



New Items:

- CWL Bursary - due May 25th
- Flourishing teenagers - see below
- Volunteers needed for this Thursday

Upcoming dates:

[May 22nd - BVCS Games day](#)
[June 2nd - No School - Planning Day](#)
[June 6th - District Track meet](#)
[June 9-13th - Camp Emmaus](#)
[June 25th FUN DAY](#)
[June 26th - Last day of school!](#)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Greetings! I hope the long weekend was enjoyable for everyone. For parents of soon-to-be teenagers, there is a free event being offered at BVCS (Bulkley Valley Christian School) and they have extended an invitation to St. Joseph's families to attend. See the information below for more information. Parenting is hard these days! Also, with spring here, we seem to be accumulating lots of coats, mitts, toques, etc, which makes sense because students take them off when it gets warm and forget to take their stuff with them after. We've had all the students check the lost and found for their items, but we still have lots left! Feel free to stop by the school and look through the items if you notice your child is missing anything. Have a good week!

FLOURISHING TEENAGERS: BVCS is holding an event for parents of teens and pre-teens [Thursday June 5th 7-9pm](#). There will be a keynote speaker plus 15 mins sessions on internet safety, healthy habits, emotional and mental health, spiritual formation as well as navigating social media. All are welcome to this free event, no RSVP is necessary and they will have babysitting available.

BVCS GAMES DAY: We are hosting a Games day with BVCS on [May 22nd](#). This will be for grades 4-7. We are looking for volunteers to help run stations from 9 am to 12 pm and help with lunch from 10 am to 12:30 pm. If you are able to volunteer please let the office know.

BUS SERVICE FOR 2025-2026

We are pleased to share with you that BVCS will continue to offer bus service to St. Joseph's families next year. We are appreciative to them for their willingness to extend the service to us once again. In years past, St. Joseph's has subsidized the costs of this service for parents and, as with this year, we cannot continue that, but parents will still have access to the bus service at a cost of \$1340/family for next year. This can be paid all at once, or monthly. Buses are very expensive to run and BVCS is being very reasonable in the fees they charge and we are thankful. More information about how to sign up for bus service next year will be provided as it becomes available to us from BVCS.

AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION: This is just a reminder that after school supervision ends at 3:20 and we are no longer responsible for your child. Doors will be locked shortly thereafter. If your child has not been picked up, we will bring them inside to wait in the lobby for you to pick them up. If you want to give your children permission to play on the school playground after school ends, please stop by the school to sign a form releasing us of responsibility, so we can have that on file.

OPENINGS FOR 2025-2026: We have a few spaces left in our Kindergarten class for next year. We also have spaces in most of our other grades for next year. If you know anyone interested in those classes for next year please encourage them to contact the school. We are happy to offer a tour and answer any questions! Knowing who plans on coming helps us with our planning for next year.

DISTRICT TRACK MEET: The district track meet is June 6th for students in Gr 4-7. If you child is not participating they are encouraged to stay home that day. If they do end up coming to school they will be in another classroom to help out for the day as their teacher will be at SSS for the meet. We are also looking for 2 parent volunteers to supervise the washrooms.

PRE K REGISTRATION: We have one space available in our Wed/Fri Pre K class. If you are interested please contact the school or stop by. Due to the high interest level in preschool, we are considering adding an afternoon program. If you are interested in that please let us know and we'll start a list!

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY: In the event of a emergency before school starts, we will communicate via email and Facebook if school is to be cancelled or important information needs to be communicated. We will also have staff on site (if safe) to assist students who have walked to school or families who have missed any communications. In the event we need to evacuate the school and dismiss students, students will be taken to the church and families will be called at that time.

WE'RE HIRING!:

It's that time of year again where we start planning for next year. Based on what we know so far, St. Joseph's is looking to hire for the following teaching positions:

1.0 FTE Elementary teacher. Specific grade level dependent on the candidate and internal staffing re-arrangements.

0.4 FTE French or other prep (teach French or other prep to all grades)

Repair and Maintenance: Ideal start date: June 1 - see pg 5 for job description

We also anticipate the need to hire **two, possibly three full time support staff**.

Applications are open to practicing Catholics and non-Catholics willing to be respectful of the Catholic faith and programs.

You can find out more information about the job postings here: <https://cispg.ca/careers/> . There is an online application to fill out. Also, you can contact Monique Vanderwart, Principal, at mvanderwart@cispg.ca or call the school at **250-847-9414** to find out more about the positions and how to apply. I'd love to hear from you. If you know of anyone suitable, please encourage them to reach out to me.

CHURCH NEWS:

Mass: 5pm on Saturday, 9am on Sunday, 5:30 on Tuesday, 9am on Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: Fridays at 1pm

Private adoration: is welcome at St Joseph's during office hours, Wednesday-Friday 10am -2pm

Flocknote: to get on Flocknote text **SMITHERS to 514-900-0130**

Confessions: are 15 mins before every Mass or by appointment

Sunday School: is offered during the 9am Sunday Mass for children 2 years old until 1st Communion.

