

ST. JOE'S

September 10, 2018

Dear St. Joseph Families,

A huge **WELCOME TO SCHOOL!!!!** What a great first week! How exciting it is to have our gym newly painted (THANK YOU PSG, it looks amazing!) and our landscaping almost complete. This campus just gets better and better and I cannot wait until the outdoor learning centre (AKA the "St. Francis Courtyard") is completely ready to receive teachers and their students as another location to spend learning time.

This year we begin for the first time in 22 years without our beloved Mrs. Mlikotic. Mrs. M. graced us with gifts too many to name but we are forever grateful for the time we were granted to have her as part of our family. Her spirit of joy and love continue to permeate every corner of our school and because of that, she will always be an integral part of our identity. A rose garden (yellow roses, as those were Mrs. M's favourite) and a special statue of Mary (whom she was so dedicated to) in our courtyard are there as a special honour to Mrs. Mlikotic.

As is always the case here at St. Joseph School, we are so blessed to have many new families join our family, so an extra special welcome to our 'new family members'! You have just made us an even better place. I look forward to getting to know you over the next little while.

Wishing you all a wonderful school year!

With Blessings,

Lynn Fleck

Important Dates to Remember

September 10th: 5:30pm
PSG Meeting

September 14th:
Terry Fox Run and New
Parents Welcome Tea

(Date change)
September 19th: 5:00-7:00pm
Family Welcome Back Evening

September 20th: 7:00pm
Safe Environment Training



School News

Staff 2018/19

Staff

Mrs. Lynn Fleck
Ms. Maddy Pedrette
Mrs. Joan Dreher
Mrs. Margo Rensby
Mrs. Marilyn Herron
Mrs. Alba Rendon
Miss Liann Nutini
Miss Kaitlyn Johnston
Miss Ashly Griffin
Mrs. Jessica Aitken
Mrs. Serenella Braund
Mrs. Katy Deadmarsh/Mrs. Melissa Smith
Mrs. Kate Hopley
Mrs. Amanda Driscoll
Miss Agnes Nagy
Mrs. Gio Basso
Mrs. Kelly Beetlestone
Mrs. Sarah DeFrancesco

Assignment

Principal
Vice Principal
Director of Student Services
Learning Assistance
Kindergarten
Kindergarten
Grade 1
Grade 1/2
Grade 2/3
Grade 3
Grade 4
Grade 4
Grade 5
Grade 6
Grade 6
Grade 7
Grade 7
Music/Band



Support Staff

Mrs. Susan Sehn
Mrs. Pamela Lovering
Mr. Henry Fonda
Mrs. Emilda Puno
Mrs. Jean Booker
Mrs. Sheila Dyer
Miss Sara Figueira
Mrs. Violeta Jurska
Mrs. Rita Kirzinger
Mrs. Lola Lee
Mrs. Tammy Lencovic
Mrs. Pauline McCoy
Mrs. Tracey McWilliams-Russell
Mrs. Yvonne Moore
Mrs. Lori Raible
Mrs. Elisa Schober
Mrs. Susan Shaw

Administrative Assistant
Accounting/Bookeeping/Library
Custodian/Maintenance
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New garden boxes in the courtyard

School News

School Mass

Thank you to all of the parents and guests who joined us for our first school mass. What a wonderful way to role model the importance of our faith to our children. Your presence is always welcome and so appreciated.

Staff Prayer

Our staff gathers for prayer every morning at 8:05am. At that time the office will be closed for approximately 10 minutes. If you have an emergency, please see the staff members on supervision outside.

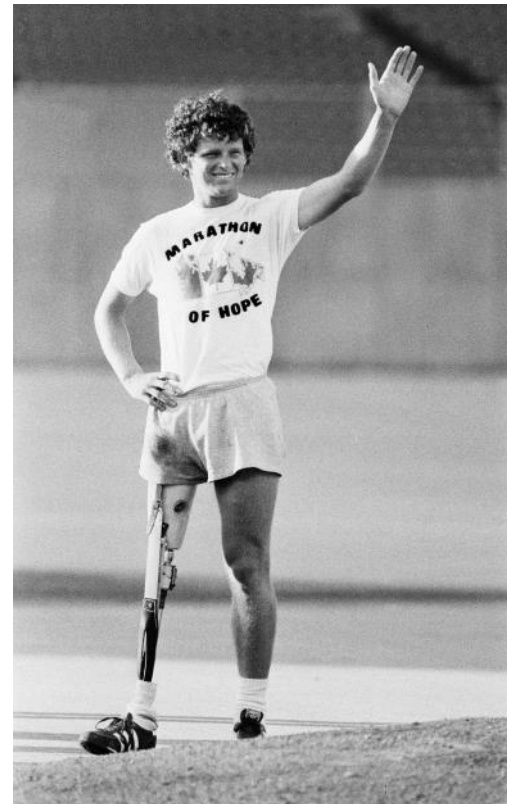
Thank you for respecting the importance of staff to be together to pray at this time.

High Five (\$5) For Terry

Our annual Terry Fox run is on **Friday, Sept 14th from 1pm-2:45pm**. We always need lots of volunteers for this event. You don't have to run, just help to provide safety for our students at various stages of the event. Volunteers should meet in the main foyer at 12:30pm for instructions. If you can help please contact Kate Hopley khopley@cisnd.ca and leave your name. Thank you.

Students are to wear their gym strip to school on Friday. The K and Gr 1 students can dress in active wear. Students will learn more about the event this week. The length of the course varies according to each grade. Our theme this year is "High Five (\$5) for Terry". We encourage students to bring a minimum donation of \$5 which will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. As this is a volunteer organization ALL money donated goes directly towards Cancer research. Student donations may be given to the classroom teacher any day this week. If you would like to donate online our page is: <http://www.terryfox.ca/StJosephElementary>. Our goal this year is \$1000.00

This year, in addition to running for our own special friends and family members, we are all running for our beloved Mrs. Mlikotic.



Family Welcome Back Evening

The staff would like to welcome all of our families back to school with an evening meet and greet. This will be held **Wednesday, September 19th** instead of September 13th; from **5-7pm**, includes pre-ordered meal and gives you an opportunity to see the school, re-acquaint yourself with old friends and meet new ones. Pre-order forms and information were sent home last week.

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Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Policy workshop will be held on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (3665 Benvoulin Road). New volunteers who work with children, youth or vulnerable adults, people who are renewing their training and anyone interested in learning more about this policy and how to protect vulnerable people is welcome to attend.

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 ext 225.



IMPORTANT First Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation Reminder

For families with children wishing to celebrate First Reconciliation, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation this year, parent and candidate meetings will soon take place in the parishes. Although the school's religious education curriculum reinforces the sacramental preparation that takes place in our churches, celebration of sacraments is a parish event (as outlined in a recent letter sent home). Please see below for upcoming meeting dates or contact your parish office for more information.

| Parish | 1 st Reconciliation & 1 st Communion | Confirmation |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Corpus Christi | TBA | TBA |
| Immaculate Conception | Thursday, Nov. 8 7:00 pm <i>Parents Only</i> | Thursday, Nov. 22 7:00 pm <i>Parents & Candidates</i> |
| Our Lady of Lourdes | TBA | TBA |
| St. Charles Garnier | Tuesday, Sept. 25 6:00 pm <i>Parents & Candidates</i> | Tuesday, Sept. 18 6:00 pm <i>Parents & Candidates</i> |
| St. Edward | TBA | TBA |
| St. Pius X | TBA | TBA |

PSG News

NEW PARENTS WELCOME TEA

Please join us on **Friday, September 14th**, after morning drop-off (8:45 AM) in the school foyer to welcome new families to our school. This tea is a great opportunity to ensure new families feel welcome in our school community, as well as enjoy a coffee and some fantastic snacks complements of the PSG. All parents are welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Perkio by email cperkio@gmail.com

PSG MEETING

The first PSG meeting of the 2018/19 school year is **Monday September 10th starting at 5:30PM** in the school library.

All parents are welcome, we look forward to seeing you!

Below is the list of PSG volunteers and their roles for the 2018/19 year;

President – Dawn Thalheimer

Vice President – Mary de Souza

School Council Liaison – Position is currently vacant

Secretary – Ingrid Uhrich

Fundraising – Ashley Pereira

Treasurer/Gaming – Pam Paulhus

Hospitality – Christine Perkio

Colts Café Coordinator – Chantal Staerkle

Social Coordinator – Brooke Deschenes and second co-chair currently vacant

Volunteer Coordinator – Tara Volpatti

Public Relations – Position is currently vacant

We currently have **3 unfilled positions** on the PSG for the 2018/2019 school year. If you are interested in being involved and would like to learn more about one of the vacant positions please contact the PSG president, Dawn Thalheimer (email: dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca)



What is the Parent Support Group (PSG)?

The PSG is an open and social group made up of a volunteer executive, staff advisors, and **YOU** - the parents. Meetings are held just once per month.

Our next meeting is

September 10th @ 5:30pm in the school library.


For more info, you can email us at stjoespsg@gmail.com

Community News

Navy League Cadets

Our training year is starting up this week. We will be doing an intake for new and returning cadets on Thursday, September 6 starting at 6:30PM at Brigadier Angle Armoury 720 Lawrence Avenue (At Richter Street)

Located in Kelowna, BC, NLCC Admiral Stirling is dedicated to introducing youth, ages 9 to 12 to seamanship, fun activities and exciting opportunities in an environment that emphasizes teamwork. Navy League Cadets is a great place to make friends and do things you wouldn't get to do anywhere else. Join us as we train and learn every Thursday evening at the Brigadier Angle Armoury at 720 Lawrence Avenue from 6:30PM-9PM.



**Navy League Cadets
NLCC Admiral Stirling
KELOWNA**


Register Thursday

**the adventure
of a lifetime**

Adventure, friendship & discovery
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At Richter Street

join@nlccstirling.com
nlccstirling.com 

Futsal

Activity: Futsal for children ages 6 to 9 years old.

Details: Futsal is basically a scaled-down version of outdoor soccer that is played indoors; it is FIFA's official indoor game. Futsal is what outdoor soccer players around the globe play in the off-season to improve their skills. The program will emphasize skill development in a fun environment. Each weekly session will include a skills session and a scrimmage.

Dates & Time: Mondays (October 15 to December 10, 2018) 6:15pm to 7:15pm

Location: Anne McClymont Elementary

Instructor: Kevin Wilde (kevinpwilde@hotmail.com)

Registration: City of Kelowna Recreation (Code 11538)

Registration Link: <http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/a463ea78#/a463ea78/24>



Don't Forget

You can always find school information on our website, Facebook and Twitter.

Visit us on the web at www.stjosephkelowna.ca

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintJosephCatholicElementarySchool>

Twitter
[@stjosephkelowna](https://twitter.com/stjosephkelowna)

Dads group

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/saintjosephdadsgroup/join>

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M-F 8:30-3:30

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.