



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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

Newsletter
May 29th, 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,

Happy Friday! It was a good one.

Our students represented our school with great pride at the VISSA Track Meet, where the day was filled with energy, school spirit, friendly competition, and many wonderful examples of excellence. It was inspiring to see our athletes striving to do their best, encouraging one another, and celebrating the gifts God has given them. Events like these remind us that success is not only measured in results, but also in perseverance, teamwork, sportsmanship, and the joy of participating together as a community.

We are grateful to all students who competed, cheered, and supported one another throughout the day, as well as to the staff, coaches, and families who helped make the experience so positive. The sense of community was truly evident, and we are proud of the way our students carried themselves both on and off the track.

On Tuesday, we also held our Local School Council Annual General Meeting. We are deeply grateful to the generous parents who put their names forward to serve on the council for the next three years. Through the election process, we are proud to announce Tiffany Campbell, Johanna Osborne, and Genevieve Vuksic as our new council members.

Thank you, Tiffany, Johanna, and Genevieve, for your willingness to serve our school community in this important capacity. Your commitment reflects the spirit of partnership that is so vital to Catholic education, and we look forward to the gifts, wisdom, and care you will bring to this role.

May God continue to bless our students, families, staff, and all those who so generously support the life and mission of our school.

In Gratitude,

Glen Palahicky

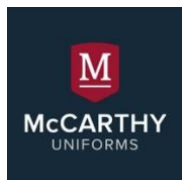
Principal, St. Joseph's Elementary



GRADE 6/7 MARKETPLACE

Tuesday, June 2nd

The grade 6's and 7's have been hard at work designing and creating a variety of products to sell at next week's entrepreneurial fair. Every grade will have their own time to peruse and shop for any items they would like to purchase. The grade 6 and 7 classes vote on which charities they would like to support with a portion of their earnings.



UNIFORM FIT DAY

Thursday, June 4th 10am-5pm

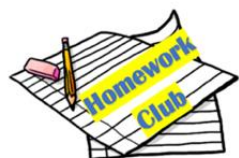
McCarthy will be set up in the school gym for fitting and purchases of new uniform items.



USED UNIFORM SALE

Friday, June 5th at 8:40am

Are you looking for a certain item or size? Please email teresasalema@yahoo.com and she will do her best to track it down for you!



LAST HOMEWORK CLUB OF THE YEAR!

Thursday, June 4th will be the last homework club of the year.

A big thank you to all the teachers who volunteered their time for supervision.



THE TIKI TIKI FUN FAIR IS COMING!

Easy volunteer hours. Big impact. Minimal effort!

Sign up below and be part of the fun!

<https://signup.com/go/ozosgaf>

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

CGS is coming to our parish community in Fall 2026! As it is based on the Montessori principles, many of the materials need to be handmade! We are therefore reaching out to Parishioners and School Families

with carpentry skills, woodwork skills, painting etc! If you are interested in helping, please have a look at the file folders that are in the church office. All instructions are included. Some of the projects are small, and some are larger. Completed projects are due back by mid-July.

For more information please contact Debbie at dclarke@cisdv.bc.ca or Brenda at bbella@cisdv.bc.ca. Thank you for considering sharing your talents and skills so that our young children can experience the Good Shepherd in our new Atrium! Mr. Palahicky has confirmed that you may claim your volunteer hours by completing a CGS project!





VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

To celebrate our long-term and frequent volunteers who have committed their time to our school community throughout the year, we would like to invite you to a special Volunteer Appreciation Event.

When: June 10, 2026

Where: School Gym (Assembly, 9:30) followed by the Library (Reception, 9:45-10:30)

We are so grateful for the ongoing partnership you provide. Your steady commitment is the backbone of our extra programs, and we can't wait to celebrate you!



VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please don't forget to submit your volunteer hours. We have a lovely pink form in the office.



THE DEADLINE HAS NOW PASSED-PLEASE COME IN ASAP

IMPORTANT: 2026/2027 FAMILY PAYMENT SCHEDULES

The 2026/2027 Family Payment Schedules are now ready for signing. Due to recent changes in our standard procedures, **all schedules must be signed in person at our office.**

Office Visit Details

- When: **Tuesday – Friday** (please note the office will be closed Friday, May 8th and 15th).
- Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- What to Bring: Updated banking information (even if it has not changed since last year).

