



St. Joseph the Worker School Newsletter

October 2, 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our September flew by and here we are getting ready for Thanksgiving and an action packed October as you will see below. We are grateful and give thanks for the ongoing support of our parent community as parent helpers, coaches, drivers and PEC members. Every parent plays an important role in the life of our school and our children and staff thank you.

I have added a new section in our newsletter to keep you informed of the important happenings at St. Joseph the Worker Parish. Also new, a recap of the school events from September. We are so very blessed to have a community that supports each other and our brothers and sisters locally and internationally. Sharing these events with you gives you some more insight as to the day to day life at school.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our first Welcome Wednesday and Feast Day mass this week, along with our first parent teacher interviews of the year later in October. May God bless you and your families this Thanksgiving and always.

Mrs. Andrea Barnett, Principal



Grade 7 Hike to Eagle Bluffs

September Events

Terry Fox Run - We raised \$700!

On a beautiful and sunny September morning we gathered to run in honour of Terry Fox and for those in our families and communities who are fighting and have fought cancer. We began the day with O'Canada led by Ysabel from our Kindergarten class. We also welcomed and honoured cancer survivors Mrs. Whitlock and Mrs. Williams in our spirit assembly by presenting them with special red shirts. We raised \$700!



Growing in Our Virtues Assembly

In our first assembly of the year we learned about the virtue of JUSTICE. Our students and staff will focus on how we Live Our Faith through creating classrooms, families and communities in which justice is lived and a virtue we aspire to. I encourage you to watch the [VIDEO](#) we shared and talk to your children about Father Pierre's message on JUSTICE.

Truth and Reconciliation Assembly & Orange Shirt Day



On September 29th we welcomed one of our parishioners, Rhonda, on behalf of Elder Don, to lead us in making Talking Sticks. Father Pierre also spoke about Truth and Reconciliation and the important role we all play in this journey.

News From Our Parish

Transitus and Mass

October 3rd is the date that St. Francis of Assisi died. All are invited to celebrate the *Transitus* (his passing from death to life) of St. Francis at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3rd, in the church. A liturgy will be led by the Secular Franciscans and the Friars, followed by a light reception.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Oct 8th

Non-perishable food items for the Food Bank will be collected in the church when you come to mass on Sunday.

Whiskey Delight - Saturday, October 21st 7:00 to 10:30 pm in the Parish Centre

St. Joseph the Worker Parish and Youth & Young Adult Ministry Fundraiser

Come out for a night of whisky tasting, delicious food, live entertainment, and great company – come out for Whisky Night, a St. Joseph the Worker Parish and Youth & Young Adult Ministry fundraiser. Tickets are \$100 each. Doors open at 6:45pm. Get your tickets in the Gathering Space after Sunday Masses leading up to the event.

October School Events

Wednesday, October 4th - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

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

Monday, October 9th - Thanksgiving Day.. No School!

Wednesday, October 11th

- ❖ Chalice Assembly
- ❖ Hot lunch - White Spot
- ❖ 2pm Dismissal

Thursday, October 12th - New Parent Night - 7pm

Hosted by the PEC, this night is to welcome our new and kindergarten parents to the school community. Beverages and light snacks will be provided in the gym and our PEC will provide you with some important information. There will be time to get to know other parents and our PEC in a social environment. We look forward to seeing you there!

Friday, October 13th

- ❖ Spirit Day Dress Down - students can wear their favourite sports jersey or other dress down clothes
- ❖ Pizza lunch

Wednesday, October 18th

- ❖ Growing in our Virtues Assembly
- ❖ Regular school day
- ❖ Parent Teacher Conferences, Book Fair & gift card sales: 5-7:30 pm

Thursday, Oct 19th

- ❖ Parent Teacher Conferences, Book Fair & gift card sales: 10am - 6pm
- ❖ No school in session

Friday, October 20th - Pro-D Day.. No School

Monday, October 23rd

- ❖ Photo retakes & school panorama photo (all students must have full uniform including sweaters.

Wednesday, October 25th

- ❖ Living Rosary led by our grade 6 and 7 classes
- ❖ Hot lunch - Sushi
- ❖ 2pm dismissal

Tuesday, October 31st - Happy Halloween

Students may dress up for school. Costumes need to be appropriate for school and in particular a Catholic school in which the age of child is 4-12 years old. Specifically, this includes: no masks and no weapons. Teachers will review this and other details with the classes as well as send information home in the class email the week prior. We appreciate all the generous offers to bring candy and treats for the students, however we kindly ask that parents not send treats or treat bags to school.

******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

- ❖ Girls & Boys volleyball are underway!
- ❖ Schedules can be found on our school website calendar



Boys Soccer

- ❖ Both teams began their seasons and will continue to play weekly

Cross Country

- ❖ October 4th - CISVA Cross Country Championships
- ❖ October 6th - Salmon Run for all grade 2-7 students in Cross Country

Music Updates

Band

- ❖ Band rental night is Tuesday, October 3rd
- ❖ Full schedule will be shared with parents as well as posted on the school website calendar

Choir

- ❖ Intermediate choir practices start on Tuesday, Oct 10th at lunch permission forms go home this week.
- ❖ Primary choir practices start on Thursday, Oct 12th - 8am

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.** 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.

