

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 13, 2026

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed the long weekend with some good food and family. Our school community greatly enjoyed the Thanksgiving lunch last week which is always a highlight of our fall. Thank you to the organizers and all the parents and grandparents who helped prepare the meal! We thank God for all we have here at St. Joseph's School, including our staff, students, parents, and our faith. ~ Mrs. Polanin

What's happening

Cross Country run: Our school is hosting the annual Cross country run. Dismissal will be at 1:45 on Thursday to accommodate teachers and students to arrive at the run on time.

Parent Teacher interviews: The booking site is now open [book here](#). All bookings must be made by Monday October 19 at 9am.

Please be courteous of everyone's time. Each interview is 15 mins long and starts and ends with the bell. If you are late, you will not be given more time. If you require more time, please book another time with your classroom teacher. Do not exceed your interview time into the next time slot. If you need to cancel or change your interview after the site is closed, please contact the office. Reminder that these bookings are for Parents/Guardians only, please do not bring your child to the interview.

Accessibility Committee: CIS Prince George is looking for people who would like to join the Accessibility Committee to represent St. Joseph's School and the other schools in our diocese. They are looking for people who may have disabilities themselves, who have a child or grandchild with disabilities, or who works with an organization that supports people with disabilities. They also may be someone who works or volunteers with our school and has no link to someone with disabilities but has a desire to help. There would be 3-4 meetings per year and the deadline for expressing interest is Oct. 30, 2026. Please let Cara Polanin know if you would be interested or know someone who you think would be a good fit.

Reminders

- Early dismissal Thursday 1:45
- Chocolate sales are on going- stop by the office to pick up a case
- Dress for the weather!!
- All absent students must be emailed to the office stj@cispg.ca
- Has your contact info changed? Let the office know!

Upcoming events

- Oct 15 - Cross Country Run (1:45 dismissal)
- Oct 19 - Winter plant sale starts
- Oct 21/22 - Parent/teacher interviews (noon dismissal) **No afternoon buses**
- Oct 22 - potential date for AGM
- Oct 23 - No School (Non-instructional day)
- Oct 28 - PSG meeting (6pm)
- Oct 30 - Halloween parade
- Nov 5 - School council meeting (5pm)
- Nov 9 - Winter plant orders due
- Nov 10 - Remembrance Day assembly
- Nov 11 - No School (Remembrance Day)
- Nov 20 - No School (Non-instructional day)
- Nov 24 - Class group photos & retakes

Contact info

Phone: 250-847-9414

Email: stj@cispg.ca

Principal email: cpolanin@cispg.ca

Website: www.saintjosephsschool.ca/

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Stay informed

Hot lunch bakers: Calling all bakers! We are still in need of more for our hot lunch program [sign up here!](#)

Halloween costumes: Students are welcome to wear their halloween costumes to school on Friday Oct 30. Please remember that we are a Catholic school and we ask that students not wear costumes that are too gorey, violent in nature, scary or revealing. Do not bring any replica or toy guns of any kind as props. Props should be set aside/put in a locker during class time.

Altar serving: Has your child received First Communion and is interested in Altar Serving during Mass? Please call the Church 250-847-2012 to express interest.

After School Care (ASC): We have spots available! The ASC runs from 3:15 - 5:15 daily (2:15 Thursdays) and is available to all St. Joseph's School families (K-7). **If you have a slightly unusual schedule, such as two weeks on/two weeks off**, you could talk to Mrs. Polanin to see how we could accommodate your child(ren).

Pre Kindergarten: Our Pre K program is on Tues/Thurs or Wed/Fri from 8:45 am - 11:45 am. We have seats available in both sessions. Contact the office if you would like to register.

Please see our website for current job openings:

<https://www.saintjosephsschool.ca/careers>



HAUNTED Carnival

An evening of carnival games... with a spooky twist!

FRI, OCT 30

6:30 - 8 PM

Smithers Public Library



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October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 Thanksgiving No School 	13	14	15 Cross country run 1:45 dismissal	16 All school Mass Gr 7 reading Burgers
19 Hot dogs Winter plant sale starts	20	21 Noon Dismissal Parent/Teacher interviews 1-6	22 Noon Dismissal Parent/Teacher interviews 1-4	23 NID No School
26 Hot dogs	27	28	29	30 Halloween Parade Pizza

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Hot dogs	3	4	5	6 Gr 4-7 Mass Gr 5 reading Pasta
9 Hot dogs Winter plant orders due	10 Remembrance Day service - Gr 7 presenting	11 No School Remembrance Day	12	13 Gr 4-7 Mass Gr 4 reading Tacos
16 Hot dogs	17	18	19	20 NID No School