

St. Joseph the Worker School April 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

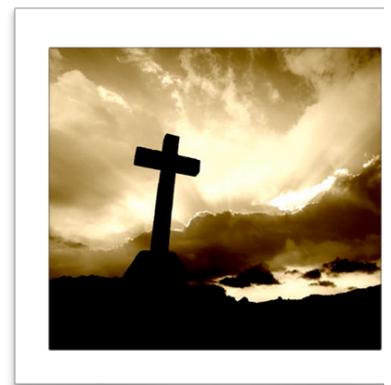
After returning from Spring Break, it always seems like the remainder of the school year is on a fast-moving trajectory to June. Track begins soon, the Walkathon not too far away, and First Communion is only a few weeks from now. Our Spring Musical is approaching quickly, along with all the school-wide excitement that it brings. The time seems to pass just a little more quickly as we enjoy the increase in sunshine and evenings outdoors with our families. With only three months remaining in the school year we have had so much to celebrate this year.

Liturgically, our faith community will celebrate the Joy of the risen Christ in our lives. As we come to celebrate the Resurrection we can only begin to imagine the joy the Apostles felt on that first Easter morning. After watching their world and their faith in Jesus unravel on Good Friday at the foot of the cross, they went from the depths of grief to the height of joy that only Jesus can bring into our lives. We know the story so well, and each Easter, beginning with the beautiful liturgy of the Vigil, we proclaim the risen Lord and His victory over sin and death.

On behalf of the staff, I wish all of our families a very Happy Easter Season, filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ,

Paul Fraser



Spring Musical - "Madagascar Junior" is Around the Corner!

The staff and students have been busy preparing for our upcoming Spring Musical! On **Wednesday April 10** and **Thursday April 11**, we are featuring a well-loved tale of Marty, Alex, Gloria and Melman in the musical: Madagascar Jr. Tickets are now on sale and we encourage parents of ALL grades to purchase their tickets as soon as possible. At this point, we are only selling 6 tickets per family to allow everyone to see the show. Tickets are only \$3. Partial proceeds from our ticket sales go directly towards our sponsor school in Kenya.

NOTE: All students are required to be at both evening performances. Students need to be dropped off at 6:45pm for the 7pm performance. If a parent is not attending a particular performance, student pick-up time is 8pm.

Spirit Day for March for Chalice and our Sponsor School

Last month's Spirit Day took place on Tuesday, March 12. We are pleased to announce that our Spirit Dress Down raised \$348. As mentioned previously, this money will be used in conjunction with our school-wide goal of building a kitchen in our sponsor school in Kenya.

Scholastic Book Fair Contest Winners

Along with our Student-Led Conferences on March 14, we held our second Scholastic Book Fair. All proceeds are going towards school resources. We also held our book draw and Mrs. Williams picked a primary and an intermediate winner. This year's winners are:

Greysen Li (Kindergarten)

Mattea Ngui (Grade 5)

Thank you to all families who visited the Book Fair and supported our literacy initiatives!

It's Time For Summer Uniforms Again

Students are permitted to wear summer uniforms for the remainder of the year. Please note that summer uniforms are optional.

World Earth Week Zero Garbage Challenge

World Earth Day is on Monday, April 22. Although we are not in session on Easter Monday, our Green Team is celebrating Earth Day (and Earth Week) with the "Zero Garbage Challenge". We are challenging ALL of our school families to bring zero landfill lunches and snacks for the entire week. We will attempt to have zero landfill school contribution from Tuesday, April 23 to Friday, April 26. Please help us by packing all food items in reusable containers or compostable wrapping. Let's do this!

First Communion - April 27/28

Our Grade 2 students will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion during the weekend of April 27 and 28 at their regularly attended masses. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers as they approach this important weekend.



Track and Field Season Begins!

Our much anticipated Track and Field Season will begin April 23. The practice schedule will be sent home prior to April 19, and will soon be available online at our school website: www.stjosephtheworker.ca

Track and Field is open to all students in Grades 3-7. Major Track and Field Meet dates are:

- May 6 St. Paul's/St. Joe's Track Meet (ALL students participate)
- May 16 Vancouver College Track Meet *selected students
- May 29 CISVA Track Meets (Day 1) * selected students
- June 5 CISVA Track Meets (Day 2) * selected students

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our upcoming annual Parent Appreciation Tea, to be held this year on Wednesday, May 22. More information to be posted in our May newsletter.