

St. Joseph's News

September Issue
An Alumni Newsletter

Alumni Spotlight

We've seen many of our graduates go on to do wonderful things, and we want to take a moment to highlight some of the paths our alumni have taken since walking across the alter at St. Joseph's.

Whether they've pursued careers in education, healthcare, business, or ministry, our alumni continue to inspire us with their success, integrity, and service to others.

For our first issue, we're excited to spotlight Micah Urban, who graduated from high school this past June, was one of two grads to receive the St. Joe's PSG bursary, and has just started at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Micah is enrolled in the Honours Life Sciences program and is already hard at work juggling a full course load that includes Physics, Calculus, Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Biology—most with labs or tutorials! He's considering a future in the medical field, and knowing Micah's drive and focus, we have no doubt he'll go far. Many in our community will recognize him from the BV Regional Pool, where he's been a dedicated Lifeguard and Swim Instructor since he was 15. He worked there again this past summer and plans to return next year during his break from school. It's exciting to see Micah following his passion and we can't wait to see where this journey takes him!

We're so proud of how St. Joseph's has helped shape the lives of our students, and it's heartwarming to see our alumni make such meaningful contributions to their communities. If you have a story to share, please connect with us and you could be our next Alumni Spotlight.



A Warm Welcome to St. Joseph's School

As the new school year begins, we're excited to launch our very first alumni newsletter, a special way to reconnect with all of you—our St. Joseph's family. Whether you attended in the 1960s or just graduated last year, this newsletter is a celebration of our shared history, ongoing mission, and the incredible community that has made St. Joseph's Elementary School a place of faith, learning, and growth for generations.

A Continuing Journey:

For those of you who remember the first days at St. Joseph's, you'll know that our school's mission has remained steadfast through the years. St. Joseph's is committed to academic excellence and the total formation of each person. We integrate knowledge through the teachings of Jesus Christ, guiding our students in faith, responsibility, and personal excellence.

We're proud to continue fostering a sense of community, where each child is encouraged to grow not only as a student but also as a Christian, ready to make a positive impact in the world.

We know that many of you now living out your own journeys, carry the values learned here into your daily lives. As alumni, you are a testament to the lasting influence of our shared mission.

A School Family Alike:

St. Joseph's continues to be a place where teachers, students, and parents come together to form a community centered around growth, support, and faith. We're a school where everyone knows each other, where relationships are valued, and where learning is approached with both heart and mind.

Our teachers are dedicated, our staff is caring, and our parents are engaged—truly, we are all working together to create an educational experience that is rooted in love and faith. It's this spirit of collaboration that makes St. Joseph's not just a school, but a family.



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A Note on Giving Back:

As we continue to support the growth and development of our school, we also recognize the generosity that has been shown by so many alumni over the years. In early November, we'll be reaching out to our community to invite participation in our annual donation drive. Your support, in any form, has a lasting impact on the students here at St. Joseph's, and we are deeply grateful for the role you play in our continued success.

We understand that times change, and we want to make sure any contributions are meaningful to you. We'll be sharing more details soon, and we hope you'll stay tuned for how you can continue to be a part of St. Joseph's legacy.

Generations of families

One of the joys of St. Joseph's is how many families have passed through our doors, building a legacy of faith and learning across generations. Take, for example, the Pederson family. Shirley Pederson graduated in 1967, all her children attended the school, and this year,

we welcome Ben Pederson to kindergarten, her 9th grandchild to attend St. Joseph's School —a special occurrence that speaks to the long-lasting bond families have with our school. There are more Pederson's to come, and we are honored to have so many generations of so many

stories like the Pederson family's remind us of the deep sense of connection we share with each other, regardless of the years that have passed since we were all in the classrooms together. We cherish the families who continue to choose St. Joseph's as their school, year after year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We'd love for you to join us in some of the special events that have become cherished traditions here at St. Joseph's. Please mark your calendars:

Annual Turkey Lunch – October 10 at 12:00 in the school gym. Join us for this beloved tradition, where current families and alumni come together to share a meal and celebrate our school community. We'd be delighted to see you there! PLEASE RSVP by calling the office before Wed. prior if you plan to attend.

Monthly School Masses – Our older students go to Mass weekly, and once a month the whole school will attend. It's always a joyous occasion filled with music and worship and welcome you to join us whenever you can. October 17th at 9am is the next whole school Mass.

Remembrance Day Service – November 7, time TBD, come attend our school Remembrance Day Service in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church, put on by one of our classes.



Looking Ahead: Let's Stay Connected

We're excited for what the future holds, and we hope you'll continue to stay connected with us. Whether you're nearby or far away, there are many ways to stay involved with St. Joseph's: attend our upcoming events, volunteer your time, request to be added to our weekly Tuesday Note or simply drop us a line to say hello. If you can help us connect with more alumni, please forward this newsletter to alumni you are in contact with and encourage them to contact the school so we can send them our next one. Your involvement means the world to us! We look forward to seeing how the next generation will carry our mission forward.

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Thank you for being part of the St. Joseph's legacy. We are so proud of all that we've accomplished.