



# St. Joseph the Worker School Newsletter

November 1, 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter November, we are so very blessed to begin with our All Saints Day mass. You may have noticed the “All Saints” pumpkins at the church entry this past weekend. This was just one of the events over the past month that inspired our students to live their faith. We are thankful to Father Joseph who led this project and provided the pumpkins.

Our new play structure is well underway and will be ready in the next week or so. We will have a blessing and opening in early November. As I mentioned in my last letter home, this was made possible by the generous support of all our families through galas

and walkathons over the past two years. We thank you on behalf of the students for this great gift to our community.

This month we will begin our food drive campaign for our St. Vincent de Paul food hampers that are an integral part of the hamper program in collaboration with our parish. We support over 100 families in our local area. Your generosity is appreciated and an example of how our families working together create a community of justice and hope. I thank you in advance for your generous support of our upcoming Advent giving program that begins this month with our food drive.

May God bless you and your families,

Mrs. Andrea Bennett,  
Principal



## Father Joseph with the All Saints Pumpkins

### October Events

#### Cross Country Recontition

During our assembly we recognized all of our Grade 2-7 cross country participants. We also thanked Mr. G, Mrs. Whitlock, Mrs. Tien, Mrs. MacIntosh, Miss Ramirez for coaching this season. Special recognition from the CISVA championships went to:

Nevaeh - grade 5: 8th

Matthias - Grade 6: Silver metal

Kiana - Grade 7: Silver metal

#### Growing in Our Virtues Assembly #2

In our second assembly we recognized students who displayed the virtue of Justice. The students recognized received a beautiful prayer card. Our next virtue of focus is HOPE.





## Halloween

The students had a great day all dressed up with our day ending with our costume parade.



## PEER Helpers Update:

Our red vests have arrived and our PEER Helpers are busy every recess supporting students by helping plan games with primary students and providing a positive influence on the playground. We are very proud of the way in which they are living their faith through service to others.

## News From Our Parish

**November 2nd - All Souls Day Mass, 7Pm**

**November 21st**

### **St. Patrick's Secondary Open House**

- ❖ All parents and students are invited to attend this in person event. Especially our grade 6 and 7 families.



**Christmas Lights:** A newer addition to our Christmas Tradition, here at St. Joseph the Worker is “Light Up Richmond”. We are asking families, groups and ministries to come together this year and help light up the Church! The afternoons of November 25<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> have been set aside to put up all the lights.

**Christmas Pageant:** Children wanting to be a part of this year's Christmas Eve Children's Mass and pageant, must register by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Practices will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and a rehearsal on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please watch for registrations to come out in early November! All practices must be attended to participate.

**Adult Faith Opportunities:** We encourage you to join the Adult Faith opportunities in the Parish.

- ❖ **What's the Word** – join us in the church 7pm Wednesday evenings as we reflect on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.
- ❖ **The Search:** Join us in the Parish Centre (gym) on the following Mondays at 7:00 PM for this video and discussion series exploring the question – “what do you want from your life?” Monday, November 6, 20, December 4, January 8, 22 and February 5.

**No registration is needed for either of these opportunities, come when your schedule allows.**



## PEC Events/News

### **PEC Fundraiser Event - Supporting our Tuition Assistance Program**

We're excited to launch a new fundraiser with Mr. Cooper Pies! These traditional meat (veggie is also available) pies are proudly handmade in Steveston village. Order your pies between November 1 and 14 and pick-up from the school front foyer on Thursday, Nov 23 from 2- 5pm.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Parish Tuition Assistance Program.

Information will also be sent home via your class parent.

Thank you for your support!

