



St. Joseph the Worker School Newsletter

June 3, 2024



Dear Parents and Families,

As we enter the last month of our school year we are so blessed to have celebrated Confirmation this weekend with our grade 7 students and their families. Last weekend our grade 2 class received their First Holy Communion.

We are looking forward to our Fun Day, CISVA track meets, final assemblies and for our grade 7 students, Missioning. As you can see in the picture to your right our grade 1 students are even more excited about the butterflies hatching!

I will be sending a final newsletter before June 30th with important information for September 2024.

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



May Events

Parent Appreciation Concert & Tea

Thank you to the parents who attended our concert and tea. It was a beautiful display of our vocal and instrumental skills and the dedication of our music teacher, Mrs. Withers, along with our band teacher Ms. Nevada. Special thanks again to Ms. Ramirez and Mrs. Pember for their work with our elementary and intermediate choirs all year.



Annual St. Joseph the Worker/St. Pauls Track Meet

Together with St. Paul Elementary, our grade 3-7 students enjoyed a beautiful day at Minoru park last week. Every student participated in both track and field events and showed school spirit and support for all those competing. We are thankful to the many parents who came out to volunteer, cheer and drive so this event could be possible.



Special thanks to the teachers, EA's and Mr. G for organizing!

News From Our Parish

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)

PEC Events & School News

Walkathon

Thank you to our entire community for supporting Walkathon. We set a record raising over \$50,000! This is an incredible show of generosity and we are so thankful to each and every donor, every donation made a difference! Congratulations to our grade 2 class who not only were the first to reach 100% participation but also raised over \$9000 and earned a pizza party and movie afternoon. Kindergarten was a very close second and will also enjoy some pizza in the weeks to come!

Gala Finale..

A huge thank you to our amazing Gala Committee, volunteers, donors and to all parents and families who supported our Gala this year! With your help, we raised over \$30,000 towards the purchase of technology upgrades for our kids. The ChromeBooks & cart have already been ordered and will be ready for use in September.

If you didn't get a chance to attend, or are looking for a trip down memory lane, click this [LINK](#) to view and download all the pictures from the event (a big thanks to our very own John Tan!). And if you want to see Father Pierre and our kids explore the wonders of technology, [HERE](#) for a link from our own Chris Estrella for the fundraising video! And now we look to the future - so please **SAVE THE DATE** for the 28th Annual Guardians Gala to be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2025** - See you there!

Gala Winners..Day with the Principal

On Friday Ashton & Evie invited a friend each (Roman & Olive) to join them for the Day with the Principal. A great day was had at the Children's Festival with lunch at Bridges!

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

We will still accept registrations for our camps with payment by cash or cheque only. 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

June School Events

Wednesday, June 5th

- ❖ Welcome Wednesday
- ❖ Day 1 - CISVA Track

Wednesday, June 12th

- ❖ CISVA Day 2
- ❖ 2pm dismissal

Friday, June 14th

- ❖ Fun Day
- ❖ Dismissal is at noon (after hot dog lunch for students/staff)
- ❖ Uniform fit day 12-3pm in the lobby

Monday, June 17th - DAY OFF

Friday, June 21st

- ❖ Spirit Day dress down - Chalice

Tuesday, June 25th

- ❖ Grade 7 Missioning 6pm

Wednesday, June 26th

- ❖ Missioning/Final School Mass 9 am
- ❖ Noon Dismissal
- ❖ Used uniform sale

Thursday June 27th & Friday, June 28th

- ❖ 10 am to 3pm

Athletics & Extra Curriculars

Athletics Update

Track & Field (grades 3-7)

- ❖ Over 70 students travelled to Langley for the St. Catherine's meet last week. Thank you to the parents who came out to support and provided transportation.
- ❖ This Wednesday, June 5th is Day 1 of the annual CISVA meet at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby. Students will have received a permission form and information if they will be attending
- ❖ June 12th is the Day 2 - CISVA finals. Students will be notified if they are attending.



Flag Football

Thank you to Mr. Lorenz, Mrs. Tien, Mrs. Pereira-Li, Mrs. Dragicevic and Mr. Girard for stepping in to coach when needed.

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.

