

ST. JOE'S NEWS

September 11, 2020

Dear St. Joseph Families,

Welcome back! Thank you for all your kind words and support over the last week. It was absolutely wonderful to see all your children. I have never seen children so happy to be back at school. (Please let your child's teacher know if your child is having difficulty adjusting to school).

As I walk through the school, with my mask on, students are busy reading, writing, figuring out math problems, playing, and singing. There is a positive yet calm and peaceful atmosphere throughout the school. We miss having our parents in the building and will continue to send pictures or videos so you can have a peek into St. Joseph School.

Take care and God bless.

M. Pedrette

Maddy Pedrette
Principal
St. Joseph School, Kelowna

Pick-up

Please be patient as we work out our pick-up procedures. We are continuously making adjustments and changes so pick-up can be as easy as possible.

Here are some ways to help...

- car-pool pick-up (email the teacher and office asap please)
- park on a side street and walk to the cross-walk (hold up your name plate and we will call your child)
- park in our parking lot if there is room, hold up your sign and we will call your child
- walk or ride your bikes to pick up your children
- place your name plate on the side passenger window so it is easily visible to staff (we cannot see name plates when they are placed on the dashboard)
- remind your children to listen for their last name and watch for their vehicle



School News

Student Screening Procedures

It is the parents' responsibility to screen their child(ren) daily for any symptoms of cold, flu, or other symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. The CDC daily health check list can be found here: http://www.bccdc.ca/Health-Info-Site/Documents/COVID_public_guidance/Guidance-k-12-schools.pdf#page=16

Parents must confirm they have performed their child's daily health check before the student is allowed to leave their vehicle.

Any concern by staff that a student is exhibiting signs of illness will be reported to the school principal.

A copy of the daily health check is attached to this email.



DAILY HEALTH CHECK

It is the parents' responsibility to screen their child(ren) daily for symptoms of cold, flu, or any other symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. Parents must confirm they have performed their child's daily health check before they will be allowed to leave their vehicle at morning drop off.

1. Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

School News

Class Fee Payments

If you are set up for monthly auto withdrawal for your tuition payments you need to do nothing. Class fees have been withdrawn from your account on September 6th. (With the holiday it might have been delayed to Sept 8th or 9th)

If you are not set up for monthly payments Pamela will contact you regarding class fee payment options.

The next tuition payment will be withdrawn October 6th. If you have any questions please contact Pamela at sjkbk@cisnd.ca

Student Attendance

Classes start at 8:45am. As many plans for the day are discussed at the start of the day it is important that your child is here to listen to them. Academic subjects also take up an early part of the morning. If for any reason you have to bring your child late to school after 8:45am you need to bring them in to the front office to sign them in.

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

If your child is absent email the office and CC the classroom teacher.

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

Changes to pickup must be emailed to the office and teacher prior to 12:00pm or preferred earlier.

Bus Driver needed

Bus driver needed for field trips. Requirements - a class 4 driver's licence. This could count towards Parent Participation hours.



School Photos

School photos will be postponed until further notice.

Cell Phones

If your child has a cell phone and is required to bring it with them to school, the cell phone must be in his/her backpack once they are on school property. There is no reason for cell phone use during the school day. If a child needs to call home for some reason they need to first ask a teacher if they can use the phone and then use a school phone to call. At the end of the day if you have arranged to call your child regarding pick-up, students are to go to the teacher supervisor to take/make the call. Any cell phone that is being used during school hours for any reason will be confiscated for the remainder of the day.

School News

School Operations – Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Drop-off and pick-up times will be staggered by family last name.

We are counting on the support of parents to ensure their children are dropped off and picked up on time. The school buildings will be closed daily after pick-up.

DROP-OFF

Please stay in your vehicle along the drop-off lane and wait until a staff member approaches. You will be asked to confirm that you have performed your child's daily health check.

Once students have been allowed by staff to leave their vehicle, they will proceed to their classrooms.

8:15 am to 8:30 am RED GROUP (Families with last names beginning with A-M)

Please do not drop off your child before 8:15 am.

8:30 am to 8:45 am ORANGE GROUP (Families with last names beginning with N-Z)

Please do not drop off your child before 8:30 am.

