



New Items:

- Lost and found - come check it out before Friday
- We have a few kindergarten spots available
- We are hiring!
- Friday Breakfast Program back on!
- Pre K - space available

Upcoming dates:

- Mar 14th - Report cards home
- Mar 14th - 28th - Spring Break!!
- Mar 31st - School resumes
- Mar 2nd - NET - Gr6 &7
- Apr 1 - Cosmic Bowling - see pg 6

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: It took a while, and we meant to do this during Catholic Education Week in February, but at last, the K-4 classes were able to go on their pilgrimage in town today, now that the weather is warmer. Ask your children what they learned today! The gr. 5-7 classes will go to a senior's center for their pilgrimage once we're back from Spring Break (Tues. April 1). A big congratulations go to our gr. 5-7 students who played at a basketball tournament in Houston last Friday. Thank you to Mr. Toner for his coaching the Gr 6/7's and Erich Pelzer for coaching the Gr 5's. Thank you also to Mrs. Creyke, Mrs Vinnish and Mrs Pelzer who spent the day there. They won some and lost some and in both cases, learned. A big thank you also goes to Jeff Niethammer for his volunteer work making sure there is breakfast on Monday mornings and to Robbie Mcknight who is organizing breakfast on Friday mornings, as well as the hot lunch and hot dog crews who keep our kids fed at lunch. As you can see, we are a richer community because of the time people take to make our lives at St. Joseph's better! School will be closed over Spring Break and, with all the sneezes and diseases making the rounds, we hope that everyone will feel better and re-energized for the final portion of the school year when we get back. Wishing everyone a restful, enjoyable, healthy break.

LOST & FOUND: Please take a look at the lost and found before Friday. We have set it all out on a table in the main foyer. Any items not collected by Friday, will be donated to New to You.

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 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.
- 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.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM: We have a few grandparents that are willing to come in and have toast /yogourt etc. for breakfast. If you are willing to come in and help out, every once in a while, that would be great. Thanks.

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). An email will be sent out to parents the week of April 7th to book a time slot for each child.

DISTRICT 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL: The School District is hosting 3 on 3 Basketball again this year for grades 4/5 and 6/7. Information on which days, cost and dates is on page 5 of the newsletter. If you want to register your child(ren) please come to our school office to pick up a registration pkg.

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!

A NOTE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL: If you love meetings and want to hear more about the decisions being made regarding St. Joseph's, our next one is Wednesday, March 12 at 5pm in the multipurpose room at school. We'd love to see you there!

SHROVE TUESDAY- A big thank you to all the volunteers who provided us with yummy pancakes for lunch. It was delicious!

GEO CHALLENGE WINNERS: We held our finals for Geo Challenge on Friday and the results are:

Grades 4 & 5 : First place- Brody McMillan, Ashon Krymusa and Jaxon Vinnish Second place- Patrick Anokhin, Haven Hinds and Dax Tran Third place-Matthew Johnstone, Cohen Blanchard and Blaze Telles

Grades 6 & 7: First place - Finnley Niethammer and Fiona Burns Second place - Eli Wilson, Smith Rossmann and Linden Klotz Third place- Evie Stam, Giovana Silva and Emma Sketchley

A big thank you to Mr. McKenzie and Mrs. Wilson for organizing and planning this event.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER: Please make sure your children have appropriate wear for the weather. We want to send them outside for breaks as much as we can, so hats, gloves and proper winter wear are a must for being able to enjoy the great outdoors at this time of year.

ALL SCHOOL MASS- SCHOOL IS LOCKED: When there is an " All School Mass" the school will be locked. All late students must be dropped off at the church.

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.

