



Virtue of the Month - Gratitude

October 2018

Dear St. Joseph School families,

We are thankful for our many blessings at St. Joseph School.

The Open House/Barbeque was well attended and a great opportunity for families and staff to meet and welcome each other. Our Parent/Student/ Teacher interviews will be on October 26th and will provide a time for individual meetings with teachers.

Our new staff and students have settled in and hopefully everyone is beginning to feel a part of our St. Joe's family.

This month we look forward to; the Thanksgiving weekend, Grade 4 Mass (Oct. 18, 9:00am), District Running meet, volleyball club, beginning our Destination Imagination program, and the Penny Carnival.

Communication is essential to the success of our school. Agendas are an important part of daily communication. Students are encouraged to use them daily and ensure that their parents have read them. Please feel free to communicate with your classroom teacher through the agendas or by email (see website) <https://stjosephnelson.ca/faculty-and-staff-directory.php>

At this time, we are updating our website to be the main source of school communication. Going forward, you will find weekly announcements, newsletters, events, hot lunch and grocery cards forms and links, PSG information, classroom updates and photos, extracurricular activities.

If you have concerns or questions about your child's day, please try to contact the classroom teacher as quickly as possible. A simple email or phone call can help us deal with issues. Teachers truly appreciate your feedback. Thank you for your consideration with the new office protocol. Mrs. Vulcano has noticed a big difference with the new sliding windows.

Please feel free to contact me at msuter@cisnd.ca if you have any concerns or questions.

God's Blessings,

Marlene Suter



Our Appreciation

- To all of the Crossing guards who keep our students safe.
- The PSG and parents that helped make the Barbeque a success.
- Save On Food for their generous donation to the Barbeque.



Welcome to our new Families and Staff:

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| Broom | McDermid | Schmidtke |
| Davis | McWade | Sutherland |
| Doerkson | Moncur | Szczepanoki |
| Ferguson | Morningstar | Thiessen |
| Hudec | Milligan | Weinstein |
| Kelly | Nord | Yates |
| Kozlowski | Palazzo | Zurek |
| Lampron | Rein | |
| Lincourt | Ryan | |

*Staff: Dindo Villanueva and Melissa Liwag, Custodians
We hope that you quickly feel at home at St. Joseph School.*

Upcoming Dates

October 18 9:00am Mass – Please Join Us.

Friday Oct. 19 – NO SCHOOL

**Friday Oct. 26 Student Parent Teacher Interviews –
NO Regular classes**

Safe Environment Training

Parent Volunteers in the class/school/fieldtrip, are required to the Safe Environment Training session, have a Criminal Record Check and will need to fill out the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy forms.

A training session will be available on **Tuesday, October 23rd** at 2:00 and 7:00pm in the Jubilee Room in the church basement.

Playground Supervision Reminders

Teachers are on the playground supervision daily at:

8:20 - 8:45 am

10:15 - 10:30 am - recess

12:00 - 12:55 pm - Lunch recess

3:00 - 3:15 pm

A reminder to parents that there is **no supervision** at the school until **8:20am**. For safety and liability reasons students should not be on the playground when there is no supervision.

Students should remain outside until the bell rings at **8:45am**.

After school supervision ends at 3:15, students are asked to wait for pick-up on the **upper playground**. Any children who are left on the playground after 3:15pm, will be brought into the school to wait.

Reminder: If your child(ren) arrive late, please have them report to the office so we may adjust attendance.

Student Pick-Up, Drop-Off Safety

Please use the **No Parking Zone** on Mill Street for pick up and drop off, parents should remain in their vehicles. If you need to leave your vehicle, please do not park in the loading zones in front of the school. Older students are encouraged to arrange pick up at a different safe location, such as in front of the church.

Please do not stop on corners and in marked cross walks at any time, this creates danger for everyone and blocks visibility.

If your child is walking, please use the Cross Walks at all times.

We are very Thankful to our Crossing Guards making crossing a safer way for your children.

Flu and Cold Season has arrived!

- Please remind your child to wash their hands on a regular basis.
- If your child has vomited within the last 24 hours, please keep them home.
- If your child is too sick to participate fully in school activities, please keep them home!
- If a child has a very runny nose, is coughing hard or is feverish, parents will be called to take the child home.
- Teachers will provide missed schoolwork with adequate notification from parents.

Please also send a box of Kleenex with your child to use.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, October 9th** in Kootenay Kinderschool.
All parents are welcome to attend, we are here to support the school and each other.
Some exciting projects and fundraisers will be discussed. Meet the PSG Executive:

Chairs – Rebecca Richichi & Tony Beutel
Vice President – Samantha Schroeder
Treasurer – Lisa O'Connor
Secretary – Alex Hadfield
Communications Officer – Dan Wall
Volunteer Hours Coordinator – Tovah McDermid

Thank you to Wendy Wiebe and Tara Cowan for the support that you have given to the PSG throughout the past years.

HOT LUNCHES

Orders Forms up to January are coming home this week.

Pizza Lunch – Tuesdays
Grill Cheese - Wednesday



Cathedral of Mary Immaculate

Everyone is Welcome to our First School Mass
Thursday, October 18th @ 9:00am
Grade Four

Mass times :

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
10:30 am **Children's Liturgy**

2nd Sunday - Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- St. Joseph Students receive free breakfast

3rd Sunday - Youth Mass 10:30 am

Pastoral Staff

Bishop Gregory Bittman, OFM Cap.
Very Rev. Neil Lustado, Rector

For Baptisms or Communion please contact the cathedral directly. 250-352-7131

<http://catholiccathedralnelson.ca/>



PENNY CARNIVAL

Wednesday Oct. 31

ter lunch, students will change into their costumes and gather in the gym at 1:10 for the “Costume Dance.” Then students will then go to classroom to participate in activities including: cake walk, beanbag toss, crafts, and more! Activities cost between 50¢ and \$1.00. Plan on sending \$5 to \$6 in a bag or container with your child’s name clearly marked on it.

Parents and siblings are welcome to accompany the younger students for the afternoon.

If you are available to help with activities, please contact your classroom teacher.

St. Joseph School celebrates Halloween with a focus on charity. The money raised will support the **Holy Childhood Association**. This organization allows children to help other children in developing countries.

Please ensure that your child’s costume is not scary and does not include weapons. Costumes should be fun and friendly.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CATHEDRAL PARISH BAZAAR!!



Saturday, October 27 from 1:30-3:30
St. Joseph School Gym

Raffles
Delicious Home Baked Goodies
Harvest Surprise Boxes
Tea Tables

Relax and Enjoy a Visit
Come and Bring a Friend



Joey’s Out of School Care

Teresa Segstro – Manager (352-3334)

Joey’s provides a fun after school program for students who need daycare between **3:00—5:30pm** on school days and all day for Pro D days.

Please contact Joey’s directly for more information on registering your child for this service. Booking sheets are available at Joeys and should be completed before the beginning of the month. New registrations are always welcome.