[St. Joseph the Worker Fundraiser \(efundrs.com\)](http://efundrs.com)

## October School Events

### **Wednesday, November 1st - All Saints Day**

- ❖ Welcome Wednesday 8:30-8:45
- ❖ 9:00 am mass with coffee and treats following in the gathering area of the church

### **Wednesday, November 8th**

- ❖ Hot Lunch
- ❖ 2pm Dismissal

### **Friday, November 10th**

- ❖ Remembrance Day Assembly - please ensure your child has their sweater

### **Monday, November 13th - No School (Remembrance Day Observance)**

### **Friday, November 17th**

- ❖ Spirit Day Dress Down - food collection kick off day (continues from 20th-23rd)
- ❖ Pizza Lunch
- ❖ Interim reports sent home

### **Friday, November 24th - No School Pro-D day**

### **Wednesday, November 29th**

- ❖ Hot lunch
- ❖ 2pm Dismissal

**\*\*\*\*A reminder to all that Spirit Day dress should be modest, appropriate and in keeping with the Catholic school environment here at St. Joseph the Worker. \*\*\*\*\***

## Athletics & Extra Curriculars

### Athletics Updates



#### Volleyball

- ❖ Grade 5 Girls - won our zone and will play in the first round of playoffs this Friday. They also won bronze at the STM tournament!
- ❖ Grade 6 Girls - placed second in our zone and had a great season overall
- ❖ Grade 7 Girls - finished the season at the playoff jamboree last week. Special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Choy for coaching
- ❖ Grades 4-7 boys have begun their jamboree play

#### Boys Soccer

- ❖ Both teams have now finished their season. Thank you to Mr. Lorenz for coaching again this year.
- ❖ Thank you to Mr. Dean Chan for his assistance this season



## Important Reminders

### Criminal Record Checks (CRC's)

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe environment for all students and community members, we require our parent volunteers to complete the following CRC check. This includes volunteer roles that involve student interaction; driving students to and from school events/games, any school day volunteering, coaching etc. I strongly suggest you complete this process so if the opportunity arises for you to volunteer you will not be delayed or prevented from doing so. Please use the following link to complete this process and notify Laura that you have submitted your check. Results come directly to the parish and we are notified.



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.
  2. If after your second attempt the system could not complete your request, you may receive a return email with a "Criminal Record Check" form that can be mailed. **Please do not use this form.** Contact Laura Carandang to arrange to complete and sign a form in the Parish Office which we will submit on your behalf.
  3. Once I have received and submitted your Criminal Record Check form, the results will be e-mailed to us within **3-4 weeks**.

## **2023 TRAFFIC SAFETY PROCEDURES**

### **MORNING = DROP-OFF ONLY**

- **When entering the parking lot, please slow your vehicle down to 10km/h**
- **For morning drop-off, proceed all the way to the orange-coned "drop off zones"**
- **Please DO NOT drop your child(ren) off against the school; please drive up to the zones**
- **Drop off can be anytime from 8:30-8:45 am. Students head directly into their classrooms. Parents are asked to please stay in their cars unless they have a meeting or are volunteering at the school.**

### **AFTERNOON PICK-UP:**

- **When entering the parking lot, please slow your vehicle down to 10km/h**
- **Pick-up time is 2:50pm for ALL STUDENTS**
- **If parking please park cars in the two designated parking rows and escort child(ren) to your parked car.**

- If picking up in the zone, proceed all the way to the orange-coned “pick-up” zone. Student crossing guards will direct pedestrians and allow traffic to flow through when it is deemed safe. Please watch for their signs.
- The first THREE cars at the pick-up zone can load up students (not just the front car)
- When departing the parking lot, please travel at a safe speed of 10 km/h and watch for other cars.
- IF YOUR CHILD(REN) ARE NOT READY TO ENTER YOUR VEHICLE DURING AFTERNOON PICK-UP, PLEASE CIRCLE AROUND, OR PARK YOUR VEHICLE AND PICK THEM UP BY HAND. DO NOT HONK YOUR HORN AT YOUR CHILD IN THE PICK-UP ZONE.
- Thank you in advance for your cooperation on following all of these important procedures.

