



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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

Newsletter
June 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 enter the final week of another wonderful school year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many blessings, accomplishments, and memories that have shaped our community. While excitement for summer is certainly in the air, we look forward to finishing the year together with several special celebrations. A big shout out to all the volunteers and parents who set up and will be working at our **Tiki Tiki Fun Fair** tonight.

Our week will culminate with **Sports Day on Wednesday**, where students will enjoy a day of fun, teamwork, and school spirit. On **Thursday**, we will gather for our **Kindergarten to Grade 6 Awards Ceremony** as we recognize the growth, effort, and achievements of our students throughout the year. Finally, on **Friday**, we will celebrate our Grade 7 graduates with a special **Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony**, giving thanks for their time at St. Joseph's and praying for God's continued guidance as they begin a new chapter.

As the school year comes to a close, we encourage all students and families to take a few moments to check our **Lost and Found**. A large collection of clothing, jackets, water bottles, and other items is waiting to be claimed before summer break.

We are also exploring the possibility of offering a **morning bus pickup service for families in the Westshore**. If this service would be of interest to your family, please take a few minutes to complete the survey below. Your feedback will help us determine whether there is sufficient interest to move forward with this opportunity.

Thank you for your partnership, support, and commitment throughout the year. May God bless your family as we celebrate these final days together and prepare for a safe, joyful, and restful summer vacation.

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary

BUS SURVEY

<https://forms.gle/uqYZ3VWzhhgFUNiW7>



In an effort to provide a service, reduce parking lot traffic and care for the environment, St. Joseph's is exploring the **possibility** of using our school bus for a one-point morning pick up in the Westshore area. As we have school events afterschool this service could only be offered in the mornings before school.

Only those families who live in the Westshore and interested in this service should fill out this survey. **Please complete by Friday, June 19th.**



INSIDE OUT/UPSIDE DOWN/BACKWARDS SPORTS DAY

Wednesday, June 17th

Come dressed in your team colour INSIDE OUT, UPSIDE DOWN OR BACKWARDS for extra sports day zaniness! Please don't forget sunscreen and a water bottle for a fun filled afternoon!



K-GRADE 6 AWARD ASSEMBLY

Thursday, June 18th 9-10am

Awards will recognize students for their efforts, growth, leadership, citizenship, and contributions to our school community. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend. To help ensure families do not miss this special moment, parents of award recipients will be contacted in advance. We look forward to coming together to recognize and celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our students.



CLOSING MASS

Friday, June 19th at 9am

There will be a special ceremony to recognize our grade 7 graduates following Mass. Students in full uniform please.



NOON DISMISSAL

Friday, June 19th

We wish all our wonderful students a safe, sunny and fun summer break!

Ooo lala! We loved these pictures from the French plays at Wednesday's performing arts performances.



Great day at Gyro beach for the Grade Ones. They had some fun building sandcastles, playing at the amazing playground, ziplining, and field games. It was a fun parent and class picnic.



Our grade 2 classes visited Broadmead Lodge this week and received this note: "Many thanks to you and the students for visiting us yesterday. The room was buzzing! In particular one resident who just moved in this week spoke with me how wonderful it was to have the kids visit. The transition to care can be difficult so having a positive experience at the start is exactly what we need to motivate her to be involved in other activities as she settles in. I wish you a great end to the school year, a well-deserved rest over the summer, and I hope that we can reconnect in the fall for more visits."





St. Joseph's Supports Camp Goodtimes

Port Alice, September 19th, 2016



Dear St. Joseph's Families,

Please help us prepare to welcome the Tour de Rock riders this October!

On October 2, St. Joseph's will once again enjoy a special visit from the Tour de Rock riders on their return to

Victoria! We would love to present them with a cheque honouring their incredible efforts and dedication to supporting children living with cancer.

