



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS



A member of Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (School Authority # 116) cispg.ca





Dear prospective families:

I am so excited that you have taken the time to enquire about admission to St Joseph's School! I look forward to getting to know you and your child or children. It is always exciting showing prospective families our amazing school, which I am so proud to have the privilege of leading.

St Joseph's School is a loving and caring learning community committed to academic excellence and fostering the growth of the whole child. Our work is infused by the teachings of Jesus Christ. The smaller size of our school nurtures a strong sense of community. Our dedicated staff and parents collaborate to inspire the growth of all children so they can become their best selves.

Here are just a few things that make our school shine:

- Religious education that focuses on Christian values
- A very experienced team of educators dedicated to helping all children learn and be well prepared on their learning journey
- A school culture that encourages learners to be safe, helpful, accountable, respectful and positive
- Use of the BC Ministry of Education's K 7 curriculum
- French starting in the primary grades taught by specialist teachers
- Music instruction from K-7 taught by a specialist teacher
- Extracurricular sports and activities
- Delicious healthy hot lunch on Fridays
- A high staff to learner ratio
- After school care program (optional and open to everyone)
- School bus service (operated by BVCS)

I warmly invite you to reach out to me should you have any questions or would like more information. Thank you for your interest in our school!

Monique Vander Wart Principal

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Catholic Independent Schools Prince George (CISPG) Policy 501 Priorities for (Re) Admittance into CISPG Schools

- 1. Learners presently enrolled in the school.
- 2. Learners with siblings presently enrolled in the school. (It is understood the school will make every effort possible to accommodate Catholic students.)
- 3. Learners whose families are parishioners (defined as practicing Catholics for the purpose of this policy "practicing Catholics" shall mean those individuals who are registered in a parish and attend Sunday Mass faithfully).
- 4. Learners, whose families are not practicing Catholics, but accept the goals and philosophy of the school and sign the Family Statement of Commitment.

Upon acceptance of application, the first month's tuition is required as a deposit for new families.

OFFICE USE ONLY	Additional documents (cont'd):
Application received	Parent/guardian's immigration/ citizenship/ permanent resident documentation (birth certificate or passport) Copy of most recent report card (if applicable) Child's immunization records (if available) Special needs form completed (if applicable) Diagnosis: Ministry category
(date: yyyy/mm/dd)	☐ Acceptance letter sent to parents
Copies of additional documents: Child's official birth certificate Child's BC Services Card (Care Card) Parent/guardian's proof of BC residency (driver's licence, copy of utility bill, mortgage document, rental agreement, tax assessment)*	(date: yyyy/mm/dd) First month's tuition deposit paid (for new families only) (date: yyyy/mm/dd)

Applying for grade:

purposes.

Family name:

Entry year:



STUDENT INFORMATION

Goina into arade:	Date entering school:	Prev. scho	pol:
			ool:
Legal first name:		First name used:	
			Sender:
Religion:	Parish/ch	urch/house of worshi	p
Sacraments received: Baptism Reconcil	iation 🗌 First Communic	on Confirmation	
Daycare/Babysitter: _	name		
List any allergies, spec	ial needs, medical conditi	ons etc.	contact number
Family dentist:		Phone:	
BC Services Card:		Indigenous ances	try? YES 🗌 NO 🗌
Does the school have contact you? YES \(\) N		your doctor in case	of emergency when unable to
Note: We will call 911 i	n the event of an emerge	ncy.	
Emergency contacts:	Name (relation to student)		contact number
	name (isialion to studetti)		CONIGCITIONIDE
	Name (relation to student)		contact number



FAMILY INFORMATION

Child lives with (please circle one) Pare	ent/Guardian 1 Parent/Guardian 2 Both Shared
Parent/Guardian 1 name:	email:
	work #:
Phone #:	cell #:
Mailing address:	
box # / lowii / pos	sidi Code
Street address:	
Parent/Guardian 2 name:	email:
Place of work:	work #:
Phone #:	cell #:
Mailing address:	stal code
box # / town / pos	stal code
Street address:	
or any other matter related to your child	al papers pertinent to your child regarding custody, visitation's schooling.
A copy of an up-to-date court order MU	ST be on file with the school.
SIBLINGS: YES NO NO	
Name:	Age:
Name:	Age:
Name:	Age:
I hereby certify that the above s	statements are true and correct.
Signature of parent/guardian	
no	ame date (yyyy/mm/dd)
Signature of parent/guardian	data transland
no	ame date (yyyy/mm/dd)

