



ST. JOSEPH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NELSON

EDUCATING THROUGH FAITH....EXCELLING IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

October 3, 2023

Dear St. Joseph School families,

We have been thankful for the beautiful weather this month. It has been so nice reconnecting with staff, students, friends, & parents and meeting new ones. Please continue to keep your child(ren) home if they are sick. This will be important as we move into cold and flu season.

We have settled into St. Joseph's 125th school year and hopefully everyone is beginning to feel a part of our St. Joe's community. Our school Open House & Potluck was extremely well attended and a great opportunity for families to socialize, and for parents & staff to meet each other. Our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will be on October 27th, and there will be no regular classes on this day. Interviews will be in person and will provide a time for families to meet individually with teachers. A sign-up schedule will be sent out in the next couple weeks.

Last month we enjoyed our welcome back Potluck/Open House, the Terry Fox walk, local field trips including the Kokanee Creek Red Fish Program & Forestry Day, our September school Masses & staff Rite of Commissioning, Running Club, Orange Shirt Day (Truth & Reconciliation Day) and other classroom activities. This month we look forward to Mural Walks, our Grade 4 Good News Mass, the Thanksgiving weekend & Food Drive, Cross Country Running Meets, a visit from WildsafeBC, School Photos, Fire Prevention Week, "Anything is Possible" Assembly, our School Book Fair, and the Halloween Penny Carnival. Please feel free to join us in person for our monthly assemblies & school masses. These events are also available virtually through our St. Joseph Parent Portal: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/StJosephSchoolParentPortal>.

St. Joseph School is excited to announce that they have received an ArtsStart Grant for the 2023-2024 school year. Throughout the year, students and staff will work with professional opera singer, Rachel DeShon, and her colleague, Kozmo Sammartino, through their "Anything is Possible" program. We will be holding an "Anything is Possible" kick off assembly & workshops on Tuesday, October 24, and will be joined by Emmy award winning songwriter & singer, Tim Noah.

Please remember that communication is essential for student success at our school. The student agenda is an important part of daily communication. We encourage students to use them daily and ask them to ensure that their parents have read them. Please feel free to communicate with your classroom teacher through the agendas or by email (<https://stjosephnelson.ca/faculty-and-staff-directory.php>).

Thank you to those parents that have volunteered their time in September, during our Hot Lunch Programs, PSG and Council Meetings, the Open House/Potluck, field trips and crossing guard duties. Safe Environment Training sessions are available for parents who are looking to volunteer throughout the school year. Please call the office to set up a time that would work for your schedule. We are still looking for parents to volunteer their time for many activities this year including the distribution of hot lunches. Online orders are now available for our October to December Hot Lunches. Visit <https://stjosephnelson.hotlunches.net/admin/>.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's day, please remember to contact the classroom teacher. Teachers truly appreciate your feedback. Please feel free to contact me at sjnprincipal@cisnd.ca if you have any concerns or questions, or call the school at 250-352-3041.

God's Blessings,

Michael Carere
Principal

Welcome

Abbey, Curren, Justin, Pretty, Parisi & Voigt Families!



September Christian Leaders

Grade K – Isaac Lehman
Grade 1 – Star Xiong
Grade 2 – Emily Goretzki
Grade 3 – Ryder Bell
Grade 4 – Luka McLaren
Grade 5 – Indie Andrews
Grade 6 – AJ Villanueva
Grade 7/8 – Karla Bibby
Grade 8/9 – Evangeline Carere

Cathedral of Mary Immaculate

Everyone is welcome to Weekend Mass

Mass times:

Saturday @ 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

St. Joseph School Mass & Knights of Columbus Breakfast

2nd Sunday of each month Mass @ 10:30am, Breakfast @ 9am

Pastoral Staff

Bishop Gregory Bittman, OFM Cap.

Father Jojo Augustine, Rector

For Baptisms or Communions please contact the cathedral directly.

250-352-7131

<http://catholiccathedralnelson.ca/>



Playground Supervision Reminders

Staff are on the playground for supervision daily at:

8:30 - 8:45 am

10:15 - 10:45 am - recess

12:00 - 12:55 pm - Lunch recess

2:45 - 3:10 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 dropped off before that time when there is no supervision.

Reminder: If your child(ren) **arrives 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.



Upcoming Dates

Friday, October 13th – Photo Day

Friday, October 20th — Pro D Day - No School

Wednesday - Friday, October 25-27th – School Book Fair

Friday, October 27th – Student Parent Teacher Interviews

NO Regular classes – Signup sheets coming home soon!

Tuesday, October 31st – Penny Carnival: Halloween Celebrations

Friday, November 3rd – Photo Retake Day

Monday, November 13th – Remembrance Day – No School

Flu and Cold Season has arrived!

- Please remind your child to wash their hands on a regular basis.
- If your child is sick, please keep them home.
- If a child becomes sick at school, parents will be called to take them home.
- Children will be asked to stay home until symptoms have improved, & they feel well enough to participate in all school-related activities.
- Teachers will provide missed schoolwork with adequate notification from parents.

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





Orange Shirt Day



Lion's Park



Forestry Day



Kokanee Creek





Terry Fox Run/Walk

\$335 for the Terry Fox Foundation