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ST. JOE'S NEWS

March 8, 2019

Re-enrollment

Re-enrollment packages for current St. Joseph families have been sent home with the youngest/only.

Don't forget that re-enrollment packages for all families are due back by **Thursday, March 14th. **One week yesterday!!** in order to receive the early bird rate** as well as help us plan for next year and ensure that your child has a 'seat' for next year.

Thank you to all of you who have already returned yours! Don't forget to recommend us to your friends! We love when new families join our school community!

Library Books

All library books are due Monday, March 11th.

Important Dates to Remember

March 8th to 15th: Hot Lunch Online Ordering

March 11th: PSG meeting 5:30pm in the library

March 12th: Lent Reconciliation 10:15am-2:00pm (Grades 2-7)

March 14th: PSG Dance Party 5:30 - 8:00pm

March 15th: Early Dismissal at 11:45am and St. Patrick's Day Wear Green

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

St Joseph School Dance

Thursday, March 14th

Volunteers needed for set-up (2:30-3:30pm), front door (during event), concession (during event), clean-up (8:30pm).

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:
www.volunteersignup.org/F4394
To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. Thank you for volunteering!

Book Fair

April 10th - 12th

Volunteers needed for set-up (April 8th at 9am), helping students (April 9th -12th at lunch and after school), clean-up (April 15th morning).
Contact Pamela at sjklibrary @cisnd.ca

Gala Dinner Dance

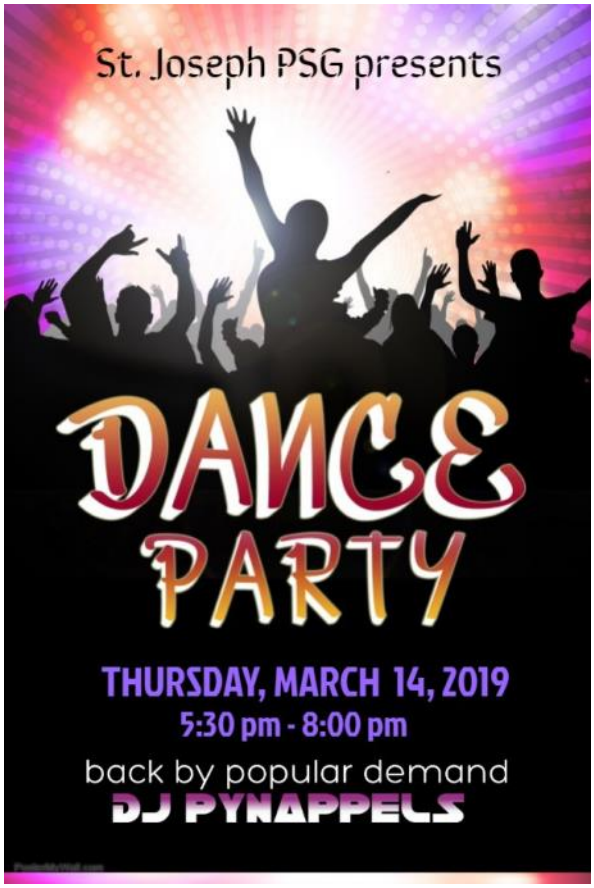
May 11th

Volunteers needed for before, during, and after the event.
Please contact Christine Perkio (cperkio@gmail.com) or Mary De Souza (desouzas@shaw.ca)

St. Joe's PSG News

Shrove Tuesday

Many hands make light work! Special thanks to all our Shrove Tuesday volunteers who helped make this such a great event! Together we served 850 sausages and over 1000 pancakes to hungry students and staff!



Read-A-Thon

The Read-A-Thon finishes up this Sunday, March 10th, so there are just a few more days to make those reading minutes count. Thank you to all students and their families for your participation. Please turn in your calendars/pledges into your teachers this Monday, March 11th. Happy Reading!

Questions: contact Ashley Pereira
ashleypereira3@gmail.com

Colt's Café

The online ordering system will be open **BEFORE SPRING BREAK ONLY** from March 8th through 15th. See the attached flyer for more information.

Dance Party

Mark your calendars! The PSG will be hosting a school dance on Thursday, March 14th from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm. Pre-order forms for the pizza and dance tickets were due this week. If you forgot to send yours in, please have your child bring it on Monday.

St. Joe's PSG News

Healthy Choices for Happy Students!

SPRING 2019
April 1 - June 25

Sponsored by your St. Joseph PSG

COLTS CAFE is available for all students, staff and volunteers at St. Joseph School. With our online ordering system, parents can customize healthy meal options for weeks in advance.

The system will be open for ordering **BEFORE SPRING BREAK ONLY** from March 8th to 15th.

ORDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

After this date the system will be closed and **late orders can not be accepted**.

Still available 4 days per week!

We need your help!

This program depends on our volunteers!

Please considering offering a half hour of your time even once or twice next semester to help deliver lunches to the classrooms. Check off the days you can help when placing your order.

If you have any problems inputting your order, contact Chantal Staerkle at: info@bestbalancedlife.com.

HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

- Go to **www.stjoseph.hotlunches.net**
- Select **REGISTER** on the top menu bar. Create a family account by using the **SCHOOL ACCESS CODE: SJCC**. Add members to your family under the **STUDENT** tab.
- Select the **STUDENT ORDERS** tab.
- Click on **ORDER FORM** and place your order for each child separately.
- Choose the dates you would like to participate by reviewing the menu. Colts Cafe lunches are available Monday through Thursday.
- Pay online (using your credit card through PayPal) or by e-transfer to stjoespsg@gmail.com. Password is 123school.

