



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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Newsletter
June 19th, 2026

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Dear Families of St. Joseph's,



As we close the doors on another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey together and express my deepest gratitude. Thank you for your continued partnership, your unwavering support, and most importantly, for the incredible privilege of entrusting your beautiful children to our care each day. It is a blessing to walk alongside you in nurturing their minds and spirits. By the grace of God and the dedication of our entire school community—staff, students, and parents alike—it has been a truly successful and fulfilling year.

To our Grade 7 graduates: congratulations! We are so proud of the leadership, hard work, and kindness you have shown during your time with us. As you step forward into your next chapter and onto high school, know that you take with you the prayers and best wishes of the entire St. Joseph community. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide your steps, give you courage, and keep you grounded in the values you have learned here. We know God has wonderful plans for each of you.

While the summer will give us all a much-needed chance to rest, recreate, and spend time with loved ones, there is plenty to be excited about on the horizon. We are already looking forward to welcoming our returning students back in the fall, and we are especially thrilled to officially open our brand-new Early Learning Centre (ELC) this coming August! This new space will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome our youngest learners into our learning community.

May God bless your family with a safe, restful, and joyful summer break.

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary



From all of us at St. Joseph's, we wish our students and families a happy summer!



SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Wednesday, September 9th

Have a safe, sunny, fun-filled, fantastic summer! Information about your child's next teacher will be shared in late August – so stay tuned!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open 8am-4pm until July 3rd and will re-open on August 24th

We may be rocking jean shorts and flip flops but will be here, happy to help, or answer any questions you have.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

<https://forms.gle/Qvb55Cny6nwmp2vZ6>

Please check out this short survey about the school uniform. The information will be collected by the Local School Council to better understand parent's experience with the current school uniforms, including sizing, comfort and overall satisfaction.



BUS SURVEY

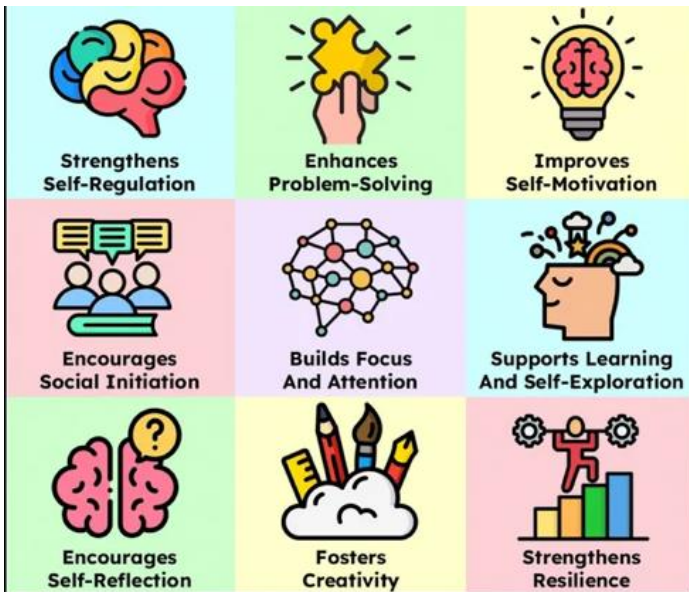
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Thank you to everyone who completed the survey and shared your valuable feedback. If there are any other families living in the Westshore who are interested in this service, the survey remains open. School administration will review the survey results over the summer and make a decision in early September. Thank you for your input and support.



CAMP IMADENE

The grade 7 classes had a fantastic time at Camp Imadene this week! The two days consisted of sun, water play, paddle sports, laser tag, ice cream, hiking, amazing vistas, archery, turbo carts, wide games, team bonding and more. A huge thank you to the parents that came with us and allowed this opportunity to happen, and to all the Grade 7 parent fundraising volunteers.



BENEFITS OF BOREDOM

Here's a great read on the benefits of boredom and ways to turn lazy summer days into critical skills for success.

<https://www.thepathway2success.com/how-to-practice-being-bored-a-critical-skill-for-success/>



HALF DAY SPORTS CAMP AT ST. ANDREW'S

August 31st and September 2nd 9am-12pm

Are you looking for a fun way to wrap up your summer and get ready for the new school year? Join us for two exciting morning sessions filled with sports, activities, and opportunities to connect with fellow St. Andrew's students!

- Try your hand at field hockey
- Shoot some hoops on the basketball court
- Kick the soccer ball around with friends
- Meet new students and build connections
- Get familiar with the St. Andrew's facilities before school begins

Whether you're new to St. Andrew's or returning for another great year, this is a fantastic opportunity to develop your skills, make new friends, and have fun in a welcoming environment. Grade 7 and grade 8 students from St. Joe's and St. Pat's are welcome. Sign up on Cash online to reserve your spot!

Email Tiffany Evans for a registration package. tiffanyevans@cisdv.bc.ca

Come play with us to be an active Sabre where you build confidence and start the school year strong!

SPUDS IN TUBS

This week the grade 1 classes harvested their potato crops and enjoyed a french fry snack!





END OF YEAR DANCE NEWS!

Dear Parents of Irish and Jazz Dancers,

What a fantastic year all of the dancers have had. I have been truly blessed to share my love of dance with all of your amazing children.

All of our St. Joseph's dancers performed very well in the Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival this year. All the students performed to the very best of their abilities and had a great time doing so. This year Mrs. Grange's Musical Theatre group performed so well that they were chosen to represent our School In the Dance Highlights Concert. With over 179 entrants this year it was quite an honour to be asked to perform.

