

# ST. JOE'S NEWS

October 2, 2020

## Online Parent/Teacher Interview Booking!

The online booking system for Parent/Teacher Interviews is now closed.

If you have missed booking an interview appointment please email your child's teacher.

Interview dates are Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm on both days.

All interviews are through Zoom this term.

There will be no school on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Health reminder

### Stay Home When New Symptoms of Illness Develop – from the BC Centre for Disease Control updated September 11, 2020 (see excerpt below)

Students and staff should stay at home when new symptoms of illness develop. The key symptoms to watch for are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

- If the staff or student (or their parent) indicates that the symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition and are not unusual for that individual, they may return to school. No assessment or note is required from a health care provider.
- For mild symptoms without fever, students and staff can monitor at home for 24 hours. If symptoms improve, they can return to school without further assessment.
- If symptoms include fever, or if after 24 hours, symptoms remain unchanged or worsen, seek a health assessment. A health assessment can include calling 8-1-1, a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner, or going to a COVID-19 testing centre.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Blessings,  
Maddy Pedrette  
Principal

## Important Dates to Remember

**October 6th & 7th: Parent Teacher Interviews**

**October 9th: Hot Lunch order deadline**

**October 9th: No School**

**October 12th: Thanksgiving / No School**

**October 19th: PSG meeting 5:30pm**

## Office Hours

8:30am to 3:00pm

Absences and student appointments must be reported by email.



# School News

## Reminder - Daily Health Check

From the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings  
UPDATED: September 11, 2020

**This is a reminder that it is the parents' responsibility to screen their children daily for any symptoms of cold, flu, or other symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19.**

A daily health check is a tool to reduce the likelihood of a person with COVID-19 coming to school when they are infectious.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can be mild and are similar to other respiratory infections. Most people in BC with these symptoms do not have COVID-19.

- School administrators should ensure parents, caregivers, school staff and other adults routinely entering the school are aware of their responsibility to assess themselves daily for key symptoms of illness prior to entering the school. (ie. perform a daily health check). See **Appendix C** for more information.
- Parents and caregivers should assess their child daily for key symptoms of illness before sending them to school (i.e. perform a daily health check for their child). See **Appendix C** for more information.
- Staff and other adults should assess themselves daily for key symptoms of illness prior to entering the school (i.e. perform a daily health check). See **Appendix C** for more information.
- There is no need for schools to verify that the health check has occurred every day, nor to require that parents submit a daily health check form to the school.

**Appendix C is on the following page.**

The Virtue of the Month of October is

**"Cleanliness"**

Thank you Mrs. Beaudin, Mrs. Deadmarsh and their Grade 1 students for choosing the Virtue of **Cleanliness**.

Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean, and wearing clean clothes. It is putting into your body and your mind only the things that keep you healthy. It is staying free from harmful drugs. It is cleaning up mistakes and making a fresh start. - The Virtues Project



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## Appendix C: Daily Health Check Example

The following is an example of a daily health check to determine if you should attend school that day.

Daily Health Check			
1. Key Symptoms of Illness*	Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is positive, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is negative, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

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

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.



Ministry of Health



BC Centre for Disease Control

If you have fever, a new cough, or are having difficulty breathing, call 8-1-1.



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## Drop-off

- **St. Joseph School is no longer required to ask parents daily if they have performed a daily health check on their children; this is the parents' responsibility.**
- we will continue to send our reminders to parents about the above protocol
- if you arrive early, please park and wait with your child in your vehicle until 8:15/8:30 am depending on your designated time
- at 8:15/8:30 am your children may exit the vehicle and go directly to their classrooms; please make sure to walk them to the crosswalk
- please remind your children to go through their designated Learning Group entrance door

*Following these instructions ensures that Learning Groups are kept separate.  
Thank you for your cooperation.*

## 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...

- please park in our parking lot if you arrive early or if there is room available
- 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)
- 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

*The above suggestions has drastically improved our pick time and has prevented Sutherland Ave from becoming jammed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!*

# School News

## Student Attendance

Classes start at 8:15/8:30am. 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 to the door and call the office so the student is not standing outside.

The doors will be locked after 8:45am.

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.



## Dress for the Weather

Please make sure that your children come to school dressed for the weather. Students will be outside for recess, lunch and extra outside learning time in all sorts of weather including rainy days. Umbrellas are not practical in a school setting so please leave them at home.

## Bus Driver Needed

Can you drive a bus?

Do you have a class 2 or 4 driver's licence?

Do you like to make children smile?

