



New Items:

Basketball with Mr Toner started today! 

Talent Show - sign up due Friday

Hot lunch bakers needed! - see sign up link below

Family Pickleball - see pg 3

Upcoming dates:

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

Jan 28 - School Council meeting 5:00 pm

Jan 29 - Grandparent, Grandfriend, Elder's Tea

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: In addition to many of the regular things we do, here are some things I can share about the extras that are currently going on at St. Joseph's right now. It has been so exciting to see basketball with Mr. Toner up and running again. He is a favorite of so many students. Keep your eyes out for an announcement on an after-school basketball club opportunity on Thursdays after school. Geo Challenge is also starting up and students in gr. 4-7 have been invited to participate in a club if they wish on Tuesdays at lunch. In February, there will be a Geo-Challenge contest. For students who want to showcase their talents for us, our Talent Show is Friday, Feb 6th. Forms went home to interested students. If anyone didn't take one home and wants to participate, there are more in the office. Soon, a singing group will meet on Fridays whose job will be to help lead the singing in our Monday morning assemblies. There is also a puzzle and games club going on Fridays at lunch in Mrs. Wellington's room. There is lots to do! Have a good week.

GRANDPARENT, GRANDFRIEND, ELDER TEA: On January 29th we will be hosting our annual Grandparent, Grandfriend, Elder's Tea in the school gym at 1pm. Students will be bringing home invitations for the person of their choice to invite. Invitations will be sent home in the next 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.

SICKNESS - HOW YOU CAN HELP: We are in the depths of Flu season, and are noticing many students have been away sick. We ask that if your child(ren) has a fever or is vomiting, they stay home for at least 24 hours after those symptoms are no longer present.

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.

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.

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!

See last page for next 4 week calendar.

Family/Youth Pickleball Lessons and Games starting Saturday, January 10th.

Are you interested in learning to play pickleball? Bulkley Valley Pickleball Club is hosting a family/youth program.

Pairs can sign up as follows:

Parent/Guardian + Student (8 - 18) or

Student + Student (15 - 18)

When: Saturday mornings 9:00 - 10:30 am

Dates: January 10th - March 14th (excluding February 14th and 21st)

Where: St. Joseph's School Gym

What: Experienced instructors will be available to teach skills, lead drills and assist with game play.

Cost: \$80 per pair for eight sessions plus the cost of annual membership for Pickleball Canada/BC and the BV Pickleball Club (15+ is just under \$35 per annum, 8-14 is just over \$20 per annum). Membership is required for insurance purposes and includes accident and liability insurance.

Equipment: paddles and balls will be provided, indoor runners or court shoes and gym strip required.

If you have any questions or are interested in participating, please email bvpickleball@gmail.com as soon as possible.

January/February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Grandparent, Grandfriend, Elder's Tea 1pm	30 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 3/4 reading Pasta  Bus #1 (Telkwa) no afternoon route
2 Hot dogs  Catholic Education Week	3	4	5 Open house	6 All School Mass Gr 5/6 reading Talent Show Chicken ranch wraps 