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Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith



New Items:

Basketball with Mr Toner starts Tuesday Jan 13th!



Talent Show - sign up now!

Hot lunch bakers needed! - see sign up link below

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Upcoming dates:

Jan 22 - Open Gym Pre K & K 5:30 - 6:30

Jan 28 - School Council meeting 5:00 pm

Jan 29 - Grandparent's Tea

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Welcome back, everyone! I hope that everyone was able to enjoy some downtime and a break from the usual routines. Now that we are back at it, we are using the time to really double down on our learning. We are also happy to be back working hard and resetting for the second half of the year. We also continue to pray for growth in faith for our students as part of their St. Joseph's experience. A couple of requests: with the big fluctuations of temperature outside that we have experienced lately, please do what you can to make sure your children have the clothing they need to enjoy the outdoors during recess and lunch. Second, we are putting out a call for people willing to serve on our diocesan Accessibility Committee. Please see the information from our superintendent, Mr. Dugdale, further down in this newsletter. You don't have to be Catholic to be on this committee. Although the deadline has passed, I know they would welcome more applications. Finally, if you would consider hosting some members of the NET team this coming March, we would be grateful and prepared to help with grocery cards for food. Have a good week!

TALENT SHOW: FEB 6TH

This is just advance notice that we are planning to once again have our annual talent show on Friday, February 6th. This is optional for students. Forms will be going home today with each child that indicated an interest. Please sign and return these as soon as possible so we have some idea as to numbers of students who want to participate. Extra forms are in the office if your child wanted a form and didn't take one home.

Some guidelines that we discussed with students:

One act per child

Groups are OK—each member of the group must return a signed form in order for the group to participate

-lyrics to songs must be provided

Any acts must have content that is compatible with who we are as a Catholic school. (ie. lyrics of songs shouldn't have swear words in them, etc)

-We want to welcome as many acts as possible. One of the few reasons an act may not receive approval would be due to inappropriate content or if their material is not prepared

-Once forms are returned, students will be asked to show Mr. Johnson and/or Mrs. Vanderwart their act at a lunch hour in the music room sometime in the next few weeks.

HOT LUNCH BAKERS NEEDED: We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with hot lunch baking. If you are interested please see the instructions below.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/PMkJokP>

2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)

3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp does not share your email address with anyone.

LEXIA: As you may or may not have been aware, the whole school was piloting the Lexia program and now that pilot is over. Moving forward, we have chosen not to purchase licenses for everyone, rather, we purchased some licenses for the students we believe could benefit most from its continued use. If your child no longer has a license through the school and you want to continue on with Lexia, you are able to purchase a license as an individual. If you wish to do so you can go here: <https://www.lexiaforhome.com/> Students in gr. K-5 do the Core 5 program and students in gr. 6 and 7 do the Power Up Program.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: Please remember to send your child(ren) to school with weather appropriate clothing. Students will

UPDATE ON YEAR END DRIVE/LEGACY FUND DONATIONS: On behalf of everyone here at St. Joseph's we would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all of you who donated to this fund. Thanks to your generosity, we can confidently plan to replace furniture (ie desks, chairs, tables, etc) in the new school year. Right now, we have raised enough to update two classrooms. Charitable receipts for income tax purposes will be issued this month or next. I would also like to thank Nicki Twigge and others who helped by getting the word out and telling our story. Thank you again for your ongoing support of the work happening here at the school.

BOTTLES & CAN DONATIONS

Gr. 7's are raising money for their year-end trip. If you have recyclable bottles, cans, etc at home, it would be great if you brought them to the recycling depot. There is an account for St. Joseph's gr. 7's there and if you are willing, you could ask that the refunds go into that account.