We would be thrilled to recognize and introduce some of our student fundraisers when we welcome the riders. Perhaps your child may feel inspired to do something over the summer to raise money for Tour de Rock - a lemonade stand? a little neighbourhood dog walking? If they do, please send pictures to Mrs. Amos so we can recognize them in our assembly! (eamos@cisdv.bc.ca)

Another way to contribute to sending kids to Camp Goodtimes is through our online fundraising site: [SJV Tour de Rock Fundraising Page](#). Donating online is secure and ensures all resources go directly to these vital programs. Let's come together as a school community to give the riders a spectacular welcome!

Thank you for talking about this important initiative with your children over the summer, and for your support as always!

Let's show our community what compassion and goodwill looks like, from our incredible St. Joseph's family!



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Please use this link:

https://support.cancer.ca/site/TR?pg=team&team_id=552692&fr_id=30616

St. Andrew's Parent Support Group

Thank you for helping us help our school!

sarhs-psg@cisdv.bc.ca

Used Uniform Sale

Saturday, September 12, 2026

9:30am – 12:30pm

St. Andrew's Commons



Price List



Golf Shirts, Athletic Wear, Vests	\$10
White Dress Shirts and Shorts	\$5
Sweaters	\$20
Hoodies	\$15
Girls Kilts	\$40
Boys Grey Pants	\$20

Send donation or sale questions to sarhs-psg@cisdv.bc.ca



How the BC Summer Reading Club works:

1. Pick up your reading record.
2. Read (or be read to) for 20 minutes or more each day. Read anywhere, in any format or language.
3. Record your daily reading:
 - 1 bubble = 1 day of reading
 - 7 bubbles = 1 week
4. Collect your weekly sticker and prize at any GVPL branch.
5. Repeat for up to 7 weeks to collect 7 prizes!



Visit gvpl.ca for more information about programs, weekly prizes, and more! Explore bcsr.ca for more online resources and fun.

Weekly prizes (while supplies last)

- Week 1. Bookmark Week 2. Temporary Tattoo Week 3. Pencil
 Week 4. Enter the draw for more awesome prizes!
 Week 5. Greater Victoria Active Communities Recreation Centre Pass
 Week 6. Book Week 7. Medal

Thank you to our generous sponsors:

British Columbia Library Association, CUPE BC, Province of British Columbia
 (through the Public Libraries Branch, Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs)
 and IslandLink Library Federation.

St. Joseph's After School Care

Summer Camp

Monday, June 22nd -Friday, July 31st, 2026

Dear Before and After School Care families,

We are pleased to offer a summer camp program this year which will run from

Monday, July 22nd-Friday, July 31st, 2026.

**Please register as soon as possible as we have limited spaces but the latest by Friday,
May 29th, 2026.**

Program Dates:

Monday, June 22nd – Friday, July 31st, 2026

It runs Monday -Friday from 7:30am – 5:00pm



Program Activities:

- A finalized calendar will be sent home with registered families. This year we will again be offering themed days, organized activities, and plenty of arts and crafts!
- **We have 20 spots available each week.**
- **Please sign up via School Cash Online.**

Cost: \$295.00 per child per week with the exception of June 29th- July 3rd which is a 4 day week and will cost \$236.

If you have any questions, please email Susan and Debbie at sjvelc@cisdv.bc.ca or call the centre at 250-479-1237.

Children must be registered in the Before/After School Care Program to attend Summer Camp. We can open up space to other St. Joseph's children if there is space available.

 **THEATRE**
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PRESENTS

LIONEL BART'S

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BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS
BY LIONEL BART

PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES

- Friday, June 19 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, June 20 at 2:00 PM
- Sunday, June 21 at 2:00 PM
- Friday, June 26 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, June 27 at 2:00 PM
- Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 PM

VENUE

Belmont Secondary School, Langford



SCAN FOR TICKETS
& MORE INFORMATION!
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1000 Books by Age Five

Children's Book Recycling Project Greater Victoria

Please fill our empty bins!

390,000 books in 15 years donated to new homes where they are needed. THANK YOU!!!

At this time of the year we prepare an extra supply for the many agencies that send books home with families all summer.

Please do a summer clean of your bookshelves and help another child succeed by having a home library. Take your gently used books **for babies to five year olds** to the pink bin in front the school's library.