PSG NEWS:

Chair - Tanya Flynn

Vice Chair - Carly Rosger

Treasurer - Paula Perestrelo

Secretary - Taryn Opel

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 Breakfast Program Hot Dogs 🌭	11 Gr 2-4 Pilgrimage K- Gr1 Pilgrimage	12	13 After School Basketball 2-3:30	14 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 3 Reading Pizza 🍕 Report cards sent home Spring Break starts
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31 School Resumes Hot Dogs 🌭	1 Gr 5-7 Pilgrimage	2	3	4 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 7 Reading Tacos 🌮
7 Hot Dogs 🌭	8	9	10	11 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5/6 Reading Grilled Cheese 🧀



Smithers Elementary 3 x 3 Basketball League

Information:

Grade	Practice Day(s)	Practice Time	Game Day	Game Time
Grade 6/7	Tuesdays OR Thursdays	Tues: 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM Thurs: 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM	Saturdays at SSS	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Grade 4/5	Mondays OR Wednesdays	3:45 PM to 4:45 PM	Fridays at Walnut	3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Session Dates: March 31st to May 3rd

Session Type: 1 Practice/Skills Day and 1 Game Day each week for 5 weeks

Coaching Staff: Silvio Luther: SSS Junior Boys Coach and Basketball Academy Teacher

Richard Audet: SSS Junior Boys Coach

About 20-25 High School basketball players

Parent Volunteers

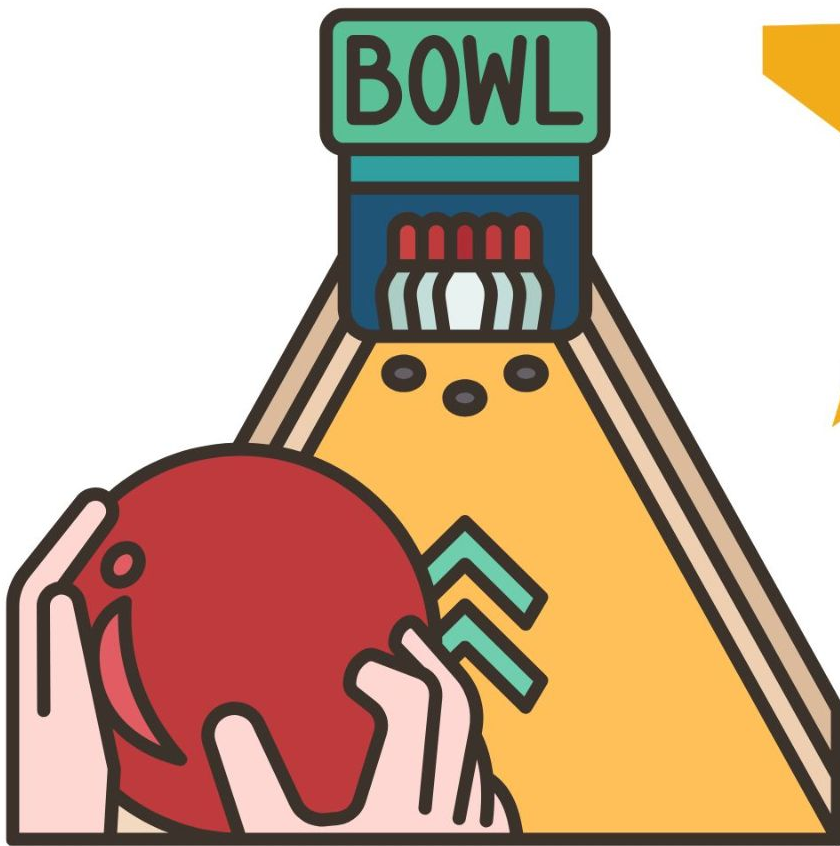
Costs: \$50 Registration Fee

Proceeds: Helps to fund basketball trips, pay referee fees, and buy new equipment for SSS teams.

Contact: silvio.luther@sd54.bc.ca

Please return registration forms and payment to St Joe’s school office.

**MARK YOUR CALENDER:
SPECIAL YOUTH GROUP EVENT
COSMIC BOWLING!**



**Prizes:
Top Girl
Top boy
best out fit!**

Connsession
Will Be Open!

**Tues, April 1
6-8pm Smithers Bowl
All Youth Ages: 10-15 years
Cost: \$7.00**



GREEK GODS, GODDESSES & MYTHS

Learn all about Greek mythology! Try your hand at Artemis Archery or the Thunderbolt Hurl, make a zodiac craft, consult the Oracle at Delphi, and enjoy Greek snacks. Costumes encouraged!



Friday, March 21
9:30 - 11:00 am
Smithers Library

FOR SCHOOL-AGED
KIDS AND TEENS