

ST. JOE'S NEWS

January 8, 2021



Important Dates to Remember

January 8th: Hot Lunch Ordering Closes

January 11th to 15th: School Wide Write

January 18th to 22nd: Kid Inventors Week

January 18th: PSG Meeting @ 5:30pm



The Virtue of the Month of January is

“Integrity”

Thank you Mrs. Beetlestone her Grade 7 students for choosing the Virtue of **Integrity**.

Integrity is standing up for what you believe is right, living by your highest values. It is being honest and sincere with others and yourself. You are integrous when your words and actions match. You don't fool yourself into doing what you know is wrong. You fill your life and your mind with things that help you to live a good, clean life. - The Virtues Project.

School News

Student Appointments

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.



School Information

The school website is a valuable source for information.

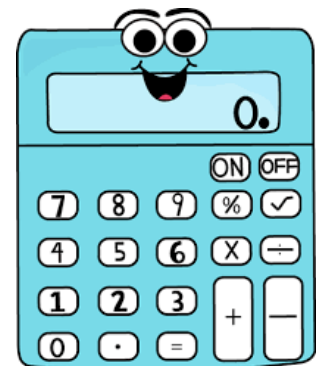
Please check the website

<https://www.stjosephkelowna.ca/publications.php> for downloads and forms (Parent/Student Handbook and Documents, Parent Participation Fee Reimbursement Form, Grade 7 Service Hours Form), Volunteer Approval Information, School Directory and helpful links.

Bookkeeping

A reminder that all tuition payment and bookkeeping inquiries should be directed to Pamela at sjkbk@cisnd.ca or 250-763-3371 ext. 202

Tax receipts will be issued in March if you have a new mailing address please email it to Pamela as soon as possible.



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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.

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.



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 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



Other Catholic School News

St. Charles Garnier - Confirmation and First Communion



For children preparing at school for the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation, families attending or registered with St. Charles Garnier are invited to apply now for reception of these sacraments at their parish.

As first educators of the faith for their children, the role of parents in this preparation cannot be overstated.

In collaboration with the school, the parish normally assists parents in their task to nurture faith at home and prepare children to celebrate initiation into our Catholic community and new life with Jesus Christ.

Especially this year, we hope to accompany parents in their vocation.

Please complete your application for [First Holy Communion](#) or [Confirmation](#) available on the parish website, and return/email the completed form and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate on or before January 14 to scgred@gmail.com. Thank you.

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

Monday, January 18th at 5:30pm - online.

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).

We are in need of a treasurer.

Many hands make light work!

HOT LUNCH

Is now ready to
order!

The system will only be open from **Tuesday, January 5th until Friday, January 8th** so be sure to place your order right away!

Thank you for supporting our school programs!



STJOSEPH.HOTLUNCHES.NET



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 8:30-3:00

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.