These life skills include being respectful and considerate, communicating well with others, thinking positively and having healthy self-esteem, being a good problem solver, and becoming independent. Come hear some ideas on how to help children learn these important life skills and become confident and competent individuals.

Raising Resilient Children

SEMINAR 3

One of the most important tasks of parenthood is helping children learn to deal with their emotions. All children experience periods of stress in their lives and need the emotional skills to deal with it. Children's ability to cope with their feelings is important to their long-term happiness. Come hear about the six keys skills to help children build emotional resilience.

Seminar 2 Monday, February 13, 2012 6:30-8:00 pm St. Joseph's School

Seminar 3 Monday, February 20, 2012 6:30-8:00 pm St. Joseph's School

Call the office to register 250-246-3191

Child minding will be available

Check the website for other times and locations: triplevip.ca



Registration for Mad Science Vancouver Island

The deadline for registration is **Wednesday, February 15th**. You can register on-line or send your registration form to the school with a cheque.

Tel: [250-391-1814](tel:250-391-1814)

Fax: [250-483-5816](tel:250-483-5816)

www.madscience.org/vancouverisland

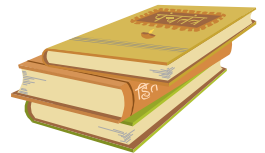
Scholarships are available. Do not let finances be an obstacle. Call Mrs. Ja-helka for details.

Please note date change. After school workshops will begin on Wednesday, February 22nd and finish on April 4th. No session during spring break of course!

Books Wanted

We are building novel sets for our reading groups. We are on the look out for the following titles:

- "Sour Land" - Armstrong
- "Tuck Everlasting" - Babbitt
- "Flat Stanley" - Brown
- "Shiloh" - Naylor
- "How to Eat Fried Worms" - Rockwell
- "Stargirl" - Rockwell
- "Trumpet of the Swans" - White



If you are a thrift store or used book store shopper and come across these titles please pick them up for us. The school will reimburse. We always welcome "like-new" book donations.



Children who received the first dose of Hepatitis A in school, at the Margaret Moss Health unit or mass community clinics at the Island Savings Center will be offered their second dose of Hepatitis A at school.

Public Health Nurses are preparing to attend your child's school in February to provide the second dose of Hepatitis A to all students that received their first dose and have a signed consent form. If you would like to know the date of these immunizations, please contact the school.

If your son/daughter received their first Hepatitis A vaccine at another local health centre, they will not be offered the vaccine in school. Please contact your local health centre to make an appointment.

If you would prefer to be with your son/daughter for their immunization, please complete the form sent home with your child and return it to the school immediately. **Unless we receive this form indicating plans for a health unit appointment, we will offer the vaccine at school.**

Every child was sent home a form today. The Hep A clinic at the school is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 28th at 9:00 am.**



IMPETIGO

Impetigo has been reported in the school. Impetigo is caused by a bacteria. Impetigo sores have a honey-coloured crust on a moist red base. There can be one sore or patches of sores. Impetigo is spread by fluid from the nose or contact with the sores. It is easily spread to others.

Washing hands often with soap and running water and not sharing facecloths or towels helps prevent impetigo from spreading. If you think your child has impetigo, see your doctor for diagnosis and treatment.

If your child has impetigo:

Keep your child at home for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics

Take all the antibiotic even after the rash has gone away

For more information contact:

Your local Health Unit

HealthLinkBC at 8-1-1 (a free call) or www.healthlinkbc.ca

Your doctor

Hello from SJC Library

I am so happy to see so many children enjoying the books from our library. Please remind your child to bring their books back to me on their library day. I would like to encourage you to talk to your child about their books, read to them, listen to them read and share your favorite childhood books with them. Please feel free to visit me in the library, if you would like to choose something for your child to read. Sometimes, they like the comfortable stories, which is fine, but stepping up and out is good for them too!

It is time for me to thank all of you who have supported our Scholastic orders. We have bought new library books, teacher resource books and extra books for classroom libraries. I would like to encourage you to check out our St Joseph's website and feel free to use the world book links that are on there. They are safe and perfect for elementary school readers! The password and user name is right on our website. It is spring cleaning time, so if you spot any of my library books in your house, just send them on back.

Mrs. Timmer, Librarian



Community Outreach

Last week our grade 4/5 class visited the Senior Assisted Living La Rosa complex in Ladysmith. As part of our community outreach program the students visit, chat, and tell jokes with elderly people to brighten their day! The students tell me they enjoyed the seniors' company and the seniors certainly enjoyed them! The St. Joseph's students were asked to come back... anytime!

Mrs. Jackson

February Sales and Savings!

Yearbook Presale for the month of February \$20 . After February 29th , yearbooks will be \$25.

Fleece Vests for the month of February \$20 after February 29th will be \$25.

An assortment of uniform pieces, never worn, only washed once, will be \$5 off the regular price.



STAND UP TO BULLYING ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Vancouver Island InsuranceCentres is committed to the Anti-Bullying Campaign and Pink T-shirt Day, and is the driving force behind the Pink Wall. A new online social networking resource, PinkWall.ca was founded by Vancouver Island InsuranceCentres, and deals with the growing problem of bullying. The most powerful aspect of the website is the **Stand Up Against Bullying Wall**, a virtual Facebook wall, where anyone can 'like' PinkWall.ca, sign their name to the growing list of supporters, share Pink Wall with their FB network of friends, or leave a message of hope or support, to show support for this worthwhile initiative.