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Last school/preschool/daycare attended:	
name and address	
Has your child received learning assistance?	YES NO
Has your child received specialist interventions? (speech, hearing, ot, pt, behavioral, etc.)	YES NO
If YES , special needs form <u>must</u> be completed and	attached to application.
SCHOOL PROGRAMMING Please read and sign the consent information below I give permission for my child and their teachers to communicate student learning and learning activition but not distributed on servers in Canada and abroada.	use digital learning platforms to help ties where basic personal information will be storec
signature	date (yyyy/mm/dd)
In registering my child at St Joseph's School I under complete educational program, which includes th of the Catholic curriculum and teachings of the sch and support the philosophy and policies of the sch	e use of information technology. I am supportive hool. I have had explained to me, understand
signature	date (yyyy/mm/dd)



PRIVACY AND INFORMATION PROTECTION

The Personal Information Protection Act is in effect for all independent schools. To ensure that we comply with the legislation, and your wishes as parents/guardians, we ask that you read the following information carefully.

The legislation states that all photographs, names, or anything else that identifies an individual or an individual's personal information, is protected. From time-to-time your child's name and/or photograph may be used in a school newsletter, yearbook or other school publication, or media coverage concerning school events.

Registration information

Information provided at the time your child was registered at school was collected under the authority of the *Independent School Act*. This data is used for educational program purposes and, when required, may be provided to health services, social services and other support services. If a student moves to another school, student records are requested by that school. It shall be the understanding that our school administration has permission to pass on this information to the student's new school.

Media coverage

It is possible that there will be media coverage of a school event. This coverage could include your child's photo (or video), name and comments being part of a broadcast, publication or on the school or school authority's website, newsletter or Facebook page.

Please be sure to complete the Personal Information Release Permission portion of the Application and Consent Form. This information will be kept as part of your child's student file as long as they attends St Joseph's School. Please be advised that this is a one-time consent and permission may be revoked at any time by parent request. Kindly note that you are responsible for notifying the school should the status of your permission change.

□ YES □ NO	I permit my child's name and/or photo to be used in any school publication, including school website, social media and newsletters.
□ YES □ NO	I permit my child's name and/or photo to be used in any news media publication.
□ YES □ NO	I permit the school to disclose my name, phone number, mailing address, and my child's name and grade to the Parent Support Group for fundraising and volunteer purposes.



LEGAL RESIDENCY OF PARENT - FORM A

(Ministry of Education Requirement)

To be completed and signed by a parent or legal (court-appointed) guardian. If legal guardian, attach a copy of court order appointing you as legal guardian.

Lawfully admitted into Canada

1.	I am (please "x" one):
	A Canadian citizen (if not born in Canada, please attach a photocopy of citizenship paper/card)
	A Permanent Resident (please attach a copy of parent's landed immigrant status paper or Permanent Resident card)
	 □ Lawfully admitted to Canada under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (Canada) with one of the following documents (please mark the appropriate box below and attach a copy of document): □ Admission as a refugee or refugee claimant
	Valid student permit for two or more years (or issued for one year but anticipated to be renewed for one or more additional years)
	Valid employment authorization (work permit) for two or more years (or issued for one year but anticipated to be renewed for one or more additional years)
	A person carrying out official duties under the authority of the Visiting Forces Act or as an accredited diplomatic agent, pre-clearance officer, consular officer or official representative in Canada of a foreign government with a consular post in British Columbia Other - document description: (must be cleared with Citizen and Immigration Canada)
Re	esidency in British Columbia
	I am a resident of British Columbia (please "x" one): The residency address: The residency address is a second of the re
	☐ NO I am not a resident of British Columbia
C	onfirming signature:
3.	Parent's/legal guardian's name:
	Parent's/legal guardian's signature:
	Parent's/legal guardian's name:
	Parent's/legal guardian's signature:
	Date:
	(yyyy/mm/dd)

September 11, 2019 Policy 501 Student Admission: General

FAMILY STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

"Motivated by a Christ-centered vision of humanity and human history, our school promotes the formation of the whole person. Such formation embraces not only intellectual, but also physical, emotional, moral and spiritual dimensions of human growth in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. Intellect, emotions, creative ability and cultural heritage have a place in the life of the school. Human knowledge and skills are recognized as precious in themselves, but find their deepest meaning in God's plan for creation." From the PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE OF BC by Catholic Bishops of BC. Catholic Schools are committed to fidelity to Jesus Christ, Who said, "Seek first the kingdom of God." The school emphasizes first and foremost the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. All students, regardless of their religious affiliation, must participate in all the religious instruction and activities of the school community.

CISPG Schools recognize that students may come from family situations that do not conform to the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. Although the personal family background of a student is not an absolute obstacle to enrolment in a CISPG school, when parents choose a lifestyle directly opposed to the Church's deeply held moral teachings, they should recognize that the school is not the right place for their child, since the home and school would be giving contradictory teaching.

