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New Items:

Nut aware - see pg 3
Pre K registration - Wed/Fri spaces left
CWL Bursary - see pg 2

Upcoming dates:

Mar 13 - NET retreat - Gr 6 & 7
Mar 17 - St Patrick's day
Mar 19 - Feast of St Joseph
Mar 23 - Apr 6 - Spring break
April 7 - Classes resume

Lord, as we journey through this sacred season of Lent, we pause on this day, March 3rd, to quiet our hearts before You. We remember that Lent is not merely about giving something up, but about making space for You to work within us - to heal, to renew, and to transform.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Hello everyone! After a month away, I am so thankful to say that I'm feeling better and am beginning a slow return to work. Thank you to all of you for your patience and for continuing to do what you do to make St. Joseph's a great place to be. I am extremely thankful to the entire staff, to Chris Dugdale, Council, PSG, and Fr. Jack for taking care of things while I was away. I would also like to specifically mention Cara Polanin and Rosemary McKenzie, who took over Teacher In Charge duties in my absence. They did this in addition to their own classroom duties and they did a great job. Since I am returning slowly, I will do my best to get to things in a timely manner and remain thankful for your patience. I am very much looking forward to reconnecting with everyone and to saying "hello" to the students. In this season of Lent, it is a time of reflection and preparation as we look forward to celebrating the best news the world has known: the resurrection of Jesus. Have a good week.

KINDERGARTEN/2026-2027 REGISTRATION: We only have a few spaces left for our 26-27 kindergarten class. Contact the school office if you are interested.

ST JOSEPH'S PRE K PROGRAM: Pre K registration for the 26-27 school year has begun. Currently we only have spaces for the Wed/Fri class. If you are interested please come to the school to register. Bring your child's BC Services card, birth certificate as well as a \$150 non-refundable deposit. To register for Pre K your child must be 4 or turning 4 by December 31 2026 as well as be fully potty trained. If you have any questions please call the school office 250-847-9414.

ALUMNI COMMUNITY: Our Alumni community is growing and we need help setting up a user friendly excel spreadsheet. If someone with advanced excel abilities is able to help with getting us set up, we would greatly appreciate you reaching out to the office or Nicki Twigg with your contact information.

JOB POSTINGS FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR: There are 4 positions available at our next school year, come join our team!

Teaching positions: Kindergarten and Grade 7 teachers for more information here [Careers :: St. Joseph's School](#).

Support Staff : Administrative assistant, this position would be one day a week as well as on call.

Bookkeeper, this position is about 15 hours a week, Sage knowledge is an asset but not a requirement. The administrative assistant and Bookkeeper positions can be combined and done together. If you would like more information please email mvanderwart@cispg.ca

ASSEMBLY MAR 12TH 9AM: There will be an assembly Thursday morning March 12th for classes to perform what they have been working on in music class. Every class except grade 1/2 will be performing. There will also be a full-school dance with all the classrooms afterwards. Parents are welcome to attend.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Please remember to send your child(ren) to school with weather appropriate clothing. Students will be outside for little recess and lunch recess as long as the temperature/wind chill isn't -15 C or colder. Please ensure your child(ren) has proper layers to wear throughout the day (some classrooms are a little chilly), as well as boots, toques, mitts/gloves and warm jackets and snow pants.

PSG : Next meeting - **March 18th** - 5pm - Kitchen

If you have questions or want additional information about the PSG feel free to reach out via email at psg.stjoes@gmail.com

Chair - Tanya Flynn

Vice Chair - Carly Rosger

Treasurer - Charlie Stam

Secretary - Taryn Opel

Hot lunch coordinators - Brett Wilson & Melissa Bennett

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BURSARY

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF CANADA

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL|

BOX 454, SMITHERS, BC

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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**

February 24, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The safety and well-being of all students is our highest priority. We would like to inform you that there are students in our school with severe, life-threatening allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Anaphylaxis is a serious medical condition that can occur within minutes of exposure and requires immediate emergency treatment.

In alignment with the **CISPG Anaphylaxis / Allergy Awareness Policy**, we are strengthening our commitment to maintaining a **Nut-Aware School Environment**. Effective **March 2, 2026**, we are asking families **not to send any food containing peanuts or tree nuts** in lunches or snacks. We recognize that this may require adjustments for some families, particularly if peanut butter or nut products are a regular part of your child's lunch. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to create a safe and inclusive learning environment for all students.

As part of our allergy awareness practices:

- Staff are trained annually in recognizing and responding to anaphylaxis, including the use of epinephrine auto-injectors.
- Individual medical plans are in place for students with life-threatening allergies.
- We continue to teach students about allergy awareness, handwashing, and not sharing food.

We ask that you:

- Carefully read ingredient labels.
- Avoid sending foods that contain peanuts or tree nuts.
- Remind your child not to share food with others.

Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our school community safe. If you have any questions, please email Cara Polanin, cpolanin@cispg.ca

Thank you,

Cara Polanin (Teacher In Charge, TIC)

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March

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|------------------------|-----------|--|---|
| 2 Hot dogs 🌭 Nut aware starts today! | 3 | 4 | 5 Basketball with Mr Toner 2-3:30 🏀 | 6 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 6/7 reading Mac N Cheese 🍝 |
| 9 Hot dogs 🌭 | 10 | 11 | 12 Basketball with Mr Toner 2-3:30 🏀 | 13 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 3/4 reading NET retreat Gr 6 & 7 Grilled Cheese 🧀 |
| 16 Hot dogs 🌭 | 17 St Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 Feast of St. Joseph Basketball with Mr Toner 2-3:30 🏀 | 20 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 4/5 reading Pizza 🍕 |

SPRING BREAK