Note on Banking Info: Please provide a void cheque or a pre-authorized debit form. For security and verification, the document must show all names associated with the account.

Requirements at Signing

1. Review the Attached Letter: Please read the attached letter from Head Office for specific completion details.
2. Parent Involvement Payment: This must be paid at the time of signing.

We accept the following methods:

- Post-dated cheque
- Debit or Credit
- E-transfer

Special Considerations

- Extended Hours: If you cannot visit during regular business hours (8–4), please contact me directly. I am happy to accommodate later appointments upon request.
- **High School Families: If you also have a child enrolled at the High School, you will only need to sign there.**



Thank you to Marta Dumas for brining your baby chicks and friendly goat Jellybean to meet our kindergarten and grade one classes.

Miss Caffrey's class celebrated Pentecost last Friday. The students made doves to remind us that sometimes the Holy Spirit appears as a dove, sometimes, like on Pentecost- tongues of fire.



Grade 2 had so much fun designing and creating crowns with their buddies. What a wonderful way to learn, create, and connect together!

TIKI TIKI CANDY PRIZES

Our wheel of chance relies on candy prizes. Help make this game a success by donating candy jars, bags, chocolate with a bow etc... make it as fun or as simple as you wish!

****BONUS****

The class with the highest number of donations will win a freezie day of their own!





**Tiki tiki
fun fair**

**Sign up using the link
below to help make this
event possible**

<https://signup.com/go/ozosgaf>



June 12

5:00pm-7:30pm

St Josephs School

Volunteers needed

FREEZIE

support the grade 7's

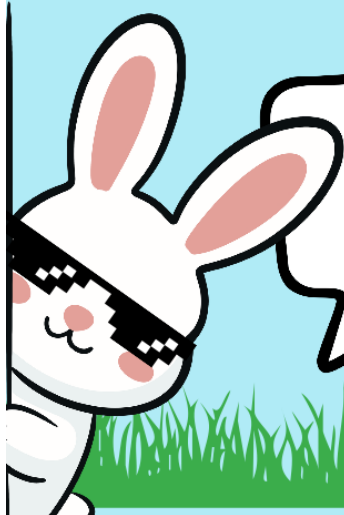
DATES

Thurs Apr 30 Thurs May 28

Thurs May 7 Thurs June 11

Thurs May 14 Fri June 5

Fri May 22



Be there to
get one >:3

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After school



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 bcsrc.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.



2026 Uniform Fit Day

Bundle Deals Available

Join us for your Uniform
Fitting Day at St. Joseph's
Elementary School on
Thursday June 4th, 2026,
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Please note this date is for fittings and purchases only, no returns or exchanges can be processed.

To order online 24/7 visit: www.mccarthyuniforms.ca
Order via our Call Centre Toll Free: 1-800-668-8261
Visit us in store at 1050 Boundary Road, Burnaby BC V5K 4T3



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!
theatrealdente.com/oliver





1000X5

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.

PORTUGUESE SUMMER CAMP

☀️🎨 Learn Portuguese the FUN way!

📍 Our Lady of Fatima Church, Victoria

📅 Wednesdays

🕒 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

July 8th to August 26th 2026

💵 \$ 25\$ (materials & supplies)

📍 Games & Activities

🎵 Songs & Music

📖 Portuguese books in partnership with CEPE Canada

🎨 Crafts & Fun Learning

👧👦 For Kids of All Levels (5 - 14 years old)

Do you want to volunteer? Get in contact with us!



Register by email: portugueseschoolinvictoria@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE CHANCERY

POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST ENCYCLICAL LETTER: *MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS*

Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, was released this week. It focuses on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. The letter is dated 15 May, to commemorate the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical Letter, *Rerum Novarum*.

