



New Items:

Still in need for Fun Day volunteers
Date change for final Mass
Bus registration for 26-27 register [here](#)
Last newsletter of the school year
All school Mass this Friday - doors will be locked

Upcoming dates:

June 19 - Year end Mass with Fr. Dennis
June 23 - FUN DAY!
June 24 - Year end slideshow/Awards/last day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: It seems so strange to be writing this final principal's message as we close out the year. It has been a privilege to serve you these past three years at St. Joseph's and will miss all of you. I will be forever thankful for the way I was warmly welcomed into this community, which was new to me at the time. St. Joseph's is a special place and that is because of the way everyone comes together and because of who we try to be. My deep hope for everyone as we move forward on this life journey is that every child, parent and staff member will come to know the saving power of Jesus and use their education to develop to their fullest potential so they can be the hands and feet of Christ as they strive to make the world a better place where humans and all of creation can flourish as it was meant to.

LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR: As next week is only has 2.5 school days, this will be the final newsletter of the school year. If required we will be sending out an email next week outlining any needed information/ reminders for that week.

FUN DAY INFO: Fun day will be next Tuesday. A hot dog/hamburger lunch will be served to the students that day. If your child does not want a hot dog or hamburger, please send them with a packed lunch. The firefighters will be at the school at 1:30 to offer some much needed cool down for the students. Please have your child(ren) bring a towel and spare clothes to change into. Please no bathing suits!

FUN DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Fun day is fast approaching, if you are interested in volunteering sign up [here](#). Please share the sign up link with any Alumni!

DEPARTING STAFF:

We would like to take this moment to thank all departing staff this year. They have done a lot, be their stay short or long, to make St. Joseph's a better place.

Mr. William Johnson (our music teacher)

Mrs. Elaine Onderwater (our bookkeeper)

Mrs. Jill McDonald (our Kindergarten teacher and past preschool teacher)

Mrs. Arlene McGibbon (our long serving administrative assistant)

Mrs. Monique Vanderwart (our Principal)

Thank you all for your service to the school and we wish you God's blessing in your next chapter.

MASS & YEAR END SLIDE SHOW - SCHOOL/CHURCH LOCKED: Just a reminder that the school will be locked for the year-end Mass and slideshow/awards. The church will be locked 5 mins after the start of Mass and the slide show. We will have someone there to let you in if you are late. We will NOT have anyone at the school during these times.

HOT LUNCH: Our last hot lunch for the year will be Tacos :)

YEAR END MASS DATE CHANGE & AWARDS/SLIDESHOW INFO: The final Mass of the school year will now be held on June 19th at 9:00 instead of the last day of school. The Kindergarten class will be leading Mass that day and Fr. Dennis will be giving the Grade 7 class a blessing. The year end slideshow, awards, and grade 7 send off will be in the Church at 10:30 on the last day of school on June 24th. All families are welcome to attend both the June 19 Mass and the June 24 last day celebrations.

GRADE DIVISIONS FOR NEXT YEAR:

Next year, the grades will be organized in the following divisions and, as we project into the next several years, the configurations may change, but combination classes of some kind are expected to be in place. For this fall we are expecting: K, 1-2, 2-3, 4,5,6,7

Enrolment changes can still affect the grade configurations, but this is the scenario we are looking at for next year right now. Teachers work very hard to divide up grades and consider many factors including, but not limited to: boy/girl balance, social groups, friendships, students needing support, total numbers in each class, along with many other factors. The aim is to create balanced classes where all students are able to thrive. For that reason, we will not be considering parent requests. Class lists, as in previous years, will be released just before Labor Day. This is because enrolment changes can still happen in the summer.

UPDATE- AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT ST JOSEPH'S: Enrollment is underway and we want to communicate with families that we are now also offering a part-time sign-up option. Families interested in only certain days are welcome to contact the office to register their child(ren). Please note, you will be committed to those days. They cannot change weekly/monthly/etc.

A BIG THANK YOU!: The grade 4/5 class wanted to send out a giant thank you to everyone who donated and baked for their very successful bake sale last week. We have a amazing community at this school. We also can't help but acknowledge the students who not only kept Fr Dennis' father in their prayers but took the initiative to organize the bake sale. We are so proud of them! 🙌

KINDERGARTEN/2026-2027 REGISTRATION: We do have spaces left for our 26-27 kindergarten class. Contact the school office if you are interested.

NUT FREE: This is a friendly reminder that our school is a nut-free zone. Thank you for understanding.

ST JOSEPH'S PRE K PROGRAM: Pre K registration for the 26-27 school year is open. Currently we have openings in the Wed/Fri class. If you are interested, please come to the school to register. Bring your child's BC Services card, birth certificate as well as a \$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.

PARENTS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL: With what has happened our our province recently, we are committed to ensuring the safety of our students and have been reviewing our procedures. We'd like to remind everyone of one of the policies we have. It's not new, but we wanted to remind everyone to sign in at the office and not wander the halls. Once signed in, if you are volunteering in a class you are welcome to go to that class. For those who are picking up their child for an appointment, please let the office staff collect your child. If you need to drop off anything for your child, please leave this with the office and we will gladly ensure your child gets what they need.

JOB POSTINGS FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR:

Staff appointments will be announced at the beginning of the next school year as we are still working on these.

There are 5 positions available at our next school year, come join our team!

Teaching positions: Intermediate teachers: for more information click here <https://cispg.ca/careers/teaching-positions/>

Music and French (or other prep) teacher: can be a full time role or split up and could include a classroom component

Support Staff : Administrative assistant, this position would be one day a week as well as on call.

If you would like more information please email mvanderwart@cispg.ca or click here to fill out the online support staff application <https://cispg.ca/careers/support-staff-application-form/>

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

**AUG
18-20
2026**



**Impact
Volleyball is
back with
year two of
bringing high
quality camps
to the north!**

**IMPACT GR 5-7 GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL CAMP -
SMITHERS
2:30-4:30 - \$129**

**IMPACT GR 8-10 GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL CAMP -
SMITHERS
12:30-2:30 - \$129**

**IMPACT GR 10-12 GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL CAMP -
SMITHERS
9:00-11:30 - \$159**



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



https://register.citruscamps.com/pg/pg_FZmiqR5TmeHGnXUW?type=camp&place_name=Smithers

**Ebenezer Canadian Reformed School
1685 Viewmount Rd N, Smithers, BC V0J 2N6**



UNDER the SEA

FREE!
Summer Reading Club

June 29 - August 7, 2026

Ages 6-8: Mondays
Ages 9-12: Tuesdays
Ages 3-5: Fridays

Weekly
10-11 am

Register at
the library

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	16	17	18	19 Final School Mass Kindergarten reading Tacos 🌮 Last day for Buses
22 No Buses	23 Fun Day Dismissal time 1:30-2:00 No Buses	24 Last day 1:15 Dismissal Slideshow/Awards/ Gr 7 gifts @ 10:30 No Buses		