NET TEAM: Every year the National Evangelization Team (NET team) comes through the northwest to offer retreats to students in gr. 6 and 7. This year, they will be doing a retreat with our gr 6 and 7 students on March 13th, 2026. The team will need a home to stay in for three nights: March 12, 13, and 14th before they continue their journey. Is anyone willing to open their home to two or more NET team members? They are fine with sleeping on foamies on the floor, on couches, etc, etc. If you are able to help, can you let us know at the office? There are 8 team members we are seeking to host and the school is happy to hand out grocery cards to cover expenses. More information about what NET is can be found here:

<https://www.netcanada.ca/>

PSG NEWS - NEXT MEETING Wed. Jan 14th at 6pm : 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

E-TRANSFER REMINDER: Friendly reminder that we only accept e-transfers for tuition/fees and school run fundraisers. We cannot accept e-transfers for Pizza or Hot lunch sales. If you have any questions about how to pay for something, please feel free to check with the office first.

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

Nov 23rd Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast. The Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast right after Sunday morning Mass. Admission is by donation, everyone is welcome!

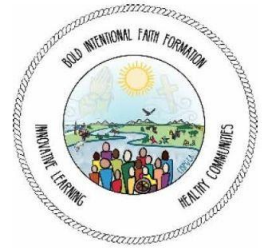
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November 7th, 2025

To CISPG staff, parents, /caregivers, & communities,

Call for Accessibility Committee Members

The BC Ministry of Education & Childcare passed the Accessible British Columbia Act, S.B.C. 2021, c. 19 that provides strategies for BC Schools to become more accessible. CISPG has developed an [initial plan](#) and all 8 schools have completed their review of school facilities and drafted 2-3 priorities as a starting point in a three year plan.

CISPG invites applicants to join the CISPG Accessibility Committee by completing the [application form](#). Please submit the form to CISPG at cis@cispg.ca by Friday December 5th, 2025.

The committee will follow the structure outlined in the Accessible British Columbia Act. To the extent possible, half the committee will include:

- People with disabilities, and/or
- People with children or youth with current or emergent considerations related to disability and accessibility, and/or
- People who work or volunteer at a CISPG School, and/or
- People or organizations that support people with disabilities.

The committee will represent the different backgrounds and experiences of community members with children / youth. The committee will follow the principle of “nothing about us without us”.

The committee’s scope of work will include:

- Providing input into the development of an accessibility plan based on the principles of Inclusion, Adaptability, Diversity, Collaboration, Self-Determination, and Universal Design.
- Providing input into any school’s barriers to accessibility such as attitudinal, physical, sensory, information and communication, systemic, and technology issues.
- Reviewing feedback from the CISPG Accessibility Feedback Tool.
- Advising the Superintendent on the school’s accessibility plan.

The committee will schedule afterschool meetings beginning in February 2026. Tentatively, there will be three to four meetings a year. Please contact CISPG at cis@cispg.ca or call 250-964-5642 if you: wish to submit an application in an alternate format, have questions, or require support to apply.

Yours in Education,

Chris Dugdale, Superintendent

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We respectfully acknowledge the beautiful unceded ancestral land, culture and peoples of the Indigenous nations in which we live, work and play. The Lheidli T'enneh Nation in Prince George, The Ts'msyen Lxxyuup Tsimshian Nation in Prince Rupert and Terrace, The Haisla Nation in Kitimat, The Wet'suwe'ten in Smithers, and The Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta in Dawson Creek. In humility we commit ourselves to continue to work for reconciliation and for respectful relationships with the creator and all creation.

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January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Hot Dogs 	6	7	8	9 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 4/5 reading Pizza 
12 Hot Dogs 	13	14 PSG Meeting 6:00	15	16 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5/6 reading Grilled Cheese 
19 Hot Dogs 	20	21	22 Open Gym 5:30-6:30 Pre K & K Families	23 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 6/7 reading Mac N Cheese  Bus #2 (Witset) no afternoon route
26 Hot Dogs 	27	28 School Council Meeting 5pm	29	30 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 3/4 reading Pasta  Bus #1 (Telkwa) no afternoon route