



New Items:

- Kindergarten registration info
- Tax Receipts - sent home today
- Grandparents/Elders Tea
- Wear you house team colours, tomorrow!

Upcoming dates:

Feb 3rd-7th - Catholic Education Week
Feb 10th-12th - Kindergarten registration
Feb 14th & 17th - No school

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: As you know, last week, we held an important community engagement evening to talk about tuition as well as the past and future financial story of St. Joseph's. If you haven't already read the informational letter I sent out to everyone afterwards, I'd encourage you to go back through your emails and do so. It was sent last Wednesday, January 29th. That letter contains a bit of an explanation of where we've been and where we are as a school and outlines the tuition rates for next year as well. We want everyone to be well informed before re-registration forms for next year go out in a couple of weeks.

Our superintendent also visited the school last week and wanted you to know that he enjoyed meeting with the parents who spoke to him. He also visited classes last Thursday and wanted you to know how impressed he was with the learning he witnessed at the school. Your kids are doing well and we are so blessed to have strong, solid teaching in both our primary and intermediate grades.

In other news, this week is Catholic Education week and we were going to have an adventure and go on a pilgrimage (different places for different grades) and, unfortunately, due to the cold, we are postponing that part of it to another time. The same goes for another class trip planned for tomorrow as well. We'll keep you posted as to when we'll try again. Finally, as many of you know, kindergarten registration for next year opens next week and soon after, re-registration in other grades. It would be great if you encourage your family and friends to consider St. Joseph's. Many of our new families this year came because of conversations they may have had with you. Parents, you are the best promoters of St. Joseph's. We're grateful and encourage you to keep spreading the word.

With this cold weather, there's not much more to say other than stay warm and have a good week!

TAX RECEIPTS: Tax receipts were sent home today with the youngest family member. Please check your kids backpacks!

SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS: Reminder to parents to please use the stj@cispg.ca to send emails to the office. When Mrs. McGibbon is working she doesn't get the emails to Mrs. Pelzer's email (epelzer@cispg.ca). All communication to the office should be under the stj@cispg.ca. Thank you

GRANDPARENTS/ELDER TEA: Our annual Grandparents/Elders tea will be on Feb 6th in the Gym at 12:30.

BUS SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS: Both buses will see some cancellations this month and next for some BVCS field trips. [Telkwa](#) bus will not have [afternoon](#) service on [Feb 7](#).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES: We will be accepting applications by phone on the following dates and times:

1. **February 10 - 13 at 8 am** Parish Families and siblings enrolled in St Joseph's School
2. **February 11 - 15 at 8 am** St Joseph's Pre Kindergarten program
3. **February 12 at 8 am** everyone on a first come, first serve basis. We will leave this open until all spots are filled. Children must be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2025. All registrations require an appointment. Please call the school at 250-847-9414 on the appropriate date outlined above. We will have room, so please encourage your friends and family to consider St. Joseph's!

NET CANADA - HOST FAMILIES NEEDED: The NET (National Evangelization team) is coming April 1st and is in need of a host family or two. There will be 8 young adults 4 female and 4 male. If you are able to offer your home to host a few of them for the night please contact the school. Thank you!

HOT LUNCH: Just a reminder that hot lunch cards are \$60.00 each and that will get you 10 lunches. Cash or cheque only, no e transfers as this is a fundraiser for the PSG.

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.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES: We keep getting complaints about unsafe parking and drop offs. Remember these rules are in place to keep students and others safe while walking in the parking lot. If you have questions please contact the office for clarification.

-All traffic is to **enter** via **First Avenue** and **exit** via **Broadway Avenue**

-Vehicles are to follow the **one way** arrow and drive slowly, single file.

- **Vehicles are NOT to be parked along the school building from the double doors along the chain link fence to the small hall.** This is drop off traffic only. Please drop your children off at the **stop sign not after.**

-**If a parent needs to get out of the vehicle for any reason, the vehicle must go park in a designated parking spot.**

-Vehicles parked by the rectory are to have their headlights facing the school. (**back in**)

-Vehicles may park along the wooden fence, but must **back in.**

-Vehicles are to stop for pedestrians and cyclists. There is a stop sign at the crosswalk.

-Cyclists and pedestrians are to cross the parking lot at the crosswalk only. All must walk.

