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*Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith*

### **New Items:**

School office closed tomorrow am - Ash Wed. Mass  
Only a few more Kindergarten spots left!  
Pre K registration - info below.  
CWL Bursary - see pg 3.

### **Upcoming dates:**

**Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday**  
**Feb 19 - Geo Challenge 10:45**  
**Feb 23 - Pre K Registration**

**A MESSAGE FROM MRS. POLANIN:** I hope families were able to enjoy the long weekend, it's always nice to have that extra time to spend together. It sure seemed like spring was here, but winter is back! The students will enjoy being able to build snow forts again, but I'm sure they will be disappointed that the gaga ball pit is closed again. Last week was busy in grades 4-7 with the geo challenge rounds, and the finals will be this Thursday at 10:45, with parents invited to watch. Today we were lucky to have our Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch; thank you to all those who helped make this happen, the students love it! Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is the 40 days in which we prepare for Easter; students will be learning more about Lent in class.

**STAFFING CHANGES:** Last week Mr. Telles in grade 6/7 unfortunately had his last day of work on Monday, we wish him all the best with his future endeavours. Mrs. Kuemper and Mr. Chiaravalloti will be teaching for the next two weeks, and then Ms. Tessier is returning to our school March 3 to teach for the remainder of the school year. We look forward to hearing about Ms. Tessier's recent travels to Costa Rica

**GEO CHALLENGE:** Geo Challenge will be held this Thursday at 10:45 in the gym. Parents are welcome to watch!

**BASKETBALL PERMISSION SLIPS GR 5,6 & 7:** Permission slips were sent home today for the houston basketball tournament. Please send back the permission slip to the office tomorrow so we can finalize the teams.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS/SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED:** This year Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday February 18th. The entire school, including office staff will be attending Mass that morning. If any students arrive between 9-10 am, please drop them off at the Church as the School will be locked. Parents feel welcome to attend Mass

**KINDERGARTEN/2026-2027 REGISTRATION:** We are now accepting applications for our 26-27 Kindergarten class . All applications are subject to our Admissions priority:

1. Parish/Catholic families and siblings of children already enrolled in our School.
2. Children enrolled in our Pre Kindergarten program
3. Everyone else on a first come first basis.

We will be accepting applications either by phone or online [click here](#) . In order to enroll into Kindergarten children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2026. Registration will stay open until all spots are filled.

If you know someone who is interested in our School for any grades 1-7 please have them contact the office to apply or complete our online application form. We will confirm admission and contact families the week of Feb 17th.

**ST JOSEPH'S PRE K PROGRAM:** Registration for our Pre K program will be Monday February 23rd. Registration will be in person at the school office at 8am. Please bring your child's BC Services card, birth certificate as well at \$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.

**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 Wednesday Feb 18th

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

See last page for next 4 week calendar.

# **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**  
**V0J 2N0**

- Deadline for application is May 25th.

# **PRACTICE/GAMES**

## **MONDAY & WEDNESDAY**

**U11 & U13: 5:30 - 7:00**

## **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

**U7 & U9: 5:30 - 6:30**

**U15: 5:30 - 7:00**

**U17 & U20: 7:30 - 9:00**

# **INDOOR SESSION**

**STARTING IN APRIL**

**FOR U9 & UP**

*\*fees in league registration\**



## **2026 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBPAGE**

<https://bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca>

**REGISTRATION HERE**



## **PARENTS!**

Each family is asked to contribute 5 volunteer hours. Sign up at registration!

Registration Inquires:

[registrar@bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca](mailto:registrar@bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca)

Other Inquires:

[info@bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca](mailto:info@bulkleyvalleysoftball.ca)

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<https://www.rampregistrations.com/login?v3=fecc8c31c9t>

# February/March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>16</b>  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>17</b>  Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch  	<b>18</b>  Ash Wednesday All School Mass  	<b>19</b>  Geo Challenge   Basketball with Mr Toner 2-3:30 	<b>20</b>  Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 4/5 reading  Tacos 
<b>23</b>  Hot dogs   Pre K registration 8 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  Basketball with Mr Toner 2-3:30 	<b>27</b>  Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5/6 reading  Pasta 
<b>2</b>  Hot dogs 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Basketball with Mr Toner 2-3:30 	<b>6</b>  Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 6/7 reading  Mac N Cheese 
<b>9</b>  Hot dogs 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Basketball with Mr Toner 2-3:30 	<b>13</b>  Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 3/4 reading  Grilled Cheese 