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

Monday, March 11th @ 5:30pm in the school library - all parents welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions and would like to learn more about the PSG, please contact the PSG president, Dawn Thalhiemer at dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca)
Many hands make light work!

Minutes from February's PSG meeting are found here.

Other Catholic School News

Immaculata is Looking for Homestay Families for 2019-2020

Immaculata Regional High School is taking applications for new homestay families for their next group of international students, arriving in September 2019. Homestay families provide a welcoming, loving home environment for our students while offering a furnished bedroom of their own, transportation to and from school either via car or city bus, and three meals and snacks each day. Homestay families are paid $925 each month. For more details, please contact Shelley Brodeur at irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca or 250 -300-3028.

Rooted in Faith
Praying for Our Catholic Schools
2018-19 Schedule

Location: Immaculata Regional High School Chapel
Time: 12:15 pm
Duration: 25 minutes
Day: Monday

Date	Prayer Focus
March 4, 2019	12A - Mrs. Freya Vos
March 11, 2019	6N - Miss Agnes Nagy

St. Joseph
Spotlight

Miss Liann Nutini

How long have you been teaching at St. Joseph school?

I have been teaching at St. Joseph school since 2008 – so almost 11 years!

What do you love about teaching here?

I love the students and families and I love the staff. It is a really friendly, supportive atmosphere. I love learning and trying new things to inspire learning.

What is your favourite part of each school day?

Singing songs and seeing students excited about learning.

What kind of hobbies do you enjoy?

I love skiing, hiking, kickboxing, and dancing.

Where did you grow up? What brought you to Kelowna?

I grew up in a little ski town south of Kelowna called Rossland, BC. I got my first teaching job in Medicine Hat, Alberta. I worked and lived there for four years until I realized I missed my family – they rarely traveled to see me – so I thought I would move back to BC. I was so lucky to find a Grade 1 position at St. Joseph.

What did you want to be when you were young?

I remember this vividly. When I was in Grade 3 at St. Michael's School in Trail, one of my classmates asked a group of us what we wanted to be when we grew up. I remember thinking that I definitely was going to be a teacher.

Tell us about your family…

I come from a family of teachers. My mom, dad, Oma, Grandma and Grandpa were all teachers. I have two younger sisters. Laura works as an Early Childhood Educator and Manager for the YMCA in Kelowna. Julie works as a computer programmer for a Canadian earth observation company called UrtheCast in Vancouver.

Is there anything else we might not know about you?

I have been skiing since I was 2 years old. My dad would take me skiing attached to a harness. As an adult, I still love to ski. My favourite mountain is Red Mountain in Rossland, but I also love skiing at Silverstar, Sun Peaks, and Big White.

MISS NUTINI'S FAVOURITES…

Colour?	Blue
Food?	Italian
Sport?	Dancing
TV show?	Tidying up with Marie Kondo
Movie?	The Sound of Music
Quote?	*"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."* ~ Forrest Gump

Community News

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Substance Use: Relationship over Responsibility

Join us for a Video Presentation

Being a parent of a young person with substances use challenges is hard. What do I do? what can I say? how can I make them stop? These are all things that many parents ask themselves. This ItK is a facilitated discussion to help share some practical ways to move through the challenges.

Topic Presenters:

Judith Bertholm, Mother with lived experience
Dan Reist, Grandfather, Father, Associate Director, CISUR
Keli Anderson, President/CEO of FamilySmart®, Moderator

Saturday March 9th, 2019
11:00am – 1:00pm

Foundry Youth Lounge
1815 Kirschner
Kelowna, BC V1Y 5M6

FREE OF CHARGE

Please RSVP by email: lori.raible@familysmart.ca

what is the 'intheknow'?

'intheknow' provides expert speakers on topics important to families and/or to those working to support the mental health of children and youth.

Viewing is available:

Online at:
www.familysmart.ca/in-the-know

In person at community sites:
www.familysmart.ca/events/

The in person viewing also provides an opportunity for supported conversations.

The Institute of Families is proud to be affiliated with HeretoHelp. HeretoHelp is a project of the BC Partners for Mental Health and Substance Use Information, a group of non-profit agencies providing good-quality information to help individuals and families maintain or improve their mental well-being. The BC Partners are funded by the Provincial Health Services Authority. For more information, visit www.heretohelp.ca.

Community News

KELOWNA MINOR

BASKETBALL

LEGENDS SPRING 2019 LEAGUE

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

THE LEGENDS PROGRAM IS FOR PLAYERS IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 9 BOYS & GIRLS DIVISIONS

GRADES 10 – 12 PLAY IN OUR CLUB LEAGUE

THE LEGENDS SEASON STARTS THE WEEK APRIL 8TH AND ENDS APPROX. MID JUNE

FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER FOR LEGENDS GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.kelownamba.com

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE – WE BELIEVE THAT **NO CHILD** SHOULD BE LEFT ON THE SIDELINES AND **ALL** KIDS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE POSITIVE BENEFITS OF ORGANIZED SPORTS!!

Don't Forget

You can always find school information on our

Website,

Facebook

Twitter and

Instagram

Other links

Dads' group

PSG Meeting Minutes

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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.