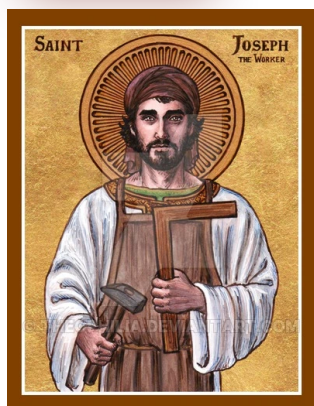




St. Joseph the Worker School Newsletter

May 1, 2024



Dear Parents and Families,

Happy Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker. We are so very blessed to have a May filled with events that strengthen our community including our Feast Day, Living Rosary, Walkathon, Parent Appreciation Tea and Concert and First Communion. The month of May is also dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Students are encouraged to bring flowers to our lobby and place them around the statue.

Thank you to those families who have already registered for Guardian Summer and Vacation Bible School. We are busy preparing for these camps along with the final gym floor refinishing, parish kitchen renovation and improvement to the school to be done over the summer months.

A reminder to parents as we get busy and we are thinking about sunny days and summer vacation, please ensure you are sending your children with the correct footwear and



jackets for rainy days. We value the time your children spend outside for recess and want to ensure it is enjoyable for them with the correct outerwear. Additionally, we will continue to ask parents to please ensure students are not left early in the parking lot and siblings who are not participating are not left watching during choir and track & field. We thank you for understanding our commitment to providing supervision and a safe environment for everyone.

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

April Events



Readers Are Leaders

Over 60 students on 10 different teams from grades 5-7 participated in our in school competition. The level of competition was very high and only one team could advance to the regional competition. The Book

Worm Dynasty Team was our winner! Congratulations to all our teams who prepared well for the competition.

On Monday, April 29th The Book Worm Dynasty team competed at St. Augustine's in the regional competition. A huge congratulations to the team finishing in first place and advancing to the CISVA finals on May 7th. 🎉

Britannia Mines - Grade 5 field trip

The class travelled to Squamish to explore the rock cycle, pan for gold, and see how the mine operated 50 feet underground. Thank you to our parent volunteers who made the trip with us.



Outdoor Ed - Grade 7 Camp

Our grade 7 class along with Mr. Withers, Mrs. Lorenz, Mr. Girard and Father Joseph ventured to Camp Elphinstone for the annual trip. Highlights included kayaking, the campfire, high ropes, survivor, a canoe trip to Gambier, lots of laughs and a few happy tears! The last event was the outdoor mass with Father Joseph. Thank you to these amazing members of our staff for organizing this yearly event and spending the three nights with our grade 7 class building memories that will last a lifetime.



News From Our Parish

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

On Thursday, May 16th in partnership with St. Mark's College, Living Laudato Si – the Challenge and the Promise

Presenter Sr. Damien Marie Savino, FSE

The session will be held in the Parish Centre @7 PM

First Communion – May 25th and 26th

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

Volunteers can register at the same link – we are looking for a few parent/adult volunteers as well as teenagers (those finishing grade 7 and older)

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

965 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

Walkathon

As you are all aware, Walkathon is one of our two fundraising events for the year. This year our goal is to raise \$50,000. This money will go towards our new basketball hoops to enhance our gym classes (side hoops that can be lowered and raised for all ages) and to improve our outside hoops for recess time. These projects create a lasting legacy for our community and we rely on donations to make these improvements. Please use the following link to [donate](#). All class links can be found on this page by scrolling down to your class. The link can be shared with family and friends and tax receipts will be issued directly to them. The **T-shirts** have arrived and will be distributed on Friday and can be worn all next week. Thank you to everyone on the Walkathon team working hard to make this event a huge success for all of our children and the future of St. Joseph the Worker.



Guardian Summer Returns 🎉 - July 2nd - 5th **Please register [here](#)**

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. 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

May School Events

Wednesday, May 1st

- ❖ Welcome Wednesday
- ❖ Feast Day Mass

Wednesday, May 8th

- ❖ Living Rosary
- ❖ Hot lunch
- ❖ 2pm dismissal

Friday, May 10th

- ❖ Walkathon!
- ❖ Dismissal is at noon (after walkathon and hot dog lunch)

Wednesday, May 15th

- ❖ Parent Appreciation Tea
 - Doors open at 8:30 with tea, coffee and treats (at the start of drop off)
 - Concert begins at 9:15 am
 - Concert/Tea will be done by 10:15

Friday, May 17th - DAY OFF

Monday, May 20th - Victoria Day - School Closed

Wednesday, May 22nd

- ❖ Grade 6 Assembly
- ❖ Hot Lunch

Friday, May 24th

- ❖ Spirit Day dress down

Wednesday, May 29th

- ❖ SJW/St. Pauls Track Meet - Minoru Park. All students grade 3-7 attend
- ❖ 2 pm dismissal

Athletics & Extra Curriculars

Athletics Update

Girls Soccer

The Grade 4 & 5 Soccer team was able to score and have a ton of fun this season. They are excited to improve and make the playoffs next year!

Congratulations to our grade 6 & 7 team who finished 4th in the CISVA championships this past Friday. Thank you to Mr. Lorenz for refereeing the games and supporting the team and Mrs.

Dragicevic for sponsoring the team. Very special thanks to Mr. Dean Chan, Mr. Matt Harris and Mr. Neil Collins for coaching the team this year.

Track & Field (grades 3-7)

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 on May 7th- more information/permission slips will be sent home **this week**



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.

