

ST. JOE'S NEWS

January 15, 2021

COMING SOON

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Kid Inventors' Week

WHEN IS IT?
 ANNUALLY ON JANUARY 17TH, THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, WHO INVENTED THE FIRST SWIM FLIPPERS ALMOST 300 YEARS AGO AT AGE 12!




We will be learning about inventors and using the inquiry process in our classroom with this fun unit of study! Students of St. Joseph School are to think of a problem or a situation they might encounter. They then think what could be done to make the situation better or how to solve the problem. The "invention" may be a very simple solution. This project is being completed in school January 18th-22nd.

Important Dates to Remember

January 18th to 22nd: Kid Inventors Week

January 18th: PSG Meeting @ 5:30pm

January 31st to February 5th: Catholic Schools Week

February 4th: Ready, Set, Learn



SAVE THE DATE!



Ready, Set, Learn!



Thursday, Feb. 4th 3:30 or 5:00pm VIA ZOOM

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten next fall?
 Would you like to know why St. Joseph School is a great choice for your family?
 Learn how St. Joseph Outdoor Academy is transforming education through hands-on exploring in nature.
 Discover why St. Joseph has the most innovative Kindergarten program in Kelowna!

RSVP TO sjkoffice@cisnd.ca OR 250-763-3371



St. Joseph Kindergarten 2021



School News



the
**Catholic Independent Schools
of Nelson Diocese**

St. Joseph Elementary School (Kelowna) invites applications at this time for a:

School Custodian

For immediate start

The school custodian is expected to maintain the cleanliness of the school and the surrounding grounds. Some janitorial experience is preferred. This is a part-time position, working Monday to Friday from 11:30am - 2:30pm. The ideal candidate will be able to maintain a good working relationship with administrators, teachers, and fellow employees as well as:

- work well with minimum supervision.
- ensure that appropriate equipment and materials are readily available.

The following is to be included in your application:

- Cover Letter
- Resume

As a condition of employment, successful candidates will be required to **submit** the following:

- Consent for Criminal Record Check
- Photocopy of Canadian Birth Certificate or Canadian Passport (documentation to indicate you are legally entitled to work in Canada)
- Complete Safe Environment Office training
- Social Insurance Number
- Photocopy of Driver's License

We thank all interested candidates for their application, however only qualified candidates will be contacted.

Applications can be mailed or dropped off at:

Catholic Independent Schools, Nelson Diocese
3665 Benvoulin Road
Kelowna, BC V1W 4M7

School News

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 order form and email to cards4kidsstjoes@gmail.com by Tuesday of each week. Order forms are on the school website.**
- 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



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!



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.

Self-Harm. There is Always Help, There is Always Hope.

Learning that your child is self-harming can be scary and overwhelming. Self-injury takes many forms and the reason why someone self-injures is complex. Hear from a young person with lived experience and a healthcare professional as they discuss what self-harm is, why youth self-injure, and other options for healthy coping strategies.

Communities: Kelowna, Penticton, Vernon

Cost: Free of Charge

Date: Monday, January 18th at 4:30 PM

Registration Required: www.familysmart.ca/itk

Discussion facilitated by FamilySmart Parent in Residence.

Watch a video with us and come together with other families for a facilitated discussion.



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 8:30-3:00

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.