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"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."

Pope Francis

School News

Cards for Kids

The Cards for Kids Christmas orders order forms are **due Monday, November 20th**

All order forms **must** include payment and can be turned into:

- your child's teacher,
- Jeff at the C4K table after school on Tuesdays or
- the school office in the Cards for Kids basket

Remember to get cards for:

- Teachers, coaches and instructor gifts
- Christmas Charities – this is a win/win
 - Kelowna Food Bank
 - St. Vincent de Paul (to fill their grocery bags)
 - In From the Cold
 - Freedom's Door
- Grocery cards to shop for all your holiday feasts
- Stocking stuffers and gifts for loved ones near and far
- Christmas dates and friends night out
- Christmas school bake fair – instead of baking, buy a PC card and donate it to the fair

Christmas giving at its best!!! --- You buy things you need anyway and money is donated with no extra cost to you.

Share this order form with your friends and family

Questions? Contact Pam Paulhus (250) 864-2155 or email cardsforkids@cisnd.ca

School Blessing "The Light of the World"

On December 5th we will be having a special day of blessing at our school. Bishop John Corriveau will be visiting classrooms during the day. In the evening we are inviting you all to come and join in a short 'blessing' service in our school gym. This will start at 7:30pm. This will be followed by a reception in the main foyer. Tours of the school will be available. Everyone is welcome!

We are asking you to contribute to this celebration by setting aside one dozen Christmas cookies. We will be collecting these on Monday, December 4th and on the morning of Tuesday, December 5th for the reception. It is our intent that any extra cookies will be donated to the women's shelter and to the St. Vincent de Paul Society following the event.

I'm Dreaming of a 'Green' Christmas Sale – December 19th

When the seasons change ... it always involves organization! We are encouraging you to start collecting gently used items for our 'Green' Sale in December. For our new families, the Green Sale is a Christmas shopping day for St. Joseph students to purchase gifts (**gently used and in good working order**) for their family. All gifts are under one dollar. Items that can be donated may include; jewelry, perfume, books, games, puzzles, toys, toques, scarves, belts, men's ties, purses, men's cologne, bags, household decorations, Christmas decorations, candles, pictures, frames, etc... All money raised will go towards purchasing livestock for families in Ghana and support Project G.R.O.W. **Ghana Rural Opportunities for Women** is a community development project, which aims to facilitate women's economic empowerment and community capacity building agenda in rural Ghana.

Thank you from the Grade 6 classes.

PSG News

Second Annual St. Joseph's Christmas Market

The second annual St. Joseph's Christmas Market is **tomorrow, Saturday, November 18th**, from **10am-3pm** in our school's gymnasium and foyer. We have over 45 vendors booked, selling a variety of crafts, specialty foods, Christmas and home decor, beauty products, jewelry and more. We also have 8 of our students who have booked tables to sell their crafts. There will be a concession lunch available for purchase. Please come out and support our vendors and our school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Purdys and Poinsettias

Purdys and poinsettia orders were **due today**. If you forgot to hand your order in, please contact **Ashley Pereira at (250) 808-4144** or ashleypereira3@gmail.com.

Community News

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.**

Big White After School Program

Big White is once again offering their ski program for students in Grade 4 and up. The program is three weeks long and St Joseph Elementary dates are Wednesday, January 10th, January 17th and January 24th. Registration is online at www.Bigwhite.com. See **Big White After School Program** or call 250-491-6101 or email: schoolscoordinator@bigwhite.com for more information about the program.

Attachments

- St Joseph's Christmas Market – poster
- St Joseph's Cards for Kids – Christmas order form
- Blessing of the St. Joseph School
- Rooted in Faith 2017-18 –schedule



**Praying for our Catholic Schools: Rooted in Faith
Wednesdays 8:50**

Please see attachment for locations.

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 November is

Tolerance

- Is to accept differences
- Is being free of prejudice, knowing that all people have feelings, needs, hopes and dreams
- Means to accept things you wish were different with flexibility and patience

"The Virtues Project™"