



**St
Joseph's
School**

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Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith

New Items:

Chocolate almonds are here!!
Pizza this Friday - orders taken tomorrow in class
Orange shirt day this Friday
Looking for Hot lunch bakers
Hot dog Mondays start **Oct 6th**

Upcoming dates:

Sept 29 - No School - NID
Sept 30 - No School - Truth & Reconciliation Day
Oct 7 - Picture day!
Oct 10 - Thanksgiving lunch
Oct 13 - No school - Happy Thanksgiving
Oct 16 - Cross country run

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Thank you to all of those who turned out to the Meet the Teacher Night/BBQ event last year. I am away in Vancouver this week but would like to share a few random thoughts.

First of all, thank you to all the volunteers-adults and students who helped with the Meet the Teacher Night.

Secondly, now is a good time to write about technology and safety: Thank you to those who have returned our Acceptable Use of Technology forms. This policy is there for a few reasons. One is to help foster online safety while at school and the other is to help keep the focus on learning. A policy of this nature is also a requirement for all schools in British Columbia.

For us as parents, it can be very difficult to navigate the online world and parenting because while the online world can offer so much good if used correctly, it also offers so much access to things that children wouldn't have seen when we were growing up.

Here are some safety tips to consider:

- If your child is using an electronic device with access to the internet, ensure that they do it in a public place in your home such as your kitchen or living room where you as a parent can easily see what they are doing.
- Avoid letting your children go in their rooms by themselves with technology.
- If you have chosen to allow your child to have a phone, have them leave it charging overnight in the kitchen or somewhere other than their bedrooms.
- Discuss with your children the importance of not giving out personal information or agreeing to meet someone they met online without talking to you first.
- Cyber bullying is a thing: Encourage your children to be kind online and if they are being bullied or threatened to let you know right away.
- Watch for changes in behavior such as being more withdrawn, reactive, or grades that are dropping ---basically any change in baseline behaviour. If you notice this, there may be many causes for that, but one thing to try is to start looking closely at their online lives.
- Encourage your child to speak with you if they encounter anything online that concerns them or scares them. Try to be that safe place your child can go if they do run into trouble.

I know this is a bit ironic, but here is a helpful website to check out if you want to learn more about online safety for you and your family: <https://www.commonsense.org/>

CALLING ALL BAKERS: It's that time of year again—we're looking for volunteers to bake desserts for Hot Lunch! This is one of the **PSG's biggest fundraisers**, helping cover costs for the many extra activities our children enjoy. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up through this platform for as many (or little) dates you'd like. For more information, email stjoes.hotlunch.smithers@gmail.com and we'll send you the program details. Thank you for supporting this wonderful program! https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activitykey=1205207560116#choose_event_page to sign up.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCH: We have a coordinator, thank you Roanna Gleason for running this event again! We still are in need of some more helpers. If you are interested please contact the school office 250-847-9414 or email stj@cispg.ca Thank you!

HAS YOUR INFORMATION CHANGED? Have you moved in the last year, updated your email address or phone number? Please email the school office to update your physical and mailing addresses as well as other contact information. stj@cispg.ca

CHOCOLATE ALMOND FUNDRAISER: Chocolate almonds are here, lets get selling! This year the individual boxes of chocolate almonds are bigger (by weight) which has changed the cost. Each case is \$100, which has 20 individual boxes of chocolate almonds, then you sell each box for \$5 each. We accept cash, cheques and e transfers, which can be sent to stjestransfers@cispg.ca . If sending an e transfer please, put the last name of the student and 'almonds' in the memo. Thank you to Mrs. McGibbon for organizing this!

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.