See the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops full media release, including a link to the encyclical, and a collection of resources on the topic of artificial intelligence here:

<https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/pope-leo-xivs-first-encyclical-letter-magnifica-humanitas/>

HOLY FAMILY NOTRE DAME - SILENT AUCTION FOR ST. PETERS CEMETERY

Holy Family Notre Dame is holding a silent auction in support of St. Peter's Cemetery in Port Alberni; bidding is open from May 22 to June 1. There are a variety of items to bid on, including some beautiful handmade wood pieces, as well as a large amount of jewelry. Payment can be made via EFT or credit card (service fee applies), and shipping of items is available. **Access the auction** at <https://new.biddingowl.com/stpeterscemetery> Please contact Rebecca at 250-723-8912 or hfdn@rcdvictoria.org with any questions.

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. VINCENT DE PAUL "CRAM THE VAN TO THE MAX" EVENT

With the school year ending in June, most breakfast and lunch programs for children stop. This makes it especially challenging for those in need over the summer months. Demand increases significantly at St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on Yates Street in Victoria, as these families visit for food assistance. To ensure the shelves are well stocked to handle this increased demand, they are holding a "Cram the Van to the MAX" event on 2 Saturdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm:

May 30th at the Sticky Wicket in Victoria (919 Douglas Street)

June 6th in the parking lot at Sacred Heart Church in Victoria (4040 Nelthorpe Street)

A NOTE FROM FR. WILLIAM

I am writing today to ask for your support for our Rafflebox 50/50 draw, which will help us raise funds to cover costs related to our Early Learning and Childcare Centre.

We had expected to receive \$1.4 million in provincial funding; however, those funds were repurposed, and we received nothing. We built the Early Learning Centre trusting in that funding promise, and now we need to raise funds to help cover this debt.

Please consider purchasing tickets and sharing the raffle with your family, friends, and social media contacts. This project will nurture children, support families, and serve our growing community for generations.

Tickets are available here: <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/oltrp>

Ticket sales end on June 30, and the draw will take place on July 4, 2026.

Please note that you must be in British Columbia at the time of purchase, but you do not need to be a BC resident.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

With gratitude,
Fr. William



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:**

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www.rachelsvineyardvanisland.org

rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com



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CRAM THE VAN TO THE MAX

Food and donation drive



Support the St. Vincent de Paul Vancouver Island Choices Food Pantry through our two summertime food drives!

As food insecurity continues to rise, more families than ever are turning to us for help. Your donation of food or funds will help provide essential support to individuals and families across our community. Together, we can make a meaningful difference for thousands of people in need this summer.

Canned Food

Boxed Meals

Cash donations

SATURDAYS, 11-2PM

May 30th outside the Sticky Wicket on Douglas St.
And

June 6 Outside Sacred Heart Church, 4040 Nelthorpe St,



**CAN'T MAKE IT DOWN?
MAKE A DONATION AT
WWW.SSVPVANCOUVERISLAND.CA**

**SPREAD
THE
LOVE!**



For more information sseltzer@svdpvictoria.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

- Age Freely Fitness and Wellness
- Chatterton Way Dental
- Dr. Kirk Bartlett Orthodontist
- Dr. Maico D. Melo, Inc
- Eye Etiquette Optical Boutique

Photography Services

- Andrea Collins Photography

Real Estate Services

- 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.

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WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Teya Jensen

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We provide bookkeeping for all types of small businesses, payroll, GST/PST filings and Personal income tax returns.



Food & Beverage

Kung Pao Wok

Ankie Leung

kungpaowok_victoria@yahoo.ca

Ph: 778-433-8806

Chinese Food (Hillside Shopping Center).



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Nancy Falconer

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Agefreelyfitness.com

At Age Freely Fitness and Wellness, I provide the expert guidance and compassionate support you need to lose weight, build a lean body composition, and feel strong, healthy, and empowered through perimenopause, postmenopause and beyond.



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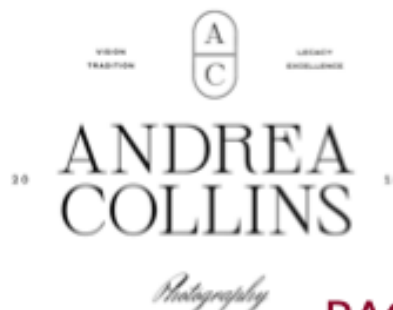
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Supporting families with expert guidance in residential, investment, and commercial properties. Explore our exclusive link just for St. Joe's parents!



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