PICK-OFF

Students will line up with their Learning Group at the end of the day instead of by family last name as was the case in June. Please remind your child/ren to listen for their last name to be called.

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm RED GROUP (Families with last names beginning with A-M)

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm ORANGE GROUP (Families with last names beginning with N-Z)

Please do not leave your vehicle at any time.

You or your child will be given a **RED** or **ORANGE** 11" X 4" card in the first week back to school. This card will have your last name printed on it. Please put this card in the window of the front passenger seat so it is clearly visible to staff. Your children will be delivered to your car as quickly as possible.

The **ORANGE** group may not enter the pick-up lane until after 2:45 pm. If you arrive early, please park in the parking lot and stay in your vehicle.

At 2:45 pm you may either:

Stand outside your vehicle in your parking spot, hold up your sign, and we will bring your children to you.

Drive around the school to get into the pick-up lane; place the sign in the passenger window and we will bring your children to you.

School News

Introducing the St. Joseph Staff of 2020-21!!

Ms. Maddy Pedrette	Principal
Mrs. Gio Basso	Vice Principal/Intermediate French
Mrs. Margo Rensby	Director of Student Services
Mrs. Joan Dreher	Student Services
Mrs. Jessica Aitken	Learning Support
Mrs. Susan Sehn	Office Administrator
Mrs. Pamela Lovering	Bookkeeper/Librarian
Mr. Henry Fonda	Custodian/Maintenance
Mrs. Emilda Puno	Custodian

Education Assistants

Mrs. Patricia Freire
Mrs. Sara Heinrichs
Mrs. Violeta Jurska
Mrs. Lola Lee
Mrs. Tammy Lencovic
Mrs. Pauline McCoy
Mrs. Yvonne Moore
Mrs. Mariia Myts
Mrs. Gisele Prefontaine
Mrs. Alba Rendon

Teaching Staff

Mrs. Amanda Driscoll	Kindergarten
Mrs. Marilyn Herron	Kindergarten
Mrs. Christina Beaudin	Grade 1
Mrs. Caty Deadmarsh	Grade 1
Mrs. Kaitlyn Carter	Grade 2
Miss Ashly Griffin	Grade 2
Miss Julia Lalach	Grade 3
Mrs. Serenella Braund	Grade 3/4
Mrs. Samantha Legal	Grade 4
Miss Agnes Nagy	Grade 5
Mrs. Janilee Stovel	Grade 5
Mrs. Kate Hopley	Grade 6
Miss Stephanie Nagy	Grade 6
Mrs. Kelly Beetlestone	Grade 7
Mrs. Sarah DeFrancesco	Music/Grade 1

St. Joe's PSG News

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

To be determined - all parents welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

If you are interested in being involved and would like to learn more please contact the PSG president, Dawn Thalheimer (email: dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca). Many hands make light work!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16 8:15 - 9:15AM

Welcome back coffee social

JOIN US IN WELCOMING ALL OUR NEW
AND RETURNING FAMILIES TO ANOTHER
GREAT YEAR AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL!



PLEASE DROP OFF AS USUAL AND THEN
MEET US OUTSIDE OF THE MAIN DOORS

Hot Lunch

Coming soon!!



Community News

'intheknow'

Information and Support

For families and caring adults who
are parenting a child or youth with
mental health challenges.

**IN THE KNOW PROVIDES EXPERT SPEAKERS ON TOPICS IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES.
CONNECT AND LEARN WITH OTHER FAMILIES FOR AN ONLINE DISCUSSION - JOIN BY
COMPUTER OR PHONE.**

Parenting when Anxiety Shows Up as Anger

Join us as we answer questions families have asked about the relationship between anger and anxiety. We'll share experiences and strategies that can help in hard moments and focus on strengthening our relationship with our children and youth when those have passed.

Registration Required:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/6853319057342496781>

Communities: Kelowna, Penticton and Vernon

Cost: Free of Charge

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Connect and learn with other families for this online discussion. We will watch the video and talk about it together. Discussion facilitated by FamilySmart Parent in Residence



familysmart.ca



Don't Forget

You can always find school information on our

[Website](#),

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#) and

[Instagram](#)

Other links

[PSG Meeting Minutes](#)

[Rooted in Faith](#)

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Office hours

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.