Partners (home, school, parish) in Catholic education must work together to provide an environment where faith and learning go hand in hand, leading young people to fullest development. Parents and guardians who enroll their children accept that the school will at all times uphold the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. While present on the school campus and in school-related activities offsite, every adult must demonstrate conduct that upholds the school's declared mission. A coherent witness to Catholic moral teaching is expected at all times, especially in the public forum.

The following statements confirm parental support of the goals and philosophy of our Catholic school and need to be accepted by all members of the community. Read them carefully. They ask you to make a commitment to the values of our Catholic School community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this family commitment form, please bring them to the Principal or Pastor who will gladly discuss them with you.

By returning the signed statement with your completed application, you accept the responsibility of this commitment.

- 1. Parents and guardians agree that they and their families will exhibit conduct consistent with Catholic denominational standards. The determination of whether any conduct contravenes these standards is the right of the CISPG Board of Directors.
- 2. All students are required to participate in our religious education curricular and co-curricular programs, including liturgical celebrations, prayer, retreats and other spiritual activities.
- 3. Parents/Guardians are expected to participate in the religious education program as required.
- 4. Regular school attendance and full participation in all aspects of the academic program of the school are required of every student. Each student is expected to strive toward the development of their full academic potential. Parents are expected to support the academic program as required.
- 5. Each family is expected to support and participate in the fund-raising activities of the school.
- 6. Each student is expected to know and follow school policies on behaviour.
- 7. Parents/Guardians are expected to know and support school policy and procedures.
- Parents/Guardians are expected to attend program-related events including but not limited to parent/teacher conferences and meet the teacher events.
- 9. Parents/Guardians agree to accept the responsibility for the cost of tuition, supplies, and other school activities.
- 10. If any of these conditions are not met, the school reserves the right to refuse admission, or remove a student from the school.

I have read and understand the above expectations and commitments and I hereby accept them as stated.

Family Name (please print neatly)	-	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:	
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EDUCATION POLICY MANUAL

Category: PERSONNEL

Regulation: 460

Approved Date: February 24, 1997

Revised Date: DRAFT Page: 1 of 1

VOLUNTEERS

Regulations and Procedures

- 1. Volunteers can make significant contributions to the local community in many ways such as the following:
 - classroom material preparation;
 - instructional assistance as a resource person to provide expertise;
 - supervising students in the presence of a certified teacher;
 - sharing talents and skills within the instructional program planned by the teacher;
 - marking student work by using a teacher-prepared answer key.
- 2. All volunteers in the school must be approved by the principal.
- 3. Those who work directly with students or who have, or potential have, unsupervised access to students, must successfully complete a criminal record check process at least every 5 years, or at the request of the principal. (Unsupervised access should only occur in a public place or where there is no reasonable expectation of privacy.) Criminal record checks required by this policy will be a local school expense. Proof of current membership in professional organizations which require a criminal record check is also acceptable, for example BC Teacher Certification, RCMP, etc.
- 4. Schools using volunteers shall ensure appropriate orientation and ongoing supervision.
- 5. Volunteers will be supervised by school employees.
- 6. Volunteers must:
 - adhere to school and CISPG policies and regulations
 - speak and act with respect
 - deal judiciously with students
 - respect complete confidentiality with regard to any student matters that they may come in contact with
 - report all incidents of student or personal injury to staff
 - maintain confidentiality with regard to personnel matters
- 7. Volunteers must complete a Volunteer Application Form and agree to comply with the Volunteer Code of Conduct and the Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement.
- 8. If the information provided on the volunteer application form changed, the volunteer must notify the school of the change.
- 9. A volunteer file will be maintained in a private location at the school office and updated on a regular basis (minimum once per school year).

The file should contain:

- criminal record checks
- volunteer application forms
- signed code of conduct/confidentiality agreements
- (optional items) other pertinent information (driver's information, medical information, relevant certification and training)

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Policy 460

Volunteers form an integral part of our school communities. They provide important services including, but not limited to, curricular and extra-curricular program support, governance, facility operations, supervision, fundraising, maintenance, and special events. Whenever volunteers work directly with students, policies and procedures must be in place to best facilitate the enhancement of the programs and to ensure the safety and well-being of the students.

Reason for Policy

The CISPG Board of Directors supports the use of volunteers in schools.

