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Newsletter
February 24th, 2017

*"Be kind to one another."
Ephesians 4:32*

Dear Parents,

We apologize for not getting our newsletter out Friday but our entire email system was down.



Shrove Tuesday-TOMORROW!!! PJ Spirit Day and pancake lunch!!!

Tomorrow is our Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch put on by our amazing PSG! It is also our pyjama spirit day. Students, staff and parents are encouraged to wear pyjamas to school and are requested to bring a twoonie donation to the pancake breakfast.

Thank you for your support and see you in your pjs tomorrow!!!

Ash Wednesday Mass – donations needed



Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, March 1st at 10:00 am. We would like to encourage all families to consider a donation of toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.) for St. Vincent de Paul. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity in donating. Our St. Vincent de Paul community is always so grateful for the donations we collect and it is because of you that many people are able to put food on their table and have the basic necessities in their homes.



Live Well For Lent.....

What a great investment in LENT, what a great investment in YOU! Information flyer coming home with your child tomorrow!!!

Registration for the 2016-17 School Year



Re-registration packages for current St. Joseph families will be sent home on Tuesday, February 28th with the youngest/only and are due back **no later than March 17th in order to receive the early bird rate** as well as help us plan for next year... Yes, that starts right away!!! Please note the change to the parent volunteer hours.

New Family Referral Program:



Spread the great news! YOU are the best way to bring new families into our community! Your word of mouth about the wonderful community we have and the great 'whole child' education your children receive here, brings new families to our door.

If you refer a family to St. Joseph School, and their children stay for the full year, at the end of the year you receive a free month's tuition. Refer two families, and receive two month's tuition for free. Refer three families...well, you get the idea. Please ensure that any family you refer indicates that they were referred on their application (an essential step!). This referral program works in conjunction with Immaculata Regional High School. Contact either St. Joseph School (250-763-3371) or IRHS (250-762-2730) at the office for specific details.

Be My Lucky Charm Family Dance



Have you bought your tickets for the Be My Lucky Charm Family Dance on Friday, March 10th from 5:30 – 8:30pm? This is a fundraiser for the Grade 7 Legacy Project.

*****DEADLINE for orders is March 6th. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$20/family.**

Enjoy a Live DJ, pizza, gelato, photo booth, games, prizes, a Pot of Gold raffle and ***NEW** Adult Bar (beer and wine). Tickets for the raffle will be \$3.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Don't miss this Awesome Family Event!!!

Any questions please email:

Nica Graziotto nicagraz@gmail.com , Shelley Uzelman butterflies2@shaw.ca, Monica McParland monica.f.mcparland@gmail.com

Lost School Uniform Sweater

A sweater has been lost with the name *Bax* on the tag. If found please call 778-477-6033. Thank you.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY - TOMORROW

The PSG and parent volunteers are hosting a fantastic pancake brunch in the Parish Hall to celebrate Shrove Tuesday / Pyjama Day, **TOMORROW** for all students, teachers and staff of St. Joseph and the Clubhouse.

We are seeking help from many more parent volunteers (set-up starting at 9am, chefs, servers, clean-up – please visit www.volunteersignup.org/ARE8B) to help make this event a success. Thank you for volunteering!



READ-A-THON

Hopefully all the kids are well on their way to collecting their sponsorship goals! Please don't forget: logged reading for the Read-A-Thon starts next Monday, February 27th and runs until Friday, March 10th. Please encourage your kids to read.... read.... read!

Questions? Contact Ashley Pereira @ [\(252\)808-4144](tel:2528084144) or ashleypereira3@gmail.com



Cards for Kids - Remember 4 Easy Ways to Purchase

1. From St. Joseph Elementary Main Office.
2. From PSG Table Tuesdays during afternoon pick-up.
3. Set-up a Standing Order using Order Form and post-dated cheques.
4. Following Sunday Mass at St. Charles Garnier Parish the last Sunday of every month.
5. Following Sunday Mass at St. Pius on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Cards for Kids would like to inform you on a few changes to our cards which will help us increase our profits.

All our **GAS CARDS** now offer a **5%** return. Up 2%.

Cactus Club cards are now **13%** return up from 10%. They now have our school logo on them.

*We **soon** will be carrying T-Bone's cards which will be offering a **15%** return. Our highest yet. So please use these cards every time you shop at T-Bone's. T-Bone's cards are **not** in stock yet. But will be soon.

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out." *Robert Collier*

Buy cards...small or large amounts...week in and week out and our program will succeed!

Thank you!

Help us reach our goal of \$20,000!



DivorceCare for Kids

Divorce Care for Kids Is Relocating to Serve You Better

Divorce Care for Kids (DC4K) is moving to St. Joseph's School, room 7 or 10, on Wednesday, March 1 for your convenience. DC4K leaders have discovered that the realtor's mantra, "Location, location, location," is true. Divorced working parents whose children attend St. Joseph's School—and often Clubhouse for after-school care—find it difficult to transport children to DC4K at St. Charles Garnier Church during working hours.

You spoke; we listened. DC4K can accommodate late enrollment (we're on lesson 4 of 13). If you enroll your child in DC4K now, just let Clubhouse know that you want their staff to bring your child to DC4K at St. Joseph's School at 3:30. If you can't pick up your child from St. Joseph's at 5:00, let Clubhouse know that your child will need to be taken by their staff back to Clubhouse for pickup by 5:30.

DC4K will run 3:30-5:00 every Wednesday, excluding during spring break. The final session will be May 17. Fees will be prorated (\$10/session for the series for one child). For a March 1 start, that means *1 child=\$100, 2 children=\$138.50, 3 or more children=\$177*. Please either register at St. Charles Garnier Church Office or complete and enclose the attached registration form with your cheque, made out to *St. Charles Garnier Church*. Place form and cheque in a sealed envelope labeled **DC4K** for your child's teacher to take to the School office.

Forgot what DC4K is? Check out the website at www.dc4k.org, especially the Parents Resources section and the one-minute video link.

Questions? Contact Pam Kemp at pamkemp1760@gmail.com, 778-478-3418, or Terry McAllister at pattermac@icloud.com.



Rooted in Faith: Praying for our Catholic Schools

Join us Thursday, March 2nd at 8:50 a.m. in the IRHS Chapel
Prayer focus will be Amanda Bukowsky's 12A class.

Attachments

- Cards for Kids – order form
- Grade 7 Legacy Fundraiser – Family Dance
- Divorce Care for Kids - registration form

Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body. Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.

Virtue for February is
PERSEVERANCE

How do we practise it:

- Being purposeful and steadfast
- Sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes
- Choose commitments wisely and stick to them

"The Virtues Project™"