Over the years I have been very blessed to be able to share my love of dance with an amazing group of students at St. Joseph's. As the school year comes to an end I am always a little sad when I have to say goodbye to the grade sevens who will be moving on to the High School next year. This year is especially sad as eleven of my dancers will be leaving our school. Some of them began dancing with me in grade one. Some of them generously shared their love of dance by helping me teach the new Primary dancers. Their help was always much appreciated. Their hard work and perseverance over the years has helped St. Joseph's win several awards in both the Ethnic and School Dance Sections of the GVPAF. I will miss their smiles, laughter, and the joy they brought me with your unending dedication to dance. It is my hope that they will put as much hard work and passion into following their dreams. May God bless you all on your new journey into the challenges and joys of High School. This year's graduating dancers are Mia Araujo, Lucia Catterzi, Olivia Groth, Rachel Les, Serah Lijin, Kate Payne, Jerrica Urkevich, Emily Van Tassell, Eleanor Walker Collins, Laurel Whiteside, and Norah Whiteside.

Have a wonderful summer break, everyone. I will look forward to seeing you again in September.

Love,

Mrs. G. Higgins



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

**\$25 admission fee, each
day, proceeds go to Sabres
Athletics**

ATHLETIC DAY CAMP

Explore the sports opportunities
available at St. Andrews, connect
with senior student-athletes, and
prepare for the upcoming fall season.

August 31st & September 2nd

9am-12pm

**St. Andrews Regional
Highschool**



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.



LIONEL BART'S

OLIVER!

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

CELEBRATING OUR ST. ANDREWS HIGH SCHOOL GRADS THIS JUNE

June is a big month in our Catholic schools as we reach the end of the school year. We want to take some time to specifically recognize our Grade 12 graduates at St. Andrews Regional High School who are fulfilling the milestone of completing high school and embarking on a new chapter with Catholic school as their foundation. Over the next three weeks we are going to spotlight the graduating class and the importance of Catholic Schools in our community.

This week: Hear from three students of diverse backgrounds as they reflect on the value of Catholic education in their lives: See link here: <https://sarhscircuit.wordpress.com/2026/06/09/2026-grads-are-grateful-for-st-andrews/>

BISHOP GARY SPEAKING ON SYNODALITY IN THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA

How is the Church called to listen, discern, and walk together today? In this 2026 Sherlock Lecture during the annual conference for Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry in Vancouver, Bishop Gary Gordon shares the Diocese of Victoria's experience of building a Permanent Pastoral Synod—an ongoing process rooted in communion, participation, and mission. If you are still trying to understand what the Permanent Pastoral Synod ("On The Way Together") is and why it's important, listening to this talk will be very informative.

See link here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4uNzTR8wIDA>

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish would like to send a warm invitation to all the people of our Diocese to participate in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, happening every Friday from 1-2pm at their parish. They hope everyone will join them for this time of prayer and adoration.

CCCB STATEMENT ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE ("MAID")

Please see the statement from the CCCB that marks the 10th anniversary of the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada. In its statement, the CCCB reiterates its opposition to euthanasia and assisted suicide, while calling for renewed commitment to authentic palliative care across the country. The statement also summarizes key statistics and raises concerns about the continued expansion of "MAID" legislation and its impact on vulnerable Canadians. See statement here: <https://www.cccb.ca/letter/statement-by-the-standing-committee-for-family-and-life-to-the-catholic-faithful-in-canada-and-all-people-of-good-will-voicing-concern-and-calling-for-prayers-on-the-10th-anniversary-of-euthanasia-and/>

HOLY SPIRIT FESTIVAL AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Sunday, June 21st for the Holy Spirit Festival. Mass will be at 12:00 noon (in Portuguese), and then a procession around the parking lot. Following the procession, there will be a gathering in the hall for traditional Portuguese food, bouncy castle and face painting for children, performance by our folklore group, Folclore Alegre de Victoria, and then music by Os Primos (The Cousins).

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

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Festas do Divino Espirito Santo 2026

Holy Spirit Festival

June 19, 20 & 21, 2026

Friday – June 19

6:30 PM - Blessing of the Pensões

Saturday – June 20

6:00 PM - Blessing of the Sopas
do Divino Espírito Santo

Followed by: **The Band (OS PRIMOS)**

Sunday – June 21

12:00 PM - Missa em Português
Followed by Procession
around the Church

Join us at the hall for:

- ♥ Buffet Service
- ♥ Bouncy Castle & Face Painting
- ♥ Bazaar
- ♥ Folclore Alegre de Victoria
- ♥ The Band (OS PRIMOS)
- ♥ Draw for the Domingas



*Come celebrate, socialize & enjoy with family and
Everyone is welcome! ♥*



Pastoral Care Training

Nine free online sessions

Saturdays from 9:30 am - noon PST

Sept 26 - Nov 28, 2026 (*no session Oct 10*)



For further
information,
please contact:
Moira King, Chair

Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee: moiraking@shaw.ca





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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



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

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



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*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:

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- Kung Pao Wok

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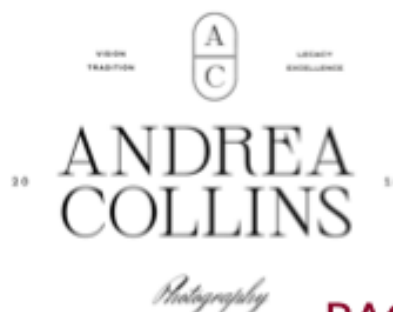
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