Volunteers can enhance the curricular and extra-curricular programs and offerings of the school in a variety of ways, such as:

- providing adult supervision in situations such as field trips
- providing assistance to the teacher in the classroom by helping prepare instructional materials
- providing assistance to the teacher by marking objective assignments (e.g. mathematics)
- assisting in the instruction of children by reading to children or listening to them read
- sharing a particular gift or talent with children (e.g. playing an instrument)

Reference: Regulation 460

Volunteer Application Form Volunteer Code of Conduct



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM

Date:			
yyyy/mm/dd			
Volunteer			
Name:			
surname	given name	es	
Address:Street / box # / city / postal code			
Street / box # / city / postal code			
Telephone #s:home / cell / work			
home / cell / work			
Emergency contact:			
name		best #(s) to	reach them at
BC Services Card:			
Volunteer situations preferred (check as ma	ny as apply):		
Classroom – grades	lunch program		
☐ library ☐	fundraising		
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	phone parents other		
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Times available:			
References:			
1			
name	phone #		relationship
2			
name	phone #		relationship
Police record check			
I am willing to submit to a criminal record	check at no financ	cial cost to	myself.
Signature:		Date:	
Signature: signature of volunteer		<u> </u>	yyyy/mm/dd
Approval:		Date:	
Approval: signature of principal			yyyy/mm/dd

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK AND DRIVERS ABSTRACT PROCESS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please be advised in order to be a parent volunteer / chaperone, the school <u>must</u> have the following three pieces of information from you.

1 Current Criminal Record Check (valid for 5 years)

May be obtained through: Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) applicant-based online services may be obtained through*:

Online link: https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck

Access Code: KWX8WTSZE4

Enter the link and the access code. It asks you would like to go through the BC Services Card. If you choose to use the BC Services card you have to download the app on your phone, if you don't already have it. Apparently this is a less complicated form to fill out. There is an option if you choose not to download the BC Services app, click on the "I do not have a BC Services card" and it will send you to a more complicated form. Once you have completed the process, the Criminal Record Report is emailed to the office. There is no charge for this service.

*If you do not have a BC Care Card, you will require a paper form, which is available in the office.

2 Current Driver's Abstract (must be renewed every September) (needs to show the last 6 years)

May be obtained through: The Access Centre, Smithers

Phone # 1 800 663 3051
Online <u>www.icbc.com</u>
Emailed to <u>stj@cispg.ca</u>

3 Copy of current valid vehicle insurance for the vehicle you will be driving to ensure third party liability insurance is in place. *

We appreciate your support for these field trips and thank you for your time in fulfilling these requirements.



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OVERDUE ACCOUNTS COLLECTION POLICY

Catholic Independent Schools of Prince George (CISPG) policies 218 and 501 set the framework for local school fee policies and overdue accounts collection procedures.

Preamble

Parents/Guardians of children attending St. Joseph's School agree to the responsibility of paying school fees as prescribed and collected by School Council. Parents/Guardians of children attending St. Joseph's School further accept the responsibility to ensure their payments are not overdue. The St. Joseph's School Overdue Accounts Collection Procedure applies to the following St. Joseph's school fees:

- school tuition
- school supplies
- school activities fees
- bus fees
- other fees

School fees are an essential component to the operating budget of St. Joseph's School. Satisfying the commitment to pay school fees is a matter of justice. Overdue accounts, or accounts in arrears, will be investigated by the St. Joseph's School Council headed by the Admissions Committee. The admissions Committee will be comprised of one School Council member acting as chairperson, Pastor, school principal, school bookkeeper, school secretary, and other members as required.

St. Joseph's School reserves the right to refuse admission or remove a student/students from

St. Joseph's school if consistent delinquency of accounts in arrears continues.

Procedure

- 1. A Registration and Tuition Commitment Form will be signed each school year. It will contain:
 - a. expectations of St. Joseph's School in regard to tuition payments
 - b. total tuition commitment depending on number of students and tuition rates
 - c. method of accepted payment and time period of payments
 - d. opportunity to request financial assistance if there is financial hardship
 - e. Signature to indicate family understands obligations
- 2. Tuition is required by the beginning of the pay period (yearly, quarterly, monthly options). Payment not received by this time will make the account in arrears.
- 3. All other school fees are due at time of invoicing. Payment not received within 30 calendar days will make the account in arrears.
- 4. At any time a family experiences financial hardship, they can request assistance. The following steps will be followed:
 - a. Tuition Assistance Form is filled out by applicant
 - b. The form is presented to School Council by the Admissions Committee for discussion
 - c. The School Council will decide, in conjunction with the Parish, to accept/deny/provide partial assistance with a consensus or simple majority vote
 - d. The School Council decision will be communicated to the applicant in a timely manner



