



St
Joseph's
School

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Catholic Schools: Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith

Action Items

- Hot Lunch - Tacos
- Bake Sale Wednesday - Everything \$1
- Income Tax Receipts - See below
- Kindergarten Open House
- PSG Movie Night
- Luke Wallace Concert - tomorrow



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: It sure has felt like an early spring this week! That said, we know that winter is not done with us yet. Sometimes the ups and downs of life can really throw us for a loop and we at school are here to help your kids through those times. January has felt like 68 days long this year, one staff member said! When longer daylight seems so far away, longer days may seem long way off now, but we know spring is coming! In our lives too, we sometimes feel discouraged and bogged down by the day to day. One of the things we learn at school is that life is full of peaks and valleys. There is lots to look forward to as we pass the half way mark of this school year: Geochallenge, Pancake Breakfast, cross country skiing (hopefully!), basketball with Mr. Toner and much more. Most important is that no matter where we are in our lives, whether on a peak or in a valley, we always have hope in Christ. We teach your kids that too! Have a great week.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS: Our Catholic Faith has Seven Sacraments that draw us in special ways more deeply into the life of God and His spiritual family, the Church. Whether it's Baptism, Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, the Anointing of the Sick, or Marriage, the first step for practising Catholics is to have a one-on-one meeting with the Pastor, who will provide customized preparations, according to the readiness of each individual person or family. Speak to Fr. Jack after Mass on Sundays to set up your first meeting with him.

LUKE WALLACE CONCERT: Mr Maskell has invited performer Luke Wallace to sing at our school tomorrow at 10:00. Many of our choir students are familiar with his song "Turning the Tide", so this is quite a treat. Thank you to Mr Maskell for arranging this! Any parents who would like to attend, please feel free to join us.

PSG MOVIE NIGHT: PSG will be hosting a Movie Night this Friday at 6pm in the school gym. The movie will be Sing2, admission is by donation, please bring a chair, pillow or blanket and all children must be accompanied by an Adult. There will also be a concession! We hope to see you there!

ILLNESSES & STREP THROAT: It is that time of year, when illnesses are running rampant throughout the school. We have seen many cases of Strep Throat in the past few weeks and more again this week. We ask that you please refrain from sending your child(ren) to school if they are feeling unwell. Also please remind your child(ren) to wash their hands often and to also not share any drinks or food to help keep illnesses from spreading. Please see the link from Healthlink BC regarding Strep Throat.

[Strep Throat | HealthLink BC](#)

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: We will be opening up registration for the 24-25 Kindergarten class starting February 12th by phone. 250-847-9414

Feb. 12-13: Registration for siblings of existing STJ families and Catholic Families - Registration starts at 8am

Feb. 14-15: Registration for currently enrolled Pre Kindergarten students - Registration starts at 10am

Feb. 16 and onward: Registration for all grades opens to the general public - Registration starts at 8am.

*Please note the different time for the Pre K Families - this is due to our Ash Wednesday Mass.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Income tax receipts are ready to go. They will be given to the youngest child in each family on Thursday, Feb 1st. Please make sure to check their backpacks at the end of the day. If you have any questions, please email bookkeeperstj@cispg.ca

TUITION COMMITMENT FORMS: These forms will be sent home with the youngest child per family on Feb 12th. Please complete and bring back to the school by Feb 20th. **Please let us know if your child will not be attending our school for the 24-25 school year.**

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE: We will be hosting an open house on Thursday February 15th from 9:30 am to 2:30pm. Any prospective families are welcome to drop in that day and get a tour of the school and meet our Principal! Please call the office if you have any questions.

GROCERY CARDS: If you need a grocery card, please contact the office!

BAKE SALE: The next Bake sale fundraiser will be January 31st at Recess. All items will be \$1 each. This fundraiser is for the Grade 7 year end trip.

BASKETBALL WITH MR TONER: On February 1st, Mr Toner will be starting Basketball practice after school from 2-3:30 for students in Gr 4-7. If you child(ren) is interested please have them come to practice next week.