-Crosswalks are to be used to reach parked vehicles.

-No Parking in the parking space in front of the **Small Hall.**

-No parking across from bus drop off (Manitoba St) – no parking zone for the whole block.

- No drop offs at the crosswalk on Manitoba - we've had several complaints regarding this.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER:As the weather changes, this is just a friendly reminder to ensure that children come to school with clothing appropriate for the weather, including rainy days and snowy days. Unless the rain is really coming down in torrents, and unless it gets very cold, children will still go outside when it showers or snows. Fresh air is a good thing!

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.

PSG NEWS:

Chair - Tanya Flynn

Vice Chair - Carly Rosger

Treasurer - Paula Perestrelo

Secretary - Taryn Opel

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Breakfast Program Hot Dogs  Catholic Education Week	4	5 Wear your house team colour!	6 Grandparents/ Elders Tea 12:30 in the gym Basketball after school 2-3:30 Grs 5-7	7 All School Mass Gr 2 Reading Muffin walk  Mac N Cheese  Fantastic Forces 2pm No afternoon Telkwa Bus
10 Breakfast Program Hot Dogs  Kindergarten Registration Catholics & Siblings	11 Kindergarten Registration Pre K Students	12 Kindergarten Registration First come first serve	13 Pizza  Basketball after school 2-3:30 Grs 5-7	14 No School NID
17 Family Day No School	18	19	20 Basketball after school 2-3:30 Grs 5-7	21 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5/6 Reading Grilled Cheese 
24 Breakfast Program Hot Dogs 	25	26	27 Basketball after school 2-3:30 Grs 5-7	28 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5 Reading Pasta 

SCIENCE WORLD

On the Road



Sat, February 8th
10:30 a.m.
Smithers Library

The On The Road team will be in Smithers on February 8, 2025 for a fun, high-energy demonstration to pique science curiosity and inspire future science and technology leaders. Come explore with us!

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public library  **DISCOVER
TOGETHER**

Smithers Public Library

3817 Alfred Avenue, PO Box 55
Smithers, British Columbia V0J 2N0
smithers.bc.libraries.coop

 **north west library federation**



Smithers Chapter

NatureKids BC helps families with children to get outdoors to explore, play, and learn about nature. Activities are aimed at ages 5 to 12, but kids of all ages are welcome. Free for families with kids to become a member

Smithers Explorer Days Saturdays 10:00 am to noon.

Model Solar System

When: February 22, 2025

Where: Lake Kathlyn Beach

What: Starting with a large grapefruit as the Sun and ending with Neptune as a blueberry we'll pace out the planets at scale.

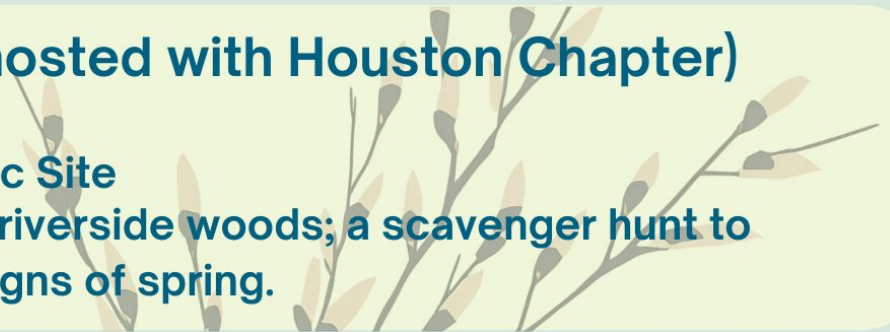


Earth Day Party (co-hosted with Houston Chapter)

When: April 26, 2025

Where: Bulkley Valley Rec Site

What: Come explore the riverside woods; a scavenger hunt to locate and photograph signs of spring.



Wetland Wonders

When: June 21, 2025

Where: Willowvale Wetland, Pacific street parking lot

What: Discovery walk looking at birds, insects, aquatic and plant life.



For more information: <https://naturekidsbc.ca/>



Library Storytime Programs

JOIN US!

Babytime

Tuesdays | 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Toddler time

Tuesdays | 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Storytime

Wednesdays | 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

DATES:
January 21 -
April 9, 2025

Pick a program
that suits you
& your child

MORE INFO:
250-847-3043
contact@smitherspl.ca