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- 5. Accounts in arrears will be investigated. The following Procedure will be followed:
 - a. Tuition accounts will be deemed in arrears when payment is more than two weeks late
 - b. Invoiced school fees will be deemed in arrears 30 calendar days after invoicing
 - c. A first letter will be mailed home via regular mail or email with a copy being retained and placed in the file stating:
 - i. Account is in arrears
 - ii. The family will contact the school with payment
 - iii. If financial assistance is required, the family will fill out the Tuitions Assistance Form, which is included with the overdue notice and be provided the School Council for approval or denial
 - iv. Someone from the School Council or the Admissions Committee will follow up with a phone call if necessary
 - d. School Council and the Admissions Committee will follow up with a second letter via Registered Mail if the school fees have not been paid and no contact with St. Joseph's School has been made within 10 days of the first letter with a copy being retained and placed in the file stating:
 - i. The account is still in arrears and no payments have been received
 - ii. No communications have been received by St. Joseph's School or Council
 - iii. School Council and the Admissions Committee will be following up with the family
 - iv. Consequences of consistent delinquency as stated in 5(e) of these procedures
 - e. Consistent delinquency of tuition can invoke the following actions on the part of St. Joseph's School:
 - i. Re-enrollment of the student(s) is denied/delayed/not guaranteed
 - ii. Termination of enrollment
 - iii. Account sent to a Collections Agency
 - iv. Requirement for advance pre-payment of tuition in full at the beginning of the school vear
 - f. School Council will discuss in-camera the actions that will be taken in cases of consistent delinquency. The payment history, or lack thereof, will be considered. The School Council decision will be communicated to the relevant parties in a timely manner.

I have read and understand the Overdue Accounts Collection Procedure.			
(print) parent/guardian name	date (yyyy/mm/dd)		
parent/guardian signature	_		



TUITION COMMITMENT FORM

Family Name:		Date:	
Student's first name(s):1	2	3	yyyy/mm/dd 4.
Parent/Guardian #1 (please print First name:		Legal surname: PO Box: Street address: Postal code: Telephone (home): (work):	#2 (please print):
Email:		Email:	
Financial fees for the school year Tuition rates per month: (subject to change) *Bussing fee (annual) (subject to change/one-time fee) **Homework book/supply fee (subject to change/one time fee) A. Financial commitment: I will pay the full fees in the I am requesting financial Name of person #1 making	\$305 single child \$415 two childre \$ 20 for each a \$500 per family \$ 12 per year (grown ne current year, assistance (pleated)	e as follows: den dditional child (annual rate) ades 3-7) per student	Annual Family Fees Due Tuition: Bussing*: Agenda fee**: Total: reverse)
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,	authorized debit	Post-dated c	heques 🗌 Cash
All forms of tuition payment must b I have read and understand the			edure.
B. Sign here Parent/Guardian #1:		Date:	www/mm/dd
Parent/Guardian #1:Parent/Guardian #2:		Date:	yyyy/mm/dd



C. Financial assistance request:

Please fill this section out if you are requesting financial assistance. Someone from the School will contact you to arrange a meeting to process the request.

Reason(s) for request:		
Have you previously searched for other funding opportunities organizations to assist with your financial obligations, prior to r	· , ,	
If requesting financial assistance, please give the following in	formation:	
Amount you are able to pay per month: \$		
Net Income of <u>both parents</u> from previous year's tax re Copies must be provided by both parents.	eturn submissions: \$	
Date on which we can review tuition payments:		
Office use only:		
Date of approval:		
School representative:	signature	
(Principal, pastor, or school council member)	-	

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Agreement
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL Date:
Please debit my bank account: (attach VOID cheque) the sum of:
Tuition \$ PK/ASP Fees \$ Bus Fees \$
Child's Name
The debit will be processed to your account on either the (please choose one date):
1st day of the months October through June OR the 15th day of the months October through June.
This Agreement is for a personal Pre-Authorized Debit.
Signature of account holder(s):
Phone Number(s):
Mailing Address:
Please print name:
I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing notice of 15 days. To obtain a sample cancellation form, or for more information on my right to cancel a PAD agreement, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca .
St. Joseph's School Box 454, 4054 Broadway AveSmithers, BC V0J 2N0 Email: stj@cispg.ca
I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right toreceive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse right, I may contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca .
Please attach a voided cheque.



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CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

To be filled out only by those transferring into St. Joseph's.

Student:	Birthdate:
	yyyy/mm/dd
I hereby authorize	(previous school) to release all documents
including my child's student file and t	their confidential file (special education file) containing
assessments or Individual Education Plar	ns, which would assist St Joseph's School in developing ar
appropriate educational program. All ir	nformation provided will be considered confidential and
treated accordingly.	
Date:	Signature: