



Newsletter October 6, 2017

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever"
Chronicles 16:34

SCHOOL NEWS

School Mass

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Thanksgiving mass with us. We were able to fill several wheelbarrow containers with goods for St. Vincent de Paul. They will be extremely grateful for this support. Thank you!

From all staff at St Joseph Elementary we wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Remember there is no school on Friday, October 6th or Monday, October 9th. The school will be closed including the school office. Thank you.

Japanese visitors

This week we had a visit from 50 Japanese students. They performed a short presentation for us in the gym and then small groups worked with students in the classroom. We learned some Japanese words, some origami and also how to write our names in Japanese characters. A big thank you to Blaine Melnyk for arranging this opportunity.

Student Attendance

If your child has an appointment during school hours please message the teacher via agenda, phone call or email to let them know in advance when you will be collecting them. When you arrive at the school please let the office know that you are here to pick up your child.

It is very important that we have knowledge of where students are and have an accurate attendance of the school population.

Office Check-In

Thank you to all the parents who have been checking in at the office when arriving at the school. If you are hoping to meet with a teacher after school and don't already have an appointment Mrs. Sehn will be able to call the teacher's room for you to make sure they are available.

Uniforms

Uniform sweaters are required for the Monday assembly and all school masses.

Please ensure that **ALL** uniform pieces are clearly marked with your child's name. We are still finding that many students do not have their names in their uniforms. Thank you.

Picture Day is coming!

Friday, October 13th is set for our individual school pictures. Please make sure that your child is wearing their full uniform on picture day (including uniform sweater). Don't forget to bring your smiles. 😊

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Policy workshop will be held on **Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm.** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (3665 Benvoulin Road). This is for volunteers who work with children, youth or vulnerable adults or people who are renewing their training (as renewal is required every 5 years.) Please read the policy before you arrive. It is available from the Safe Environment Office webpage (www.nelsondiocese.org) or from your parish office.

Please RSVP to seo@nelsondiocese.org (preferred) or 250-448-2725 extension 225.

Staff Professional Development days

No school for students October 20th and 27th. The teachers will be involved in workshops building further understanding of the new BC Curriculum and focussing on Assessment. Our staff will be joining the Kamloops Diocese in Vernon on October 27th for this portion of the profession development.

School Directory

The school directory is now updated with this years' information.

<https://www.directoryspot.net/general/login.php>

New users would have received an automatic email with information on how to log in and set their password. Detailed instructions are on our website under "News & Events"

<http://www.stjosephkelowna.ca/publications.php>

Please see attachment.

Grade 6 and 7 Applied Design, Skills and Technologies

Would appreciate some donated items in order to make this new program the best it can be. Thank you.

Please see attachment.

PSG NEWS

PSG (Parent Support Group) Meeting

Mark your calendars for next **Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 pm.** for the next PSG meeting. All parents welcome, we look forward to seeing you!

Please see the attachment for the September meeting minutes.

Second Annual St. Joseph's Christmas Market

Mark your calendars! The second annual St. Joseph's Christmas Market will take place on Saturday, November 18th, 2017 from 10:00 am. – 3:00 pm. at the school. If you are interested in being a vendor for this event, please see the attached letter, and **contact Ashley Pereira** at **ashleypereira3@gmail.com** or **(250) 808 4144.**

Please see the attached letter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Confirmation Meeting

There will be a **Confirmation Meeting** for **Parents and Candidates** on **Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm.** at St. Charles Garnier Hall.

Family Portrait Session Opportunity

Immaculata Fine Arts will be offering "Family Portrait Sessions" for families of our schools communities. These portraits will be taken by senior photography students, under the guidance of local photography, Michael Breakey, at the Casorso farm on **Sunday, October 15th.**

Please see attached poster for information/times.

2017 ICC Parish Fall Bazaar

Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come find some bargains in our fantastic booths ... White Elephant, Book Sale, Jewellery and Accessories, Silent Auction, Christmas Corner, Bake Sale, Religious Items and Kids Room, and don't leave without trying our amazing soup and homemade apple pie! We would love to see you join us for this great community event!

Immaculata High School Christmas craft fair

Immaculata High School Fine Arts department is hosting a Christmas craft fair on **Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**. Come celebrate the Christmas season with friends and the community! Music, food, and lots of hand-made crafts and arts by local artisans. A children's area with face painting and games.


Money raised through table rentals will support the Fine Arts Department at Immaculata.

Artisans wanted! **For information and vendor applications, send your inquiry to Angela Griffin (agriffin@cisnd.ca) or call 250-762-2730**

Please see attached poster.

Attachments

- Grade 6 and 7 Applied Design, Skills and Technologies
- School Directory – user information
- PSG September meeting – minutes
- Annual St. Joseph's Christmas Market
- Rooted in Faith 2017 – 18 schedule
- Immaculata Fine Arts – family Portrait session information
- Immaculata Christmas craft fair - poster



**PLEASE MEET YOUR SHOPPING NEEDS WITH
CARDS FOR KIDS CARDS.**

A parent run fundraiser to help our school with operating costs
Where to buy?

- ✓ At the St. Joseph Elementary School Office every school day
- ✓ At the PSG table on Tuesday's at pick up
- ✓ By contacting us at cardsforkids@cisnd.ca
- ✓ After mass at St. Charles Garnier on the last Saturday & Sunday of every month

St. Pius X and Corpus Christi volunteer needed to sell once a month...Please help
We are looking for a volunteer to oversee the sales at St. Pius X and Corpus Christi. The job involves sending bulletin and pulpit announcements to the parish office and selling cards the second Sunday of each month or coordinating other volunteers to sell. This fundraising effort has raised an average of \$150 per selling weekend and a total of \$897 so far for St. Joseph School, so it is well worth it. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Renée at 250-763-8943 or cardsforkids@cisnd.ca.

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.

The Virtue for October is

Service

Service is giving to others, making a difference in their lives.
When you act with a spirit of service, you can change the world.
Follow our "The Virtues Project™" program