



## St. Joseph the Worker School May 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week, our school community celebrated the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker with a school mass, a fun legacy art activity (soon to be completed and hung in our school entrance), as well as our “school family” buddy picnic in the gym. St. Joseph is a wonderful example for all of us, both as children or adults, of how to live and love our families. As Jesus’ father while on Earth, St. Joseph shared the joys of fatherhood through both positive example and selfless love. We are blessed to have St. Joseph as our patron saint; he is truly a model of patience and trust in God’s plan.

Last weekend, our Grade 2 class celebrated their First Communion. It was a joyous experience that will hopefully stay in the memories of our children for many years. Watching the children so carefully and reverently receive the body and blood of Christ was also a reminder that we, who have been receiving “at the Lord’s Table” for years, should revisit the importance of this sacrament of initiation – a sacrament that offers us a spiritual food that no earthly feast can provide.

Looking ahead at the final two months of the school year, we see our Walkathon quickly approaching, our Parent Appreciation Tea coming up quickly, as well as a myriad of Track and Field events that will carry the school through May and into June. Please note that we will be celebrating the love and commitment of Father David, Father Dennis and Father Francis during 2 different upcoming morning assemblies. There are also 2 different parish events that will include an appreciation of our priests on Saturday, May 26 (for Fathers Dennis and Francis) and then on Sunday, June 3 at 2pm for Father David.

Please read the newsletter for important details on these and other events that are on the horizon during the final 2 months of the school year.

In Christ,

Paul Fraser

## Spirit Day Fundraiser Results

Our April Spirit Day, held on Tuesday, April 10, raised funds for RBC Children's Run for BC Children's Hospital. Through the efforts of our dress-down day, the school community managed to raise over \$376. Many thanks to all our school families for continuing to make our monthly Spirit Days such a success in fundraising for great causes.

## Mite Box Collection Results

Students did a great job of gathering alms during Lent. Together our total amount that is being sent to support our seminarians this year is \$1031. Great job, St. Joe's!

## Parish Education Committee Positions for 2018-2019

Nominations for the Parish Education Committee and Regional Education Committee are now being accepted. Parishioners 21 years of age or older interested in getting involved in supporting our Parish School or Regional High School can pick up a nomination form at either the parish or school office or by contacting the nominating committee. Completed nomination forms must be approved by Father David and then submitted to the school office no later than May 18th, 2018. The Parish Education Committee election will take place at all masses May 26th and 27th, 2018. For more information or to pick up a nomination form, please contact the nominating committee (Sandra Manzano and Doug Choy) at this email address: [ec.sjosw@cisva.bc.ca](mailto:ec.sjosw@cisva.bc.ca).



## Scholastic Book Fair Draw Winners!

During our April 12 Student-Led Conferences, our Scholastic Book Fair was open for business and everyone who made a purchase was able to enter a draw to win \$25 of books for themselves and \$25 worth of books for the winner's grade. Our two winners were Andrea Herrera-Trujillo in Grade 3 and Mattea Ngui in Grade 4. Congratulations to both students and their classes!



## First Communion - Prayers of Thanks!

We offer prayers of thanksgiving and support to each and every one of our St. Joe's students who received their First Communion during the numerous masses this past weekend.

## Spring Celebration and Farewell to Father Dennis and Father Francis

Everyone is invited to attend the family-friendly Spring Celebration on May 26. Along with amazing food, DJ music by Rob Thompson and great door prizes, attendees have the opportunity to share in a special farewell to 2 of our departing priests- Father Dennis and Father Francis.

Cost of tickets is \$35 per adult and \$15 per child. Tickets are limited so get yours today at the school office or check the contact information on the event posters located by the school entrance.

## Father David Farewell - Parish Picnic on June 3 at 2pm

The Parish and all its ministries are putting together a special Farewell for Father David! Please make plans to join us in celebrating Father David and his 13 years of dedication to St. Joseph the Worker Parish and school.

The event will be held after the 1pm mass on Sunday, June 3. Various ministries of the church will be in charge of different aspects of the farewell event, so please keep your eyes out in mid-May for ways to support the event.

## Student Safety - Bicycling to School

Spring is upon us and the bicycles are coming out of the garages! It's great that so many of our students are biking to school, but we must remember 3 very important safety rules:



- 1) students should enter the property using the centre walkway in front of the church, **NOT** the vehicle exit
- 2) when they get to the drop-off zone, bicyclists must dismount their bicycles and walk their bikes
- 3) Helmets are the law. All bicyclists **MUST** wear a helmet while riding a bike



## St. Joe's Walkathon Coming Soon!

Friday, May 11 is our annual St. Joe's Walkathon. At this point in time, the weather is looking great and spirits are high for this important fundraiser and community-building event. Please note that the Walkathon will proceed rain or shine, so please keep an eye on the weather forecast and ensure your child dresses appropriately. There will be a free pizza lunch and dismissal is at 12:15pm.

Let's get those pledge sheets filled and ensure our Walkathon has 100% family participation and is the success that it needs to be!



## Track and Field Meets- Important Dates to Note

There are several Track and Field Meets coming in May and early June. Please make note of the dates:

Vancouver College Meet: Thursday, May 17 @ Vancouver College (selected students)  
CISVA Meet (Day 1): Wednesday, May 30 @ Swangard Stadium (selected students)  
CISVA Meet (Day 2): Wednesday, June 6 @ Swangard Stadium (selected students)



## May Living Rosary

A Living Rosary for the Marian month of May will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at 9am. Grades 4 and 5 will be leading the school community through a reflection and prayer in honour of our Blessed Mother. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

## Parent Appreciation Tea and Musical Celebration

In appreciation of such a supportive and warm parent community here at St. Joe's, the staff and students will once again be hosting their annual Parent Appreciation Tea. This year, the tea and musical celebration will be held during the afternoon of **Tuesday, May 29**. There will be tasty treats and delectable snacks available for everyone who attends! Sweet treats are served around 12:55pm and the afternoon of musical entertainment will begin around 1:50pm. We'll see you there!

## Used Uniform Sale

The annual St. Joe's Used Uniform Sale will be held on Tuesday, May 29, after the Parent Appreciation Tea from 2:45pm – 4:00pm. Additional details are being sent out soon, so keep your eyes peeled!

## Vacation Bible School - This July

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! This year, VBS will be held from July 9 - 13. Save the date for your children and keep an eye out for registration forms in early June.