If so, St. Joseph School Outdoor Academy NEEDS you!

Please email St. Joseph School at sjkoffice@cisnd.ca



# School News

## St. Joseph's Card for Kids

**Have you missed seeing us after school and at St. Charles?**

**Support your school when you shop by using Cards 4 Kids gift cards.**

**You can now place your order online.**

**Every card you purchase earns the school 5% to 15%!**

**How to order:**

- 1. Complete attached order form and email to [cards4kidsstjoes@gmail.com](mailto:cards4kidsstjoes@gmail.com) by Tuesday of each week.**
- 2. When your order is confirmed, you will be emailed and e-transfer instructions will be given.**
- 3. When payment is received, pick up will be after school Fridays. (Large orders may qualify for delivery!!)**

**All orders must be paid by e-transfer.**

**At this time cards are not available at the office, so if you have any questions, please call Christine at 778-788-8483**



# School News

## Terry Fox Run

An enormous thank you to all parent volunteers who gave of their time to support us with this year's Terry Fox Run!

We were so proud to be able to participate this year, and even though the run looked a little bit different, it was as inspiring as ever!

Congratulations to all of our student runners, many of whom demonstrated determination, perseverance and self-discipline. A special shout out this year to Ella Bekar and Kai Redman for running 9 laps!

If we could all be a little bit more like Terry, the world would be a better place.



# School News

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Dear St. Joseph Families,

Please consider donating to this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Students are encouraged to bring donations to school between **Monday, October 5th and Thursday, October 8th**. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will then distribute the non-perishable items to families in need.

Suggested items include:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Baby food
- Rice
- Soap
- Canned soup
- Peanut butter
- Beans
- Toilet Paper
- Pre-packaged dried fruit
- Cereal
- Ketchup
- Toothbrush
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Canned Tuna
- Granola
- Mac and Cheese
- Kleenex
- Diapers
- Bottled water
- Oatmeal
- Covid mask (in package)
- Chickpeas
- Rice
- Crackers
- Pancake mix
- Alphagetti
- Veggie chips
- Mr. Noodles
- Jam



*Thanksgiving*  
Food Drive

## Tuition Referral Program

We know you already talk to your friends about the great things that happen at St. Joe's. We want to say thank you.

The **Immaculata/SJK/LOL Tuition Referral Program** is a way to thank those who speak highly of and who refer families to St. Joseph School.

If members of the Immac, St. Joseph, and LOL communities refer a new family to either school, the referring family receives one month of free tuition.

Know someone interested in joining a family that fosters excellence? Talk to them! Or, if you prefer, St. Joe's can reach out to the family directly.

Please take a moment to consider potential new members to the Immaculata, St. Joseph School, and Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary family.

# St. Joe's PSG News

## PSG Executive for 2020/21

President - Dawn Thalheimer

Vice President - Ashley Pereira

Social Coordinators - Madeleine Lunelli  
& Natalie Fuglestveit

Public Relations - Andrew Hean

Secretary - Cheryl Spelliscy

Hospitality - Nicole Horsman

Volunteer Coordinator - Michelle Blom

We are still in need of a Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator and Council Liaison!

## 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, October 19th at 5:30pm - please meet at the courtyard fence along the alley.

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](mailto:dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca)).

Many hands make light work!



# St. Joe's PSG News



## Colt's Café Hot Lunch

Colt's Café is available for all students and staff at St. Joseph Catholic School. With our online ordering system, parents can customize healthy meal options for weeks in advance.

The system will be open for ordering from Oct. 2 to Oct. 9th

**ORDER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCT. 9TH.**

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

### To place your order:

- Go to [www.stjoseph.hotlunches.net](http://www.stjoseph.hotlunches.net)
- Register your child/children by selecting **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.
- Pay on-line (using your credit card through Bambora) or e-transfer to [stjoespsg@gmail.com](mailto:stjoespsg@gmail.com), password 123school.

### We need your help!

This program depends on volunteers! Please check off the days you can help when placing your order.



### Need assistance?

Check out our website at <https://www.stjosephkelowna.ca/hot-lunch-program.php> or contact [stjoespsg@gmail.com](mailto:stjoespsg@gmail.com). Hot lunch is run by PSG parent volunteers - please do not call the school office for help with ordering.

