



**St
Joseph's
School**

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Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith

New Items:

- Spring plant fundraiser - orders due today!
- Friday Breakfast Program back on!
- Student led conferences
- Crazy sock day May 15th
- Cakes needed for Carnival

Upcoming dates:

April 15th - Plant orders due to office
April 18th & 21st - No school
April 24th - Student led conferences 12pm dismissal
April 25th - 2pm dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: We are in the final week of Lent, culminating in Easter this Sunday. Now is a good time to reflect on the true meaning of Easter. Hint: it's not about easter eggs, though, many classes made some beautiful ones last week! It is especially during this time where we commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus, which is the heart of Christianity and what Catholics and Christians world-wide believe. Your children's teachers have been focusing on this as well. Feel free to ask your child about it! Have a good week.

SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER: Plant order forms are due today to the school office. Plant pick up will be May 8th.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES: Student Led conferences will be on April 24th. School will be dismissed at 12pm that day and 2pm the following day (Friday, April 25th). The booking site is now open. <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/xn6r4>

AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION: This is just a reminder that after school supervision ends at 3:20 and we are no longer responsible for your child. Doors will be locked shortly thereafter. If your child has not been picked up, we will bring them inside to wait in the lobby for you to pick them up. If you want to give your children permission to play on the school playground after school ends, please stop by the school to sign a form releasing us of responsibility, so we can have that on file.

FEDERAL ELECTION AT ST JOSEPH'S: The Federal election is set for April 28th and will be in our school gym. What that means for us? The parking lot will be busy! If you usually park and walk your child(ren) into the playground, consider parking on the streets around the school. If you use the drop off area in our parking lot, please be mindful that there will be more foot traffic and vehicles. There will be election canada volunteers in the parking lot helping direct traffic during the busy school drop off and pick up times.

CARNIVAL & SILENT AUCTION: This year we will have a silent auction online during the week of the carnival. Proceeds from the auction will go towards new computers for our computer lab. More information to follow.

CAKES NEEDED: We are in need of cakes or 6 cupcake donations for the Cake walk for our Carnival. Please contact the office if you are planning to donate. All cakes and cupcakes can be brought to the school on the morning of the carnival - [May 9th](#).

CRAZY SOCK DAY: Where your crazy socks to school on May 15th.

WE'RE HIRING!:

It's that time of year again where we start planning for next year. Based on what we know so far, St. Joseph's is looking to hire for the following teaching positions:

1.0 FTE Intermediate grades. Specific grade level dependent on the candidate and internal staffing re-arrangements.

1.0 FTE French/Music This can be a full-time position, or French and Music can be broken apart into two part time positions, or French and Music can be broken apart and paired with a classroom assignment. Specific assignment dependent on the candidate's strengths and internal staffing re-arrangements.

0.2-0.4 FTE intermediate grade: specific grade dependent on the candidate and internal staffing re-arrangements.

Update: We also anticipate the need to hire two full time support staff.

Applications are open to practicing Catholics and non-Catholics willing to be respectful of the Catholic faith and programs. You can find out more information about the job postings here: <https://cispg.ca/careers/> . There is an online application to fill out. Also, you can contact Monique Vanderwart, Principal, at mvanderwart@cispg.ca or call the school at **250-847-9414** to find out more about the positions and how to apply. I'd love to hear from you. If you know of anyone suitable, please encourage them to reach out to me.

OPENINGS FOR 2025-2026: We have a few spaces left in our Kindergarten class for next year. We also have spaces in most of our other grades for next year. If you know anyone interested in those classes for next year please encourage them to contact the school. We are happy to offer a tour and answer any questions! Knowing who plans on coming helps us with our planning for next year.

PRE K REGISTRATION: We have a few spaces available in our Wed/Fri Pre K class. If you are interested please contact the school or stop by. Due to the high interest level in preschool, we are considering adding an afternoon program. If you are interested in that please let us know and we'll start a list!

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY: In the event of a emergency before school starts, we will communicate via email and Facebook if school is to be cancelled or important information needs to be communicated. We will also have staff on site (if safe) to assist students who have walked to school or families who have missed any communications. In the event we need to evacuate the school and dismiss students, students will be taken to the church and families will be called at that time.

CHURCH NEWS:

Mass: 5pm on Saturday, 9am on Sunday, 5:30 on Tuesday, 9am on Wednesday & Fridays

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays 5pm -6pm

Chapel of the Divine Mercy: Fridays at 1pm

Private adoration: is welcome at St Joseph's during office hours, Wednesday-Friday 10am -2pm

Flocknote: to get on Flocknote text **SMITHERS to 514-900-0130**

Confessions: are 15 mins before every Mass or by appointment

Sunday School: is offered during the 9am Sunday Mass for children 2 years old until 1st Communion.

DYC - "Pilgrims of Hope" Youth Conference - see pg 5 for more info

Holy Week Liturgies

April 17th Holy Thursday: 7pm

with the Washing of the Feet

*and Adoration until 10:00pm

April 18th Good Friday: 3pm

with the Veneration of the Cross

An obligatory day of FASTING and ABSTINENCE

April 19th Easter Vigil: 9:00pm

with the Paschal Fire and Candlelight Vigil

Rachael Wall becoming Catholic

The highest Mass of the year!

April 20th Easter Sunday 9am

PSG:

Chair - Tanya Flynn

Vice Chair - Carly Rosger

Treasurer - Paula Perestrelo

Secretary - Taryn Opel

April/ May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14 Hot Dogs  Pre K Ready, set, learn.	15	16	17 Pizza 	18 Good Friday No School
21 Easter Monday He is Risen! No School	22	23	24 Student led Conferences 12pm dismissal	25 No Mass Burgers  Early dismissal 2pm
28 Hot Dogs  Federal Election	29	30	1	2 No Mass Pasta 
5 Hot Dogs 	6	7	8	9 No Mass Tacos  CARNIVAL!



Soccer Swap

April 19th

**Location:
Chandler Park**

**Gear drop off
April 18th
4 - 7 pm**

**10 am
till
2 pm**



For more information visit www.bvsoccer.ca

DYC

2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



MAY
23 - 25

For
Youth
Gr.7-12

Prince George, BC

GUEST PRESENTERS:

*Benedictines
of Westminster
Abbey*

*Dominican Sisters
of
St. Cecilia*

Registration Deadline - MAY 15th



@dyc_pgofficial

Scan for Registration



REGISTER AT WWW.PGDIOCESE.BC.CA/DIOCESAN-YOUTH-CONFERENCE

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL US- DYC@PGDIOCESE.CA

**SMITHERS CHILDREN TO CHILDREN OF
UKRAINE FUNDRAISER**



EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY
APRIL 19TH
11:00AM TO 1:00PM**

**RANGER PARK,
SMITHERS BC**

\$15 per child

Each child gets a prize.

**Bring your own basket and
dress for the weather.**

Refreshments & Games

Fun for the whole family!.

Tickets available at Starlynx Communications
and UFO Cafe. Cash only.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!