Did you know? 1 in 7 students is either a bully or been victimized by one.

For 2012, VIIC has pledged 20,000 pink t-shirts that will be distributed - free of charge - to school-aged children on Vancouver Island. VIIC Ladysmith has also partnered with 89.7 Sun FM to make this year's Anti-Bullying Campaign bigger and better in the Cowichan Valley - reaching more schools, more youth and more families than ever before. Listen to 89.7 Sun FM to find out where you can pick up a free pink t-shirt.

Premier Christy Clark, who initially brought pink t-shirt day to British Columbia in 2008, has also joined forces with VIIC and 89.7 Sun FM. Listen to her powerful words at PinkWall.ca and on 89.7 Sun FM.

The goal of PinkWall.ca is to make bullying an open topic of conversation in every classroom and around every family dinner table on Vancouver Island. To learn more, visit PinkWall.ca

Every Vancouver Islander can stand up against bullying on **Wednesday, February 29th**. by wearing pink. St. Joseph's School students and staff will receive and wear their pink T-shirt on **Tuesday, February 28th and may wear it on both days.**

Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/pinkwall.ca or follow PinkWallCa on Twitter

Thank you

Millie Stirling and



“Love one another, as I have loved you.”

DID YOU KNOW? Cell Phone Numbers are now Public

All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. **YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THESE CALLS .**



Use the "Do Not Call List Canada" web site and register your phone there to stop this from happening.

This is the web address

<https://www.lnnte-dncl.gc.ca/insnum-regnum-eng>



School "AWAKENING" Retreat

Our students and staff participated in a one day retreat at school today, Wednesday, February 1st. The facilitators, Masson Normand and Jon Courchene brought the gospel message to our community with high energy, laughter, music, skits, prayer and other fun activities. Be sure to ask your children what they experienced today! For more information, check out their website: www.f2f.ca

"How Do We Pray?"

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is pleased to welcome Father John Hibbard to our diocese. Father John is Pastor at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Belleville Ontario. He is a masterful liturgist, and will be reflecting on "*How Do We Pray? Liturgical and Devotional Prayer Through the Centuries*". Father John is a masterful liturgist, studying Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame and is a former Director of the National Liturgy Office in Ottawa. Please register at the church nearest you, as indicated on the attached poster.

A d m i s s i o n i s f r e e .

This is part of an on-going series of presentations related to the new General Instruction of the Roman Missal and our revised translations, and supported by Goals in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

Wanted:

Earth Quake Kiosk Coordinator - 2012-13 (10 hrs)


Grade 7 Recognition Luncheon Coordinator - June 2012 (20 hours)

Every family is required to donate 20 hours per year.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
			St. Vincent de Paul Toilet Drive				
5 Mass at St. Mary's 9:00 am Pancake Breakfast	6 	7 OPEN HOUSE 11am-4pm SCIENCE FAIR	8	9 Variety Show 1pm	10 	11	
CSW		SWIM CLUB	Catholic Schools Week		CSW		
12 Mass at St. Joseph's 10:30am Pancake Breakfast	13 Triple P Seminar 6:30-8:00pm	14 Red & White Civics Day  P-T Interviews 3:30-8 pm	15 Music Festival 1/2 & 3/4 classes Parent -Teacher Interviews 1-6 pm Early Dismissal 12:00 NOON	16 Day-In-Lieu SCHOOL CLOSED	17 Professional Development SCHOOL CLOSED	18	
CSW							
19 	20 Hot Lunch forms due Triple P Seminar 6:30-8:00pm	21 9:00 am Assembly & Prayer SWIM CLUB	22 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15 Mad Science 3 pm	23 Hot Lunch Day	24 Victoria Symphony Grades 3-7 Cowichan Theatre	25	
26	27	28 9:00 am Assembly & Prayer Hep A—1 pm SWIM CLUB	29 Music Festival Gr 5,6&7 9:00am Mad Science 3 pm				

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Music Festival Gr 5, 6&7 9:00am	2	3
4	5	6 9:00 am Assembly & Prayer Last Swim Club 'TOONIE' SWIM	7 2nd Term Report Cards Home Mad Science 3 pm	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Spring Break ~ School Closed						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Spring Break ~ School Closed						
25	26 School Reopens	27 9:00 am Assembly & Prayer	28 Mad Science 3 pm	29	30	31 

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH AND WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

SCHOOL WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH.
PENELAKUT ISLAND STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 11:20 A.M. AND WILL
CATCH THE 11:40 A.M. FERRY.

Please indicate below your preference of time for an interview. Families will be placed in your preferred time slot on a first come - first serve basis. Your confirmed time will be sent home with your child next week.

Parent-teacher conferences have been scheduled for **15 minute** blocks of time. In order to accommodate all families, teachers must keep these conferences to 15 minutes. Please be on time for your conference. If you need additional time, the classroom teacher will schedule another interview date and time.

These mid-term conferences provide parents and teachers the opportunity to:
Discuss academic, social, emotional, and behavioural growth and concerns
Establish goals for the remainder of the term

Report cards **are not sent home** at this time. Report cards will be sent home on **Wednesday, March 7th**.

Please indicate below your time preference and return to the school:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Student Name(s): _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Tuesday, February 14th

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm _____

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm _____

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm _____

Wednesday, February 15th

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm _____

3:00 pm - 6:00pm _____

Please call the office for more information at 250-246-3191. If you require child care for the afternoon of February 15th, please call to make arrangements. Thank you.