*Please note - we have simplified our menus this year to due to COVID restrictions*

# Other Catholic School News

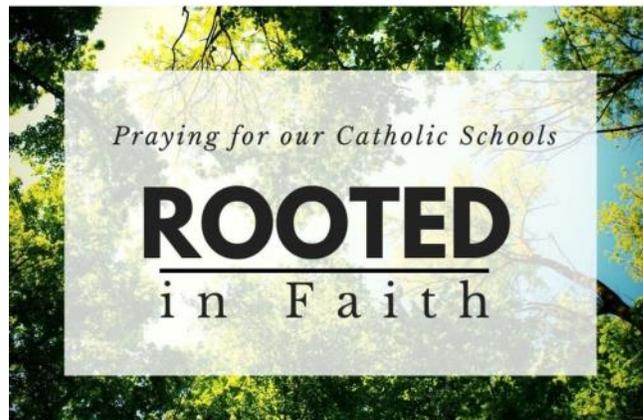
## Rooted in Faith

For more than 25 years "Parents who Care with Prayer" (as it was called then) prayed for our students, staff, buildings and community every week. Some of the members started out when their children were attending school and continued for many years after they had graduated. The torch has been passed to a new generation of parents and the group has been renamed "Rooted in Faith" and is continuing the legacy of care and intercession from our past members.

We have been meeting for five years as *Rooted in Faith*, and it is our hope that this new school year you will join us. There is great power and blessing in praying together as a community for a common goal. Our children, staff and families benefit so much from our intercession, but a little-known bonus is that we, as individuals, benefit from this meeting with like-minded people. We are not by any means super prayer warriors; we are simple believers who do our best to keep a date with God to ask him to care for our families. We are so

Date	Prayer Focus
September 30, 2020	Grade 8A - Mrs. Natalie Dawson
October 7, 2020	Kindergarten - Ms. Amanda Driscoll
October 14, 2020	Grade 8B - Mr. Paul Freire
October 21, 2020	Kindergarten - Mrs. Herron
October 28, 2020	Grade 9A - Mrs. Liliana Perez-Lefevre
November 4, 2020	Grade 1B - Mrs. Christina Beaudin
November 18, 2020	Grade 9B - Mr. Mike Kouwenhoven
November 25, 2020	Grade 1D - Mrs. Katy Deadmarsh
December 2, 2020	Grade 10A - Mr. Grant Richard
December 9, 2020	Grade 2C - Mrs. Kaitlyn Carter
January 13, 2021	Grade 10B - Mrs. Rhonda Sali & Mrs. Leah Drebit
January 20, 2021	Grade 2G - Miss Ashly Griffin
January 27, 2021	Grade 11A - Mr. Brett Boechler
February 3, 2021	Grade 3L - Miss Julia Lalach
February 10, 2021	Grade 11B - Mr. Michal Witkowski
February 17, 2021	Grade 3/4B - Mrs. Serenella Braund
February 24, 2021	Grade 12A - Mrs. Freya Vos
March 3, 2021	Grade 4L - Mrs. Samantha Legal
March 10, 2021	Grade 12B - Mrs. Heather Weidner
March 31, 2020	Grade 5N - Miss Agnes Nagy
April 7, 2020	IRHS Non-Homeroom Teachers, Admin & Support Staff
April 14, 2020	Grade 5S - Mrs. Janilee Stovel
April 21, 2020	IRHS School Council and PSG
April 28, 2020	Grade 6H - Mrs. Kate Hopley
May 5, 2020	Grade 6N - Miss Stephanie Nagy
May 12, 2020	Grade 7B - Mrs. Kelly Bettlestone
May 19, 2020	SJK Non-Classroom Teachers, Admin & Support Staff
May 26, 2020	SJK School Council and PSG
June 2, 2020	CISND Board Members and Catholic Pastoral Centre Staff

## JOIN US IN PRAYER



Prayer doesn't need to be long or elaborate to be powerful. And Jesus promised He'd be there where two or more are gathered in His name. We believe He is. Praying for our school community as a group is one of the most important things we can do as parents, guardians, and grandparents. And we believe that prayer not only benefits our students and staff, but also strengthens and nurtures us both as individuals and as a community.

WEDNESDAYS 2 PM

ONLINE OR IN PERSON, DUE TO COVID NO DROP INS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING US, PLEASE TEXT OR PHONE  
RENÉE AT 250-870-6010

For more info: email [renee@integrusmanagement.com](mailto:renee@integrusmanagement.com)

blessed to have a community where we can freely pray for our schools. Join us and see!

Check out the attached schedule for the specific date when your child's class will be prayed for (we pray for each child by name). And please feel free to come as often as you can!

With love,

your Rooted in Faith group



## 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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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.