



St
Joseph's
School

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Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith



New Items:

- Crazy sock day May 15th
- Cakes needed for Carnival
- Federal Election
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Upcoming dates:

April 24th - Student led conferences 12pm dismissal
April 25th - 2pm dismissal
May 9th - Carnival
May 15th - Volunteer Tea
May 16th & 19th - No School

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Welcome back. This year, the Easter break was a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus but also a time to mourn. Pope Francis was able to participate in Easter Sunday celebrations, but was called home the following day after struggling with his health for some time. With Catholics all over the world, we mourn the passing of Pope Francis. Attached to this week's edition of the newsletter is a copy of the letter sent to all northern Catholic schools by our superintendent, Chris Dugdale. As a sign of respect, our flag has been placed at half staff until further notice. Please pray for wisdom for the leadership in Rome as they plan for Pope Francis' funeral and start the process of selecting a new pope.

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS: Tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2:30 in the Church. Father Dennis will be leading the school in prayer and remembering of Pope Francis. Students will be dismissed when we are finished (it may be early). Parents are welcome to attend.

STAFFING UPDATE: We are pleased to announce that we have hired a music teacher for next year. William Johnson attended St. Joseph's as a student years ago and is now a music specialist. Being a music teacher is his dream job. He will finish out his year teaching in Witset and will join us next school year. Welcome to St. Joseph's, Mr. Johnson!

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES: Student Led conferences will be this Thursday. School will be dismissed at 12pm and 2pm this Friday. The booking site is now closed. If you need to book a time, please call the office and we will fit you in. 250-847-9414

FEDERAL ELECTION AT ST JOSEPH'S: The Federal election is set for this coming Monday, April 28th and will be in our school gym. What does that mean 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 Elections Canada volunteers in the parking lot helping direct traffic during the busy school drop off and pick up times.

CARNIVAL & SILENT AUCTION MAY 9TH 6-8 PM

Come have a fun night out while helping raise money for the school. This year there will be a silent auction and all money raised will go towards new laptops for the computer lab. We are asking for donations of new items, of any kind, for all ages (gift baskets, items to make gift baskets, services, gift cards, toys.. are some ideas.) **donations must be in by May 2nd.** text Amanda Green 250-877-2241 if you have any questions. All money raised from the other carnival events will go towards helping the school pay for the grade 6 and 7 trips. If there are any alumni who want to come help, please text Nicki Twigge: 778-210-0063. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. A schedule will be sent home end of next week.

CAKEWALK - please contact the school if you are able to donate a cake or 6 cupcakes for this event. Bring to school on May 9th.

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.

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

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.

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 Elementary teacher. Specific grade level dependent on the candidate and internal staffing re-arrangements.
- 0.4 FTE French (teach French to all grades)
- 0.5 FTE primary teacher (focus on UFLI/reading and Math) skill in UFLI instruction an asset

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.

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

Please note while Fr Jack is away there will be no Wednesday & Friday Masses along with additional prayer times.

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

PSG: Next meeting May 7th 6:00 pm - Kitchen

Chair - Tanya Flynn

Vice Chair - Carly Rosger

Treasurer - Paula Perestrello

Secretary - Taryn Opel

April/ May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><i>Christ is Risen!</i> <i>Truly, He is Risen!</i></p>	22	23 Prayer and remembering Pope Francis in the Church @ 2:30	24 Student led Conferences 12pm dismissal	25 No Mass Burgers Early dismissal 2pm
28 Hot Dogs Federal Election	29	30	1 Town clean up day!	2 No Mass Pasta
5 Hot Dogs	6	7	8	9 No Mass Tacos CARNIVAL!
12 Hot Dogs	13	14	15 Volunteer Tea	16 NID No School



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Easter Monday, April 21, 2025

To: All CISPG Staff, Pastors with schools, & Parents/Guardians

Re: In Loving Memory of Pope Francis

It is with deep sadness that I share the news of the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

As the spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis was an amazing and humble leader. His tireless work for peace, justice, and care for all people – especially the poor and vulnerable – touched hearts around the world and inspired millions to live the Gospel with courage and love. He reminded us through both his words and actions that Christ's love is for everyone.

In his memory, and in unity with Catholic school communities across the world, we will lower our flags to half-mast beginning tomorrow and continuing until further notice.

Throughout our 8 catholic schools in Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat, Smithers, Dawson Creek and Prince George, students will be given age-appropriate opportunities to learn about and reflect on Pope Francis's life, his message of love and his legacy of servant leadership. These 'teachable moments' may include classroom prayers, reflective discussions, school Masses and lessons on how his successor will be selected.

Pope Francis invited "all Christians everywhere to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them". May this time of recalling his work and zeal for sharing the gospel generate many inspiring and Holy Moments in your family, parish and school community.

We pray together for God's wisdom for all who discern the selection of his successor. Eternal rest grant unto him, O lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

With gratitude and hope,

Chris Dugdale, Superintendent – CISPG

cc: Most Reverend, Bishop Stephen Jensen

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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



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