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

INVITATION: WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 PILGRIMAGE

We are excited to begin exploring interest from people across our diocese wanting to attend World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea! If you or anyone you know are interested in learning more about this potentially life changing pilgrimage, please fill out this form: **RCD Victoria goes to Seoul! – Fill out form**

KNOWLEDGE-SHARING SYMPOSIUM ON THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY

On May 26-29 a symposium was held in Edmonton by the CCCB with support of the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences, and Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. The aim was to examine the historical and legal consequences of colonization for Indigenous Peoples, and the Catholic Church's involvement in that colonization in the 15th and 16th centuries. Read the media release about the event at <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/knowledge-sharing-symposium-on-the-doctrine-of-discovery/>

GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

Grief to Grace is hosting their next retreat in Canada on September 22 – 27 in Kelowna. This is a program rooted in our Catholic faith. Designed to express the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, it is an integrated healing process of the body, mind, and spirit using the principles of trauma-informed care. It helps those who have endured abuse to find healing for neglect, abandonment, physical, emotional, sexual, clerical, and spiritual abuse, whether in childhood, adolescence, or as an adult. **The deadline for the intake process is June 15.**

For more info visit: www.griegtogracecanada.org

Email: griegtogracekelowna@gmail.com

Or confidential call at: 250-808-6403

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 50/50 RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is excited to launch their own online 50/50 raffle fundraiser to support their new childcare and early learning facility. This centre will nurture children, support families, and serve our growing community for generations to come, while helping address gaps created by recent changes to provincial ELCC capital funding.

- Ticket sales end: **June 30, 2026 (PDT)**
- Draw date: **July 4, 2026 (PDT)**

Get your ticket starting May 8th here: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Correctional Chaplain, William Head Institution

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. Read the full job posting [here](#).

Anyone interested in this paid ministry position needs a mandate letter from Bishop Gary Gordon and can contact either the Bishop (bishop@rcdvictoria.org) or Tapiwa Gusha (tgusha@bridgesofcanada.com), for more information.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish - Part-Time Event Hall Coordinator (Short-Term)

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is seeking someone with marketing experience to help launch and promote their Event Hall and meeting rooms for rentals (events, weddings, community use) as a source of revenue to support parish needs. This flexible side-project role focuses on building awareness through social media, local advertising, and other marketing efforts, along with handling inquiries and coordinating bookings. Approximately 5 hours per week at \$25/hour, with additional commission and earning potential based on successful bookings, for a 6 to 9 month project. Please send a resume to whann@rcdvictoria.org.



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:

www.rachelsvineyardvanisland.org

rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com



SAVE THE GARRY OAKS

Join us in revitalizing an important Garry Oak ecosystem on Christmas Hill by removing invasive species like English ivy, Scotch broom, and Himalayan blackberry!

Our efforts will help prepare the land for a native flower meadow.

-  Every 2nd & 4th Sunday from 1-4 pm
-  Pruners and shovels will be provided
-  Please bring gloves, safety glasses, and water



Learn more here

1-4 pm | Every 2nd & 4th Sunday

Sacred Heart Parking Lot | 4040 Nelthorpe Street

<https://garry-oak-ecosystem-restoration-2026.eventbrite.ca>



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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:

Financial & Legal Services

- Homeroom Bookkeeping & Income Tax

Food & Beverage

- Kung Pao Wok

Health & Wellness

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- Chatterton Way Dental
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- Andrea Collins Photography

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- Bespoke Homes Team
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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

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Ankie Leung

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Ph: 778-433-8806

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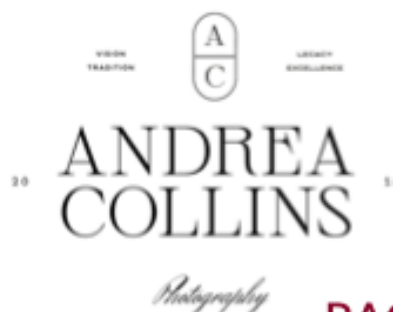
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