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# ST. JOE'S NEWS

April 1, 2021



Happy  
Easter

## Important Dates to Remember

**April 2nd: Good Friday - No  
School**

**April 5th: Easter Monday - No  
School**

**April 19th: PSG Meeting @  
5:30pm**

**April 20th: Grade 6 & 7  
Track and Field @ Apple Bowl**

**April 26th: School Photos**

## School Office Hours

8:30am to 3:00pm

Entry to the school is  
by appointment only.

# School News

## Tips for Helping Kids Wear Masks

### My mask protects you, and your mask protects me.

*It may be scary for kids to start wearing a mask;  
here are some tips to help them through it.  
Masks are only for children over two years old.*



#### Let them pick it out!

*Let kids choose their color or fabric or decorations for their masks. Decorating a mask is fine only if it does not affect the integrity of the mask. Surgical masks should not be decorated.*



#### Wear it properly.

*Teach them to wash hands for 20 seconds before touching the mask. Next, put it on and loop it around ears. Make sure to cover the nose, chin and mouth fully. And, if using cloth masks, wash them after every use.*



#### Be a mask role model yourself.

*Wear your mask and explain how it keeps both you and others safe.*



#### Make play masks for stuffed animals or dolls.

*Help them, using materials around the house, to make mask for their toys.*



#### Practice wearing the mask.

*Start at home with short periods of time while doing fun activities. Some may only need a few minutes to adjust, while others may need to practice daily. Gradually work up to 30 minutes.*



#### Follow a plan and offer rewards.

*Consistency helps form good habits. Make a plan with your family and stick to it! Find what motivates your child and set some fun goals or small rewards if needed.*

**We are here for you!** As you adapt to all the changes, know you're not alone.  
Get all our latest care advice at: [actionlearningnetwork.org/covid19](https://actionlearningnetwork.org/covid19)

Information above sourced from the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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Pediatric Heart Transplant Society

[actionlearningnetwork.org](https://actionlearningnetwork.org)  
[uab.edu/phts](https://uab.edu/phts)

# School News

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 etransfer.**

**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

## Daily Health Check

K-12 Health Check App

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck?execution=e1s1>

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

### 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.



## Updated Safety Plan

Please go to our school website <https://www.stjosephkelowna.ca/> for our updated St. Joseph Catholic School COVID School Safety Plan Parent Guide. Updated February 4, 2021

# 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, April 19th 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](mailto:dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca)).

Many hands make light work!

### St. Joseph PSG

# BOTTLE

# DRIVE



### PSG Bottle Drive

Start saving your bottles again for the PSG bottle drives coming: April 29th, May 27th and June 17th.

Please note, bag size to be no bigger than 72L (36" x 30") clear, with no more than 12 glass bottles in each.



# Other Catholic School News



Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School (West Kelowna, BC) is  
accepting applications for:  
**SCHOOL SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER**

Target start date for training purposes: **April 12<sup>th</sup>** (or week of if possible).

At Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary faith and learning go hand in hand, leading young people to be the best they can be. We are passionate about encouraging empathetic and responsible relationships with each other and within a respectful environment. We believe intellect, emotions, creative ability and cultural heritage all have a place in the life of the school. Our dedicated teachers follow the BC Ministry of Education guidelines and the curriculum is complemented by daily prayer, school masses, sacramental preparation and religious education. We are currently in need of a School Secretary with bookkeeping responsibilities to exemplify these standards as the first point of contact for our community.

## **Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Proficient in the use of computers and related technology (including use of social media platforms and website maintenance).
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with exceptional attention to detail.
- Ability to use discretion when dealing with confidential matters.
- Ability to multi-task, prioritize, organize, and deal with frequent interruptions.
- Ability to work well with young students, parents, school staff and the extended community, fostering positive relationships.
- Proficient with spelling, punctuation, and grammar.
- Successful completion of a bookkeeping course and/or bookkeeping experience. (Quickbooks knowledge would be an asset).
- Current First Aid certification.

## **Preference will be given to candidates with the following qualifications:**

- Commitment to Catholic Education
- Identification with and participation in the life of a Catholic parish community
- Knowledge of a school Data Management System (MyEd BC or Windsor Tess)
- Successful completion of an Office Administration Program from a recognized Post-Secondary Institution and/or equivalent training and/or experience in office administration.
- Knowledge of computer programs (Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook) and Chrome IOS systems with the ability to carry out basic trouble shooting

## **For full job description and to apply:**

<https://makeafuture.applytoeducation.com/Applicant/MafSearchex.aspx?DirectLink=1>

(<https://www.cisnd.ca/employment.php>)

# Other Catholic School News

## Homestays for International Students

NEEDED: Host Families

Immaculata is looking for homestay families for our international students arriving in September. If you would like to learn about another culture and share your home with a student, this is a great opportunity! We pay \$925 per month in exchange for a private bedroom, meals and school transportation (bus or car) for a student. If you're interested, please contact Shelley Brodeur [irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca](mailto:irhs.ahc@cisnd.ca). REFERRAL BONUS: If we place a student with a family you refer to us, we'll give you a \$100 prepaid Visa card. Referrals must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

A poster for the 'Rooted in Faith' prayer group. The background is a photograph of a sunlit forest with tall trees. Overlaid on this is a white rectangular box containing the text 'Praying for our Catholic Schools' in a script font, followed by 'ROOTED' in large, bold, black capital letters, and 'in Faith' in a smaller, black serif font. Below the white box, the word 'WEDNESDAYS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. At the bottom of the poster, in white text, it says 'Let's pray together for our communities. All are welcome. We meet online.' and 'Text or call Renee at: 250-870-6010 for a spot or info'.

JOIN US

*Praying for our Catholic Schools*

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in Faith

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## 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.