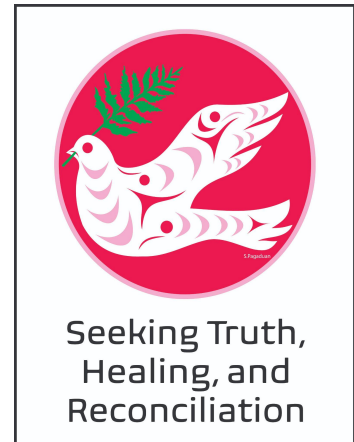




# St. Joseph the Worker School Newsletter



## April 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the Triduum and journey towards the joy of the resurrection, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school.

Daily, we see the outpouring of love for your children in the small but important ways you care for them. Working together, we journey in partnership with you. Father Pierre and I recently attended a workshop to reflect on the new CISVA Mission Statement. We are all encouraged to continue to reflect on this with our staff and families and find ways to grow in love and partnership with each other. This week, Holy Week, we have the opportunity to grow in our faith and journey with Jesus from His death to resurrection. This is a time for families to grow closer to our Lord and each other. At Easter Vigil, 4 of our students will be baptized (along with 3 parents). We welcome them into our Catholic family and offer our prayers of thanksgiving for their journey.

With all of God's blessings,  
Mrs. Andrea Bennett, Principal



## April School Events

### Wednesday, April 5th - Welcome Wednesday

Please join your children by walking them into the school and spending a few minutes in the classroom from 8:40-8:55.

### Thursday, April 6th- Holy Thursday

- ❖ School wide retreat
- ❖ Dismissal at noon

### Friday, April 7- Good Friday (school closed)

### Monday, April 10th - Easter Monday (school closed)

### Wednesday, April 12th

- ❖ Assembly hosted by grade 2 -Water First
- ❖ 2pm dismissal
- ❖ Hot lunch

### Thursday, April 13th

- ❖ 7 pm Screenagers (mandatory for grade 4-7 parents)

### Friday, April 14th

- ❖ Water First Spirit Day dress down (\$2)
- ❖ Pizza Lunch

### Tuesday April 18th - Friday April 21st - Outdoor Education for Grade 7's

### Monday, April 24th - 2:30 Walkathon Pep Rally/Walkathon kick off

### Wednesday, April 26th - Student Led Conferences (no school) 1-7:30 pm

As this format may be new to some families, here are some reminders:

- This session is 30 min and is to be booked for parents & child to meet together.
- There will be 2 other families and their children during your time slot in the classroom.



**EASTER TRIDUUM AT  
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

**PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 2023**

BLESSINGS OF PALMS IN GATHERING SPACE  
SATURDAY 5:30 PM, SUNDAY 8:00 AM,  
CHILDREN'S MASS 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM & 1:00 PM

<b>HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6, 2023</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023</b>
<b>7:00 PM</b> MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (BRING A BELL FOR THE GLORIA) JOIN THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE CHURCH HALL WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 11:00 PM	<b>8:50 PM</b> EASTER VIGIL
<b>GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b> CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE STATIONS EXCEPT DURING PUBLIC SERVICES <b>10:00 AM</b> SEVEN LAST WORDS CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS <b>11:00 AM</b> HUNGER MEAL -PARISH CENTRE 1:00 PM, 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	<b>MASSSES AT 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM &amp; 1:00 PM</b>  <b>ALL ARE WELCOME ALL BELONG</b>



- This time is intended for your child to guide you through their learning journey and daily activities at school.
- If you have multiple children at the school please bring books for them to read while they wait outside the classroom for their conference. Please arrange for child care if you have other children not currently enrolled at St. Joseph the Worker.
- Parents who have questions for their child's teacher should communicate via email or arrange an additional time to meet. This session is structured to be student led and there will not be an opportunity to meet with teachers.

### **School Appointments - Parent Instructions**

1. Go to our school appointments website for your school - <http://sjw.schoolappointments.com>
2. Register for an account by clicking the "REGISTER" menu tab and filling in the on-line form. Choose a user id and password for yourself and then click the "Register Now" button.
3. Add your children into the system by clicking the "Add a Student" button. Click the "Insert New" button to add more children.
4. Click the "date" icon beside each child's name to schedule appointments.
5. Select the staff you wish to book an appointment with.
6. Then click the "View Calendars" button.
7. Click on available time slots to book your appointments to make your bookings.