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. stjetransfera@cispg.ca

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

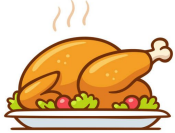

Flocknote: to get on Flocknote text **SMITHERS to 514-900-0130**

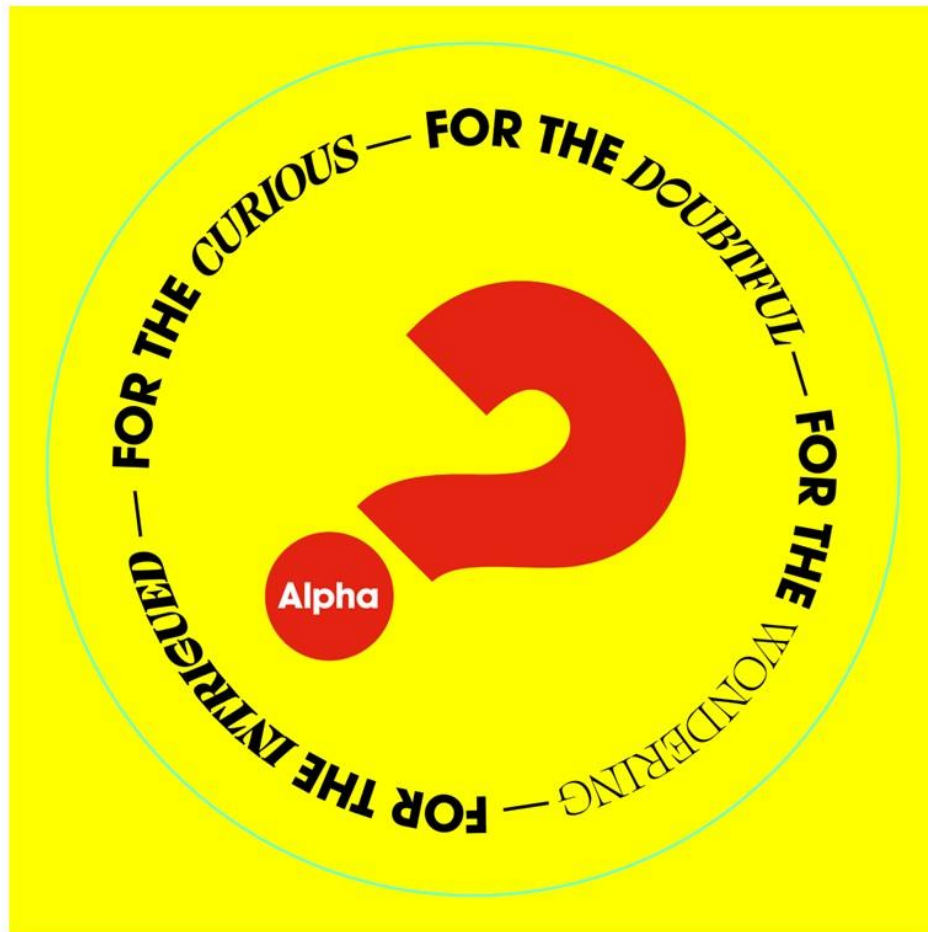
Confessions: are 15 mins before every Mass or by appointment

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
22	23	24	25 District Soccer tournament 12-6 	26 Gr 3-7 Mass - Gr4/5 Reading Pizza  Orange shirt day 
29 NID No School	30 Truth & Reconciliation Day No School	1 Alpha starts at the church 6:30 pm. Free!	2	3 Gr 3-7 Mass - Gr 5/6 Reading Tacos 
6 Hot Dogs 	7 Picture day! 	8	9	10 Thanksgiving lunch No Mass this week 
13 Hot Dogs 	14	15	16 Cross Country Run	17 All School Mass Gr 4/5 reading Chicken ranch wraps 



Please join us for ALPHA at St. Joseph Church on Wednesdays, beginning Oct 1 at 6:30pm. **What is ALPHA?** It is an interactive faith study, starting with a little dessert and conversation, followed by a short high-quality video reflecting on questions of life, meaning, and faith from a Christian perspective. It then resolves into open-ended and non-judgmental conversation, where you get to share what you think and feel, engage those around you with ideas, and ask any questions you want. The only commitment is to attend the first night if you so choose. So come and see...check it out. It continues for 7 weeks, then an optional retreat day, and finishes with 4 more weeks. We believe you'll find it extremely helpful. Check the link in the Tuesday Note to register for free. Come with a friend! Hope to see you soon... click here to register <https://smithersalphaonline.wufoo.com/forms/mp6o0ky07816h8/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BV POOL



Fall 2025

BABYSITTER COURSE 11 yrs+

Oct 27-Nov 3 \$82.95

Mon 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Sun 12:00pm - 4:00pm

The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting course covers everything from managing difficult behaviours to essential content on leadership and professional conduct as a babysitter.

Gain the skills and confidence needed to responsibly care for young children.

TEEN NIGHT 11-18 yrs

First Friday of the Month

\$5 Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

9:00pm - 10:30pm

Join us for a late-night swim with friends, featuring lively music and delicious snacks!



SPOOKTACULAR

Sat, Oct 25

Register: \$12

1:30pm - 3:00pm

This eerie event features some ghostly activities! Join us for tricks in the courts, treats on the climbing wall, a costume parade, and spooky games. Be sure not to miss the haunted change room!

Indoor shoes and signed climbing waiver required.

SPOOK SWIM

Sat, Oct 25

Drop-in \$5

3:30pm - 5:00pm



NID KIDS CAMPS 5-12 yrs

Oct 24 \$48/day

Fri 8:30am - 4:00pm

Nov 10 \$48/day

Mon 8:30am - 4:00pm



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Pool & Recreation Centre

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SMITHERS
SKI AND
SNOWBOARD CLUB



Building Skiers & Snowboarders for Life!

Introductory alpine ski (Ripper) for 4 to 9 year olds and snowboard (Shredder) programs for 7 to 9 year olds.

Programs run January to March from 10am to 1pm on **Sundays**.

Programs are designed to build skills, increase confidence and create friendships based on a love for sport that last a lifetime!

Child must be able to ride Tbar on their own



Refer-a-friend Promo:
Refer a new child to our Little Ripper or Shredder programs and receive \$100 off registration fees!!

Meet and Greet December 21:

Come on out to the SSSC Club Cabin (above the lodge) from 1pm to 3pm and find out all about the Club. Ride with our Coaches, tour the cabin, ask questions about gear and have some fun!! **Be sure to bring your friends!**

Register: sssc.smithersskiclub.com

We also offer the **All Mountain Ski Program** for 10 to 12 year olds from 10am-3:30pm on Saturdays, and the **U12 Snowboard Program** for 10 & 11 year olds from 10am-1pm on Sundays.

Discounted Season passes for children registered with SSSC!

*More information on **ALL** programming can be found on our website*