DYC - "Pilgrims of Hope" Youth Conference - see pg 5 for more info

PSG: Next meeting June 11th 6:00 pm - Kitchen

Chair - Tanya Flynn

Vice Chair - Carly Rosger

Treasurer - Paula Perestrelo

Secretary - Taryn Opel

May/ June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 No School Victoria Day	20	21	22 BVCS Games day	23 Breakfast Program Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5 Reading Burgers 🍔
26 Hot Dogs (last day) Breakfast Program	27	28	29	30 Breakfast Program All school Mass - Gr 1 Reading Chili 🍲
2 No School	3	4	5 Pizza 🍕	6 Breakfast Program No student readers at Mass District Track meet Gr 4-7
9 Breakfast Program	10	11	12	13 Breakfast Program Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5/6 Reading Tacos 🌮

flourishingteenagers

an event for parents of teens & pre-teens

thursday
june 5
7 – 9 pm
at BVCS

keynote

plus 15 minute sessions on
internet safety

healthy habits

emotional and mental health

spiritual formation

navigating social media

all welcome · babysitting available · rsvp not required · free event



Bulkley Valley
Christian School

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARY

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL
BOX 454, SMITHERS, BC
V0J 2N0**

Guidelines for Evaluation and Presentation

- The award consists of a bursary of \$500 from St Joseph's Council of the Catholic Women's League, Smithers.
- It is awarded to a student graduating from Smithers Secondary School or Bulkley Valley Christian School in the current academic year.
- It is to be used for further education at an accredited college/university within two years.
- The selection committee shall consist of three (3) members of St Joseph's Council of the Catholic Women's League.

Criteria

The student receiving this bursary must meet the following criteria:

- Graduated from St Joseph's School, Smithers
- Attended St Joseph's School, Smithers for at least three (3) years
- Shows high academic standing
- Shows financial need
- Is a Christian - preference will be given to a member of St Joseph's Church, Smithers

Documentation

- The applicant must write a letter applying for the bursary to:

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA
ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL
BOX 454, SMITHERS, BC
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- Deadline for application is May 25th.



St. Joseph's School Job Description: Repair and Maintenance Worker

Under the direction of the Principal and School Council, the Maintenance and Repair Worker will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the interior and exterior of Joseph's School and the Small Hall as well as associated land and playground equipment. A more detailed list of typical job duties is available. There is the possibility of working on care and maintenance at the church as well.

Desired Qualifications:

- Completion of the British Columbia Dogwood Program (Grade 12).
- Previous experience in the same or similar field of work or coursework and/or training in the same or similar field of work.
- Valid BC Driver's License
- A lifestyle that complements Catholic teachings.

Remuneration will be on an hourly basis as needed. Busier times would be from June-August for summer projects, with regular maintenance and repairs happening Sept-May. The job is flexible.

Wage for 2024-2025: \$31.13/hour

Starting Date: Ideally June 1, 2025. This position will remain open until filled.

How to apply: please fill in the following online application form, click "other" when selecting the job you are applying for, and submit a resume to:

Monique Vanderwart, principal, at mvanderwart@cispg.ca or by phoning 250-847-9414.

Repair and Maintenance: Typical Duties

Under the direction of the Principal and School Council, the Maintenance and Repair Worker will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the interior and exterior of Joseph's School and the Small Hall as well as associated land and playground equipment.

School Maintenance Worker Typical Duties:

- Liaise with the Principal, and/or Staff regarding requirements
- Clean, check, and confirm operational safety on maintenance equipment on a regular basis
- Clear snow and ice from walkways and salt and sand as necessary
- Sweep, blow, and remove general debris and branches from grounds, catchment basins, storm sewer areas, parking lots and sidewalks
- Inspect and repair playground equipment weekly (rake gravel, tighten bolts, etc) Remove and replace furniture when necessary (damaged or for floor cleaning)
- Move / carry boxes, school supplies, paper, etc.
- Perform minor maintenance duties (e.g. unplug toilets and sinks, change lights bulbs and tubes, furniture, painting, etc)
- Arrange for, accompany and/or assist inspectors and trades people as required
- Operate tractors, pruners, trimmers, blowers, power and hand tools, saws, and other standard maintenance tools
- Landscapes, including cutting grass, cultivating and weeding flower and shrub beds, pruning trees and shrubs, and organizing the fertilizing, aerating and spiking of the field, etc.
- Constructs, alters, installs and repairs buildings, furnishings, equipment and other structures as required
- Performs a variety of carpentry duties related to concrete laying, mill work, and dry walling, as well as organizing higher level duties such as glass replacement as required
- Perform other comparable duties as assigned, which are within the area of knowledge and skills required by the job description