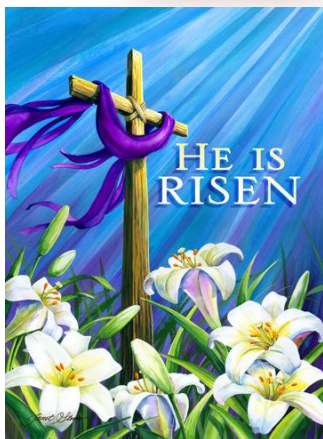




St. Joseph the Worker School Newsletter

April 1, 2024



Dear Parents and Families,
Christ has Risen, Alleluia! As we begin our Easter journey we are so very thankful for the healthy return of Mr. Girard back to our school. We also extend our welcome to Tessa, Morgan, Jasper, Ethan, Aiden and Ryan who were baptised in the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil surrounded by their family, teachers & classmates.
As we begin April together and look forward to a beautiful spring we have much to be thankful for; track & field beginning



again, girls soccer, Readers are Leaders, and Outdoor Ed for our grade 7 class. Please note the mandatory parent night on Monday, April 15th when we welcome Sister John Mary to present. The parish is alive this Easter season with the Parish Mission (details below) and many more events to build on your own faith journey.

May God Bless you and your families this Easter season.
Mrs. Andrea Bernett, Principal

March Events

Curling

Not only did we welcome back Mr. G from his leave, the PE classes enjoyed learning a new sport, curling.

Thanks to a donation, we were able to purchase a full class set of gym friendly mats and rocks to learn this Olympic sport enjoyed by people of all ages.



Teddy Bear Picnic

Our Kindergarten class enjoyed their annual teddy bear picnic this year building teddy bear caves and enjoying some special teddy bear toast. Thank you to Mrs. Lorenz for bringing Teddy to join.



Our bear cave



Our bear cave

Cinnamon sugar toast

News From Our Parish

Kairos Blanket Exercise – Sunday, April 14th @ 2:30 in the Parish Centre register here

<https://forms.office.com/r/LGTY4kGiEv>

Stations of the Resurrection – Friday April 19th 7 pm in the church.

Parish Mission with Leah Perrault – register for the Sunday Supper talk April 21st <https://forms.office.com/r/nh0bDpHXE8> & Church talk Monday, April 22nd - No Registration required

Spring Swing Dance – Parish Fundraiser for the new kitchen project. Dance May 11th – early bird ticket pricing until April 14th.

Vacation Bible School, July 8th – 12th – Registration is now open <https://vbspro.events/p/events/53022b>



Proceeds will go towards the
NEW PARISH KITCHEN

SPRING Swing GARDEN GALA

DINNER DANCE
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024 6:00 PM
IN THE PARISH CENTRE

EVENING INCLUDES:
ENTERTAINMENT BY CHARLES JOHNSON
COCKTAILS – 6 PM – 6:45 PM
GOURMET BUFFET DINNER
CASH BAR
DOOR PRIZES, 50/50 RAFFLE
DANCING

\$65 Early bird pricing until April 14th
• \$65/person
• Table of 8 - \$480
• VIP Table - \$600 (table of 8, includes table wine and 1st to buffet)
After April 14th:
General Ticket Pricing \$75 per person

Tickets are available through the Parish Office, Knights of Columbus, CWL and Couples for Christ.

PEC Events & School News

Staffing Update

As you read in my email prior to spring break, we welcome Mrs. Ison to grade 7 and Miss Castrillo to grade 2 beginning September 2024. We are currently working on hiring a grade 4 teacher. Additionally, we announced the Vice-Principal appointments of Mrs. Ison & Mrs. Tien for September 2024. Thank you to these three amazing educators for their willingness to serve our community in new and exciting ways.

Prior to spring break, Mrs. Withers met with Father Pierre and me to let us know that she has decided to pursue new adventures in her teaching career as this will be her last year at St. Joseph the Worker. Mrs. Withers has been an integral part of our school and faith community for the last 12 years as a classroom teacher, music teacher, primary French teacher and choir leader. Her leadership and dedication to the performing and fine arts was evident in the amazing production of Moana Jr. last year and in the many Advent concerts, Christmas Teas and Parent Appreciation performances. Her passion and love for her students will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours and we look forward to acknowledging her at the end of this school year.

Parent Participation Portal - Open April 1-12th

Please don't forget to log in and sign up for your hours for the 2024-2025 school year.

<https://portal.onvolunteers.com/login.aspx?s=stjw.van>

Please note the Portal link is also on our school website.

Your username is: your primary email address that you use with the school

Your default password is: StJTW#2020

Walkathon HOOP DREAMS T-Shirt Design Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Peyton (grade 5) and Addison (grade 7) on their winning design! T-Shirt orders will be sent home soon. All net proceeds will go towards our fundraising goal of \$50,000. This money will go towards replacing the side hoops in the gym, and improving the outdoor basketball hoops.

Sexuality & Your Child - April 15th - 7:00 pm (mark you calendars)

We will welcome Sister John Mary, Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist, for our annual parent night. Sister John Mary is the associate director of ministries and outreach at the RCAV and led our staff retreat in 2022. This is a mandatory event for all parents and at least one parent from every family must attend. More information to follow from your classroom teacher.

Guardian Summer Returns 🎉 - July 2nd - 5th

We are happy to announce that our staff has once again agreed to run camps. Save the date for this first week of July. Teachers are busy working on the details of the camps. The cost will be \$225 which includes pizza lunch on the last day of camp. Registration forms will be sent home via google form after spring break.

Camps will be as follows:

Introduction to Kindergarten - Mrs. Whitlock & Miss Ramirez

Grade 1-3 Camp - Mrs. Withers & Miss Castrillo

Grade 4-5 Camp - Mr. Lorenz

Grade 6-7 Camp - Mr. Withers & Miss Nevada

April School Events

Wednesday, April 3rd

- ❖ Welcome Wednesday
- ❖ Easter & Living our Faith Assembly

Wednesday, April 10th

- ❖ Easter school mass
- ❖ Hot lunch

- ❖ 2pm dismissal

Monday, April 15th

- ❖ **Required** Parent Night - Sexuality and Your Child - 7pm in the church

Wednesday, April 17th

- ❖ Grade 2 assembly

Thursday, April 18th

- ❖ Student Led conferences & Book Fair, 1:30-4pm & 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- ❖ The link for sign up will be sent out via teacher weekly email April 5th
- ❖ Sign up will be April 8th -11th

Friday, April 19th

- ❖ Spirit day dress down

Monday, April 22nd

- ❖ Walkathon pep rally

Tuesday April 23- Friday April 26th

- ❖ Grade 7's away at Outdoor Education

Wednesday, April 24th

- ❖ Hot lunch
- ❖ 2pm dismissal

Athletics & Extra Curriculars

Athletics Update

Girls Soccer

League play begins next week. We look forward to some great spring weather for our upcoming season.

Track & Field (grades 3-7)

Information and permission forms for Track & Field will be sent home this week.

Some important dates to put in your calendars:

May 23rd - St. Catherine's Meet (selected students)

May 29th - St. Pauls/SJW Meet - all students grades 3-7

June 5 & 12 - CISVA Meets @ Swangard Stadium (selected students)

Flag Football (grades 4-7) will begin in late April/May - more information to follow

Music/Fine Arts

Students are busy preparing for our Parent Appreciation Tea on May 15th. Here is our band busy during a Wednesday lunch practice with Miss Nevada.



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.

