



ST. JOSEPH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NELSON

EDUCATING THROUGH FAITH....EXCELLING IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

September 1, 2021

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 2021-2022 School Year. We have reviewed the updated Ministry of Health and Education guidelines to keep the St. Joseph School community safe. Staff participated in team building activities and mass, and also enjoyed a day working with our new technology.

Thank you for continuing to follow the same COVID protocols as last year. 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.

<https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca>

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 Kokanee Creek Salmon, 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



Teaching Staff 2021-2022

Our teachers are truly a dedicated and professional team. We are pleased to welcome Michelle Montonen, our new French teacher, Justine McLean who will be teaching our Grade 6 class, Hope Carere, Learning Assistance teacher and Margaret Love Calladine, music teacher. We also welcome Stephanie Ferguson and Bechah Burke as our newest Educational Assistants.

MICHAEL CARERE	- Principal	sjnprincipal@cisnd.ca
FRANZISKA BURROWS	- Kindergarten	fburrows@cisnd.ca
MICHELLE GLOVER	- Grade 1	mglover@cisnd.ca
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LAURA LUCK	- Grade 3	lluck@cisnd.ca
JANICE MELANSON	- Grade 4	jmelanson@cisnd.ca
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TONY BEUTEL	- Grade 8/9	tbeutel@cisnd.ca
SYLVIE COTE	- French	scote@cisnd.ca
	- Special Education	sjnslo@cisnd.ca
HOPE CARERE	- Learning Assistance	hcarere@cisnd.ca
MARGARET LOVE CALLADINE	- Music	mcalladine@cisnd.ca
MICHELLE MONTENEN	- French	mmontonen@cisnd.ca
TODD MANTON	- Gym	
BECHAH BURKE	- EA	
FLORDELIZA CORPUZ	- EA	
STEPHANIE FERGUSON	- EA	
KAREN JACKSON	- EA	
BECKY LAURIENTE	- EA	
NICOLE MATHIESON	- EA	
TERESA SEGSTRO	- EA	
CHRISTINA VARLEY	- 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
yvulcano@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
Bechah Burke
joeys.childcare@cisnd.ca



Welcome to our new Families:

Ala	McCandlish
Carson	McLean
Chavarri Zubiate	Murray
Gagne	Nezic
Galloway	Niminiken
Geisler	Plautz
Mendez-Johnson	Tisma
Labbe	Tucker
Mathew	

Playground Supervision

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

8:30 - 8:45 am

10:15 - 10:45 am - recess

12:00 - 12:55 pm - Lunch recess

2:55 - 3:05 pm

A reminder to parents that there is **no supervision** at the school until **8:30am**. 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 3:05, 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.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the last Monday of each month. The next meeting is on **Monday, September 27th** at 6:00 – 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.

Please follow the Facebook Parent Portal for fundraising and volunteer opportunities.

www.facebook.com/groups/StJosephSchoolParentPortal

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.

School Spirit Attire will be available for sale in September. More information to come.

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.