



St. Joseph the Worker School Newsletter

February 1, 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to February. We have a busy and not so short month as this is a leap year! We kick the month off with our Guardians Gala this Saturday night. Thank you in advance to everyone who bought tickets, donated and supported this event in any way. Next week we welcome 1-Vibe back to our school for a week of Hip Hop dance. We are looking forward to seeing many families out for the final performance on Friday. Although our Catholic Schools week of Feb 10-14th is short, we look forward to seeing all our students in uniform at mass that weekend. We also look forward to seeing all our families at our Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast. We will also be celebrating pink day and St. Valentine's Day parties all on the 13th.

Our Lenten season begins Ash Wednesday and we welcome all families to join us for the 9 am mass. Consider how you and your family can become closer to Jesus in this time by attending Stations of the Cross on a Friday or spending time at home praying together or reading the daily gospel. Lent provides us with an opportunity to once again grow in our faith and a life in Christ. Please pray for the students and parents in our school who are preparing for baptism. We look forward to celebrating this blessing with them at our Easter Vigil mass.

May God bless you and your families,

Mrs. Andrea Bernett, Principal

February Events

Society of the Atonement Memorial Cup - Grade 7 Girls Basketball Tournament

On Wednesday January 17th we hosted this annual tournament. It was a great day filled with exciting games by all 8 teams. Sacred Heart from Ladner was our winner this year. A huge thank you to Chris Phillips who was the tournament coordinator/organizer and once again was able to provide each player with a bag and goodies. Thank you to Miss Ramirez and the many grade 6 & 7 students who volunteered scorekeeping, timing and running the concession stand.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

We were pleased to have Brother Charles Pinto and Brother Winston Tong from the Knights of Columbus join our assembly on January 31st to acknowledge all the participants of the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. They also recognized the 6 winners. Thank you to everyone who participated and the Knights for their ongoing support of our school.

Grade 2: Stella & Grace

Grade 4: Constance & Ryan

Grade 6: Emma & Violet



Growing in Our Virtues Assembly #5

In our fifth assembly we recognized students who exhibited the virtue of CHARITY. Thank you to all the families who supported the food and toy drive that was an integral part of the parish Christmas hamper program. We will be focusing on Prudence as our next virtue.



News From Our Parish

Ash Wednesday Mass - 7pm (in addition to our 9 am school mass)

Stations of the Cross will be every Friday through Lent (Starts Feb 16th)

Book Study – “My Heart of Flesh” by Leah Perrault – on Monday Evenings Feb 26th to March 25th. Register Here <https://forms.office.com/r/n83C1N2BUG> cost \$20.00 which covers the cost of the book. Leah will be leading our Parish retreat after Easter.

Sunday Supper - March 4th

Our speakers are from Development & Peace. Jeremy Laurier, the D&P Animator, and a Solidarity Worker from Indonesia, Karno Batiran, will be our main speaker.

PEC Events & News



27th Annual Guardians Gala - An Enchanted Garden - February 3, 2024

6pm doors open!

Please see the event [website](#) to bid on items all week and buy your 50/50 & raffle tickets!

PEC AGM - 7:00 pm (in the Church)

This event is a **MANDATORY** meeting for all parents K-6 who are returning to St. Joseph the Worker School for the 2024-2025 school year. Families who do not attend will need to arrange to pick up their re registration package from Father Pierre in the parish office. Tax receipts will also be in your re registration package.

February School Events

Monday Feb 5th to 9th - 1 Vibe Dance

- ❖ 1:45 pm final performance on Friday, Feb 9th - parents are all welcome to attend



Wednesday, February 7th

- ❖ Welcome Wednesday
- ❖ Grade 3 Spirit Assembly (please remember to bring your sweater!)

Friday, February 9th

- ❖ Spirit Day Dress down (bring \$2)
- ❖ Report Cards Home

Saturday, February 10th & Sunday, February 11th

- ❖ Please have your children wear their uniform to mass as we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week!
- ❖ Students from all grades will be speaking at masses sharing with our parish and thanking the parish for their support

Monday, February 12th

- ❖ Lunar New Year celebrations. Students are welcome to wear any tradition or special clothing in place of their school shirts. Students can also wear a red shirt as well. More information to come in our teacher emails on the 9th.



Tuesday, February 13th (Shrove Tuesday)

Pancake Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast starting at 7:50 am in the gym.

Together with the Knights of Columbus, our staff will be hosting the students and families for breakfast.

This year we will be collecting a donation of **\$2 per person** which will go directly to

Pink Day - students can dress down and wear pink shirts/clothing. Classes will also be having St. Valentine's Day celebrations

PEC AGM - 7pm in the church (see info above in PEC section)



Wednesday, February 14th

- ❖ Ash Wednesday **Mass 9am** in the church
- ❖ **Hunger Meal** - students will gather at lunch for a simple meal of soup and crackers as we stand in solidarity with those who struggle with food insecurity daily
- ❖ 2pm dismissal

Thursday February 15th - Monday February 19th - School Closed for CEC and Family Day observance

Tuesday February 27th- Thursday February 29th

- ❖ Lenten reconciliation for grades 2-7

Wednesday, February 28th

- ❖ Hot lunch
- ❖ Grade 4 Spirit Assembly
- ❖ 2 pm dismissal

Athletics & Extra Curriculars

Athletics Update

Basketball seasons are all underway and teams are beginning league and tournament play. Here are some tournament results & highlights..

Grade 7 Girls

Our girls were fantastic hosts for our own tournament and finished 7th overall in our tournament. A big win in the round robin vs. the eventual silver medal winners was the highlight. Thank you to coach Gabe Lee for his ongoing commitment to the team's growth.

Grade 6 Girls

Congratulations to our team for placing 1st at the IC Delta Storm in the Valley tournament on January 31st. Special shout out to Jessica who was awarded the Most Inspirational Player for our team.

Thank you to Melissa Lui who is our parent coach.

Grade 7 Boys

Last week our boys placed 5th at the OLGC tournament. They were thankful to have 2 grade 6 players who joined the team to ensure we had 8 players. The team was competitive in all games and their coach, Mr. Withers, was very proud of their positive and encouraging attitudes.



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.

