



ST. JOSEPH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NELSON

EDUCATING THROUGH FAITH....EXCELLING IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

September 4, 2020

Dear St. Joseph Families,

I would like to welcome all families back to St. Joseph. It has been some time since we have seen each other. I would like to welcome all our new families to our St. Joseph. We look forward to getting to know you all. St. Joseph will look a bit different to some, but the friendly faces or friends and staff are still the same.

Last week, the staff attended three days of preparation for the start of the 2020-2021 School Year. We reviewed and got familiar with the St. Joseph COVID Restart Plan, had a wonderful team building? day and mass, and also enjoyed a day working with our new technology.

Thank you for your considerations with our COVID protocol. Please remember the safety of our school families and staff are our utmost priority. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well or sick. Remember to conduct your child's Daily Health Check before coming to the school. We have immunocompromised students and loved ones at the school, and would like to keep our community safe and healthy. Please also keep in mind that the school is a nut-free school. Many students and staff members have severe nut allergies.

Please check the attached September Calendar for other upcoming events like or Terry Fox Walk (Toonies for Terry), and Orange Shirt Day.

If you have any 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 while they are still small rather than letting them build up. Teachers truly appreciate your feedback. Parents please direct any questions or concerns that are not of clerical nature to my office (snprincipal@cisnd.ca) I will get back to you as quickly as possible. I am excited to lead the wonderful students and staff of St. Joseph School. We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful school community.

Sincerely,
Mr. Michael Carere

A WARM WELCOME!

We are excited to welcome students and families back to a new school year. Teachers have been busy getting their classes ready. We have many new faces to welcome and look forward to introducing new students, staff, and families to our school community.

We are blessed to have each of you in our St. Joseph family. May this new school year be filled with faith, learning and enthusiasm!

Faithfully,
Marlene Suter, Principal



Teaching Staff 2020-2021

Our teachers are truly a dedicated and professional team. We are pleased to welcome Sylvie Côté, our new French teacher, Claude LaFrance who will be teaching our Grade 5/6 class, and Aaron Sumague, our Grade 7 teacher. We also welcome Anna Goepfner as our newest Educational Assistant.

MICHAEL CARERE	- Principal	sjnprincipal@cisnd.ca
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CLAUDE LAFRANCE	- Grade 5/6	clafrance@cisnd.ca
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FLORDELIZA CORPUZ	- EA	
ANNA GOEPPNER	- EA	
KAREN JACKSON	- EA	
BECKY LAURIENTE	- EA	
NICOLE MATHIESON	- EA	
TERESA SEGSTRO	- EA	
CHRISTINA VARLEY	- EA	
KYLE WILKINSON	- EA	

Senior ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Art Therrien - Superintendent of Schools
(www.cisnd for policy and information in our Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson).

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

St. Joseph School Council is responsible for the business of the school. It is a committee made up of the Pastor of the Cathedral Parish in Nelson, the school Principal, and elected members from the parish.

We are actively looking for new members to our council.

OFFICE STAFF: Yvonne Vulcano—Admin Assistant Secretary sjnoffice@cisnd.ca

CUSTODIAL STAFF: Dindo Villeneuve AND Melissa Liwag
Custodian/Maintenance

Joey's Out of School Care STAFF: Teresa Segstro – Manager
250-352-3334
Becky Lauriente
Erwin Mentz



Welcome to our new Families:

Allen

Ciraj Prabhu

Eamon-Boltz

Goretzki

Lehman

Park

Parry

Pillas

Sangalang

Schaub

Todoc

Walker

Xiong

Playground Supervision

Teachers are on the playground supervision daily with their cohort at:

8:20 - 8:45 am

10:15 - 10:45 am - recess

12:00 - 12:55 pm - Lunch recess

2:50 - 3:10 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 3:10, students are asked to wait for pick-up on the **upper playground**. Any children who are left on the playground after 3:10pm, 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 and Parking!

No Parking Zone on Mill Street. 8am to-4pm on school days.

Please use this zone for pick up and drop off, this will ensure that the children will arrive safely on Mill Street. If your child is walking, please use the Cross Walks at all times.



Entering and Exiting the School: All students are asked to please use the playground entrance on Josephine Street, with the exception of bus students.

St. Joseph School Staff invite all families to our Open House

Open House on the playground 4:30 -5:30

Our school Open House will look a little different this year. We are asking parents to come on three separate nights. We unfortunately only have room for one parent from each family to attend the evening because of mass gathering restrictions. Each Open House will take place from 4:30-5:30pm on the school playgrounds and fields. Only teachers, EAs and one parent of each cohort will be able to attend. Please be mindful of the COVID protocols on the evening. We will be asking all parents and staff to wear a non medical mask, and sign in at the Josephine gates. This evening will be a great way to meet the St. Joseph Staff.

Tuesday September 15 - Grade 1, 2, 3 Cohort

Wednesday September 16 – Grade 4, 5, 6 Cohort

Thursday September 17 – Grade 7, 8 Cohort

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the last Monday of each month. The next meeting is on **Monday, September 28th** at 5:30 – 7:00 Zoom meeting.

All parents are encouraged to attend, we are here to support the school and each other.

Each family is required to contribute **Eight (8)** Volunteer hours throughout the year. Please read your emails and newsletter for upcoming activities and events.

St. Joseph is very excited to open our new playground on the first day of school. Thank you to the many years of fundraising! Fundraising will continue throughout the year, with our next Bottle Drive happening at the school on September 26th. Families are welcome to come with refundable bottles from 9am to 2pm and are also invited to sort bottles at the school. We also welcome volunteers to help deliver the bottles to the bottle depot. Families are encouraged to collect bottles from friends and families in their neighborhood. All money raised will go back to the playground. Monetary donations will also be accepted, payable to St. Joseph School. **Remember that our school Raffle will be on October 23rd. Tickets are due to the office by October 16th.** If you would like a new booklet, please email the PSG (psgstjosephs@gmail.com).

St. Joseph School has been blessed with a very loving and caring school community.

Safe Environment Policy

All Volunteers helping in the school and on fieldtrips are required to; have a Criminal Record Check, fill out the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy forms and a Safe Environment training session.

These forms will be held on file for 5 years.

Thank you.



Students are being encouraged to take responsibility for their belongings. This means keeping track of what they bring to school and taking it home at the end of the day.

Please be sure that all items are labelled.

Lost and Found items will be passed along to Play it Again Kids.



Friday School Spirit Day!

School Spirit shirts will be distributed to all new students.

All students are asked to wear their school shirt on Fridays.

Their names will be entered into a monthly draw for gift certificates.

Joey's Out of School Care (352-3334)

Teresa Segstro – Manager

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 most Pro D days.

Please contact Joey's directly for more information on registering your child for this service and for completing current booking sheets. Families from St. Joseph School will be given first priority for Joeys. You are welcome to book for the entire year – provided you give two weeks notice should you need to cancel.

If you require just Pro D Days, this must be booked on the monthly sheets



Severe Allergy Alert

We have a few students in our school that have life threatening allergies to nuts.

We have worked hard over the years to become a **Nut Aware School.**

Teachers, the principal and public health can play a big part in creating awareness, but it is the support and understanding of all the parents whose kids share a school with an anaphylactic child that make the world of difference. Even the trace of a nut can kill someone who suffers from severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis), vigilance is a matter of life or death.

If you have any questions about this, please contact the office.