

ST. JOE'S NEWS

February 5, 2021



**We had a
great
Catholic
Schools
Week.**

Important Dates to Remember

***February 8th to 12th: Second
World War Discovery Box***

***February 15th: Family Day - No
School***

***February 17th: Ash Wednesday
mass at 10:45am/ Re-Enrollment
Packages will be sent home***

February 22nd: PSG Meeting

***February 24th: Choose Respect/
Pink Shirt Day***

***February 25th and 26th: Pro-D
No School***



The Virtue of the Month of February is

"Loyalty"

Thank you Mrs. Carter, Miss Griffin, Miss Lalach and their Grade 2/3 students for choosing the Virtue of **Loyalty**.

Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals, when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. With loyalty, you build relationships that last forever. - The Virtues Project.

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Saint Vincent de Paul

Thank you to everyone that generously donated non-perishable food items for St. Vincent de Paul supporting "Celebrating Community" this past Tuesday.



Ready, Set, Learn!

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Ready, Set, Learn zoom sessions were successful! Thank you to all that joined. We are still accepting applications for our kindergarten program. If you or someone you know has a child ready to start kindergarten call the school office 250-763-331 as soon as possible to reserve your spot as space is limited. *St. Joseph School – the RIGHT CHOICE for your child!*

Re-Enrollment packages for 2021-2022 School Year

Re-enrollment packages will be going home Wednesday, February 17th with the youngest/only student. Spread the great news! YOU are the best way to bring new families into our community! Your word of mouth about the wonderful community we have and the great 'whole child' education your children receive here, brings new families to our door.

New Emails for E-transfers

If you need to send an e-transfer to the school we have two new email addresses. They are set up for auto-deposit, no password is required.

Please use sjk.general@cisnd.ca for Cards 4 Kids orders, tuition, parent participation fee, general donations.

Please use sjk.activities@cisnd.ca for gym strip, class fees, library fines, Outdoor Academy donations.

Please be clear in the note what the funds are for.

If you are unsure about which email to use please contact Pamela at sjkbk@cisnd.ca before sending the e-transfer.

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Cards for Kids - Volunteers Needed

Cards 4 Kids is a fantastic program that has our school and parish community purchasing gift cards and our school earning 5-15% for every gift card sold! This amazing program earns \$20,000 a year for the school. We are currently looking for 2-3 volunteers for the Cards 4 Kids program. The duties can be split in a variety of ways but include marketing and spreading awareness about the program, organizing volunteers, data entry, preparing order sheets and filling orders. Please contact Maddy Pedrette at mpedrette@cisnd.ca or Christine Bekar at 778-788-8483 if you are interested or have any questions.

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. [Click here](#)
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



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISCOUNT WEEK

February ¹⁴ 14th - 21st

CLICK ONTO THE BOXES TO OPEN TO THE WEB PAGE.

1 
CREATE YOUR
ONLINE ACCOUNT



visit us online

Sign in or create your online account. You will require your school code. Please contact us if you require your school code.



2 
DO YOU NEED
AN ONLINE FITTING?



Allow us to help you with sizing and introduce you to our website. You are steps away from scheduling your online fitting!

3 
START SAVING!



Your 5% discount will be automatically applied to your items in your cart.

The 5% discount in the past was known as Save The GST.

 SCHOOL CODE → OWL675



CLICK HERE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

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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

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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.



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, February 22nd 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).

Spiritual Bouquet

Thank you to all those who have sent me their pictures and prayers for the spiritual bouquet! We have had great response so far. This is a reminder to please send it to me by Monday if you have not done so already. If you do not want a photo of your child on a flower, no problem, just send me your prayer.

Reminder to please email me directly at horsmanfamily@telus.net.

Thank you!

Nicole



PSG Bottle Drive

Start saving your bottles for the PSG bottle drive coming February 18th and 19th. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



Other Catholic School News

Rooted in Faith

Calling parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends, remember that the Rooted in Faith prayer group still meets in spite of COVID. We've moved our meetings online. Praying for our school communities (staff and students) by name each time, and for our families. We are happy to receive special prayer requests and keep them anonymous if you prefer. Meetings last 20 min. Wednesdays at 2pm. Join us, we'd love to have you.

JOIN US

Praying for our Catholic Schools

ROOTED

in Faith

WEDNESDAYS

Let's pray together for our communities.
All are welcome. We meet online.

Text or call Renee at: 250-870-6010 for a spot or info



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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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.