## **Many Thanks & Congratulations**

### **Moana Jr.**

A huge congratulations and thank you to our staff, led by Mr. & Mrs. Withers and Miss Ramirez, who supported and encouraged our children to share their talents in our musical production of Moana Jr.. Three fantastic performances over two days showcased our entire school with all children participating. Thank you to the many parents who helped with sets, donated fabrics, and patiently supported the many practices and rehearsals that took place over 3 months. We are so very blessed. Creating a link for pictures and videos is in progress. Once it is ready, we will send it via the Friday teacher email.

## **Reminders & Key Events**

### **April 13th - Screenagers Screening and Panel Discussion (7pm in the Church)**

This year we will host this event as part of the CISVA Human Growth and Development program. This will enable us to learn together in partnership with each other as staff, parents and parish. Here is a link to the movie that we will be watching: [Screenagers Movie](#). There will also be a panel discussion to debrief and dialogue. Together with the

Parish Prep Program, we will host this important and mandatory event in the church. Snacks and drinks will be provided. **This event is for parents only.** Please arrange for child care or have one parent attend. Thank you for your support.

### **Guardian Summer Camps**

As mentioned in earlier communications, we are offering summer camps to our students from July 3rd to 7th. Registration forms will be sent out in early May. The grade level is the grade your son or daughter will be entering in September. These camps include:

- ❖ Introduction to Kindergarten (incoming K only)
- ❖ Arts & Smarts (grades 1-3)
- ❖ Budding Bakers (grades 4 & 5)
- ❖ Brain & Games (grades 4 & 5)
- ❖ Brain and Games (grades 6 & 7)

**Arts & Smarts** includes music, a famous artist study, and science activities centred around an engaging theme

**Budding Bakers** will be in the kitchen baking, as well as in the classroom and outdoors using math and literacy skills to complement recipes and creative and thinking skills needed to create and bake.

**Brain & Games** will be a mix of volleyball, basketball, field sports, fun science, art, academic games and more..

Our camps are open to St. Joseph the Worker students only and will be run by our teaching staff, support staff and volunteers. Camps will run from 9 am to 3pm. Cost for camp will range from \$200 to \$225 for the week (depending on camp costs). There will be a pizza lunch included on Friday. We look forward to offering this opportunity for our students to learn & grow in new and exciting ways.

### **Hot Lunch Continues!**

Our hot lunch program is available to order now! Please see the following [HOT LUNCH ORDER LINK](#) for ordering instructions. The students have really enjoyed the White Spot burgers and we will soon be offering Japanese food for some days!

### **Athletics Update**

#### **Track and Field Club and Season begins Tuesday April 11th**

Under the leadership of Mr. Girard, we are excited to begin the track season again. The Track Club is a way for all students to try events. Due to limited numbers at some meets, some students will also have the opportunity to compete as part of the Track & Field Team. Some important information is as follows:

- Permission form will go home this week.

- All students from grades 3-7 are welcome and encouraged to participate in Track & Field Club.
- St. Catherine's Track Meet (for selected students) - April 27th. There will be a school bus for transportation.
- St. Joe's - St. Paul Track day for all students in grades 3-7 is May 8th at Minoru
- BCEC - Grades 3-7, May 26-28th at Minoru
- CISVA wide day 1 meet is Monday, June 12th. Finalists will compete on Thursday June 15th. Both meets are in Abbotsford this year. Day 1 will have bus transportation available.

Please stay posted for more detailed information as we get closer to the dates and events above. This is intended to help with your family planning as many of you will want to come cheer on your children!

### **Flag Football**

New to St. Joe's this year, we will begin flag football for grades 3-7 in May (every Tuesday after school) More information to come later in April. No equipment needed.

## **Driving and Parking**

**Parent Drivers** - THANK YOU to everyone who has submitted their CRC's. If you haven't done so already, please ensure you have submitted your Criminal Records Check (CRC) documentation (link below in this newsletter) if you will be driving other children to these games and events. Your insurance should also be submitted to the office. Please drop in and see Mrs. Lorenz to get your paperwork all up to date!

### **Criminal Record Checks.. PARENT DRIVERS & VOLUNTEERS**

As part of the criminal record check application, your identity will be verified electronically by the Ministry of Justice using your BC Services Card.

1. Log on to <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/criminalrecordcheck/>
2. Use our Access Code: **G8HC368U38**
3. Complete the on-line criminal record check application.
4. **If your application is successfully submitted, you will get a confirmation service request number. Please email the service request number to Laura Carandang [pa.stjw@rcav.org](mailto:pa.stjw@rcav.org).** The result will be emailed to us within **3-4 weeks**, and you should receive a confirmation email.
5. **If the system could not complete your request, or you are unable to verify your identity using your BC Services Card:**
  1. Apply a second time as you may be successful on your second attempt.



- ## 2022 TRAFFIC SAFETY PROCEDURES

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