



**St
Joseph's
School**

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Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith

New Items:

Outside supervision schedule

Bus schedule - cancellations this week

Homework book fee included in supply fee

Upcoming dates:

Sept 12 - All School Mass

Sept 17 - Meet the teacher night & BBQ

Sept 29 - No School - NID

Sept 30 - No School - Truth & Reconciliation Day

Oct 7 - Picture day!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: We have had a great start to the year. The beginning of school jitters have passed and the atmosphere in each classroom is so good. The students (most of them!) are happy to be back. Once again, we have several new families joining us. I encourage everyone to reach out to someone new and make them feel welcome. It is part of what makes St. Joseph's is such a wonderful community. My deep hope for this year is that everyone will grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and seek to model their lives after him. The activities get underway very quickly, so I encourage you to keep an eye on this weekly newsletter and the calendar. Also, we are trying to keep our new website up to date. If you notice something that we missed, feel free to let me or the office know. Have a great week!

MORNING & AFTERNOON SUPERVISION: We offer outside supervision from 8:20 until the first bell (8:39) in the mornings. After school there is supervision until the second bell 3:22 (2:20 thursdays). If students are dropped off before 8:20 please know that there is no one supervising them. If you wish to have them stay after the second bell after school, please come to the office and sign a form allowing your child(ren) to do so. Students who are here after the second bell will be brought inside and parents will be called to collect them ASAP. If they have permission to walk/bike home they will be asked to leave the school grounds.

BUS SCHEDULE:

Please note the telkwa bus will not be running Mon- Wed this week. The Smithers/Witset bus will not be running on Thursday & Friday.

SAVE THE DATE: BACK TO SCHOOL/MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT: WEDNESDAY, SEPT 17

Plans are underway!

5:30 BBQ for the whole family starts—free food! Meet friends old and new. Consider bringing a lawn chair.

6:30: parents meet in the gym. Children can play outside and there is supervision provided. Let us know if you want to help supervise.

7:00 (ish) session #1 in the classrooms

7:20 (ish) session #2 in the classrooms.

7:45: home time!

ABSENT STUDENTS & EMAILS TO THE OFFICE: All absent/ late students must be reported to the office prior to the date of absence or by 10 am via email. If your child(ren) has gymnastics, tutoring, music lessons and needs to leave early on a weekly basis please also advise us of the day and time they are expected to be elsewhere.

Please only use stj@cispg.ca for any office correspondence.

SCHOOL SUPPLY FEE: Reminder the \$80 school supply fee is due. This fee also includes your homework book fee for those classes using homework books. You can pay by cash, cheque or e-transfer.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES: Please read thoroughly. These rules are in place to keep everyone safe and for traffic to flow efficiently. If you have any questions contact the school office. There will be a staff member directing traffic the first day of school.

- All traffic is to enter single file via First Avenue and exit via Broadway Avenue. Please drive slowly
 - Vehicles are NOT to be parked along the school building from the double doors to the end of the pavement. This is drop off only.
 - If a parent needs to get out of the vehicle for any reason, the vehicle must be parked in the designated parking area beyond the crosswalk.
 - Vehicles parked by the rectory are to have their headlights facing the school. (back in)
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- No parking across from the Bus drop off for the whole block. This is a posted no parking area.
 - No parking or dropping students off using the Bus lane along Manitoba Street.
 - Vehicles may park along the wooden fence, but must back in
 - Vehicles are to stop for pedestrians and cyclists. There is a stop sign at the crosswalk.
- Cyclists and pedestrians are to cross the parking lot at the crosswalk. All must walk.
- Crosswalks are to be used to reach parked vehicles.
 - No playing in the parking lot.
 - Do not block any of the driveways on Broadway Avenue.
 - Do not park in front of the shed, dumpsters or use the driveway in front of Pre K.

BELL SCHEDULE:

8:39 am Get ready bell
 8:44 am Welcome bell
 10:20 am Recess begins
 10:35 am Recess ends
 12:05 pm Lunch begins
 12:35 pm Lunch bell for grades 1-7
 1:00 pm Classes resume
 3:07 pm Dismissal** Thursdays 2:05 pm

PSG NEWS - FIRST MEETING SEPT 24TH 6PM : Calling all St. Joseph's Parents! The PSG is an integral part of the St. Joe's School Community. Without active membership from parents we can't contribute to all the amazing activities and supports our kids benefit from each year. Some things that the PSG contributes to include: • School field trips to places like K'san, Ness Lake, Camp Emmaus • Class activities like gymnastics, cooking Bannock, basketball with Mr. Toner, cross country skiing • Year end activities • Student Bursaries • Classroom resources and materials. The goal of the PSG is to enrich the learning environment and experience for our kids, the students, at St. Joes Whether you have ideas to share, thoughts on where PSG funds should go, or just want to learn more, we would love to have you join us! Your time and commitment to the PSG can be big or small, but without active parents this school year we run the risk of being unable to continue having a PSG at our school. If you have interest in holding a position on the PSG there is an opening for the Treasurer position on the PSG. 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 - open

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.

See last page for next 4 week calendar.

September/ October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	10	11	12 All School Mass - Staff reading
15	16	17 Meet the teacher night, back to school BBQ	18 Terry Fox Run Wear red & white	19 No Pre K Gr 3-7 Mass - Gr 3/4 Reading
22	23	24	25 District Soccer tournament 12-6	26 Gr 3-7 Mass - Gr4/5 Reading Orange shirt day
29 NID No School	30 Truth & Reconciliation Day No School	1	2	3 Gr 3-7 Mass - Gr 5/6 Reading