SCHOOL EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROTOCOL: In the event there is a school closure prior to students arriving, we will be sending out an email to all families as well as make a notice on our Facebook, Instagram pages and website. In the event we have to close the school while in session, we will evacuate to the Church and phone families from there.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (PSG) NEWS: Thank you to the PSG for their financial support to many school activities.

This month PSG gave :

\$1732.01 to Mrs Polanin for their Grade 3 readers.

\$393.33 to Mrs Kuemper for the sensory room for occupational therapy and sensory supplies.

Next PSG Meeting: February 21st at 6pm

President - Monica Perry

VP- Taryn Opel

Secretary - Kylee Arpin

Treasurer - Paula Perestrelo

Hot Lunch Coordinators - Brett Wilson & Melissa Bennett

ABSENT STUDENTS: If your child(ren) are sick or going to be absent from school, the school office must be notified. We require notice in writing for all absent students for our annual Attendance Audit. Please email the office stj@cispg.ca for any sick days, early dismissals, appointments, or holidays. Thank you in advance!

CHURCH NEWS:

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

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

Check out our school calendar on the last page



2024-2025 Tuition Fees

January 23, 2023

Dear Families,

We are so glad you are part of the St. Joseph's community and we are thankful for the many ways you and your children make it special. School Council met on January 18th to discuss many things including the setting of tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year.

A word of explanation on how we operate financially:

Independent schools like St. Joseph's receive half of the per pupil operating costs granted by the government to public school students and nothing for capital costs or costs related to the maintenance of our facilities. For example, if a public school receives \$12,800 per student for the year, we receive \$6,400. While we are thankful for the government grant we have, it does mean we have to bear the costs of the missing half in order to offer the services we do.

The following are the main ways we make up the difference in funding:

1. Tuition (We are fortunate to be able to offer a charitable tax receipt for the majority of the tuition you pay.)
2. Teacher and support staff wages, which are notably less than in the public system
3. Volunteer work (thank you!)
4. Supply fees
5. Fundraising such as the year end drive, poinsettias, chocolates, etc.
6. Being as stewardly as possible with the resources we have

As you know, costs of everything for goods and services have gone up. Inflation has affected all of us, including many of the things we need as a school.

As a council, we know that you as parents make a financial sacrifice in order to send your children here. Staff also make a sacrifice to be here as well. What we have in common is a passion for the community that St. Joseph's is and a desire to see it flourish. We as a council are doing our best to ensure that we balance the sacrifices of parents and staff as well as possible while ensuring that the operational requirements of running a school are met.

In light of the above, School Council has approved the following tuition fees for the 2024-2025 school year. They represent an overall 5% increase. In recognition of the increased costs of basic school supplies (we know you also end up purchasing additional supplies and we're grateful!) we are also instituting a supply fee. Thus far, Council has approved an \$80 supply fee for each child in kindergarten. Gr. 1-7 supply fees are yet to be set.

2024-2025 Tuition Fees:

Families with one child:	\$320/month for 10 months
Families with two children:	\$435/month for 10 months
Families with three or more children:	\$30/month per extra child
Supply Fee Kindergarten:	\$80/ YEAR per child
Supply Fee Gr. 1-7	To be determined

With thanks,

Donna Schibli, Chairperson, on behalf of School Council.

January & February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Hot Dogs	30	31 Bake Sale at 10:20	1 Basketball 2-3:30 Grades 4-7	2 Tacos 3-7 Mass Gr 4 Reading Movie Night @ 6pm
5 Hot Dogs	6	7	8 Basketball 2-3:30 Grades 4-7	9 Pasta 3-7 Mass Gr 3 Reading Elders Tea
12 Hot Dogs Kindergarten Registration starts	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch	14 Ash Wednesday All School Mass @ 9am	15 Basketball 2-3:30 Grades 4-7 Kindergarten Open House 9:30-2:30	16 No School
19 No School	20	21	22	23 3-7 Mass Gr 6/7 Reading
26	27	28	29	1 3-7 Mass Gr 5/6 Reading