



ST. JOSEPH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NELSON

EDUCATING THROUGH FAITH...EXCELLING IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



December 1, 2023

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

I would like to start by thanking you all for your ongoing help and support around the school. We appreciate the assistance that you have given the school and PSG, on our many fundraisers. Thank you to the many volunteers, including our hot lunch helpers, crossing guards, PSG and Council members. If you are planning to volunteer for our winter activities in January & February, please remember to attend our **Safe Environment Training session on Tuesday, December 5th at 2pm**, if you have not completed a session recently. Your Safe Environment paperwork is valid for 5 years.

Next week is the first week of Advent, and we will be lighting the first candle of our classroom Advent wreaths, symbolizing Hope. All parents are welcome to attend our Advent Wreath Blessing Mass, led by our Grade 6 class, on Monday, December 4th in the Cathedral. During the advent season, we will light two more purple candles representing Peace and Love, during the second and fourth weeks of Advent. A pink candle, representing Joy, will be lit during the third week, and a final white candle will be lit on Christmas Eve, representing Jesus' birth and Light. Please feel free to attend the December 24th, Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm, which will be led by our St. Joseph Student Choir.

We will be focusing on the virtue of Charity this month. Through our many recent fundraisers, our families have shown this virtue. During the month of December, we will be requesting donations for our "Angel Tree". We will be accepting food items and/or monetary donations until December 13th. We will also be collecting donations on the evening of the Christmas Concert, at the Capitol Theatre, to help cover the cost of the rental. Any additional donations from the evening will be placed in our "Friends of St. Joseph School" fund and will be passed along to families in need at St. Joe's. If you need support during the Christmas season, please contact the school, as we are here to help.

The students and staff have been working diligently to get ready for the **Christmas Concert** which will be held at the Capitol Theatre. Please join us at **6:30pm on Wednesday, December 14**. Students are asked to be dropped off at 6pm. Families are also welcome to attend our dress rehearsal, which will be held at 1:00pm this year.

In November, students participated in the Remembrance Day Assembly & Mass, the Legion Contents for Remembrance Day, Volleyball vs. Trafalgar and the St. Joe's Staff, Anti-Bullying week, Math Puzzles, our Pasta Dinner, the ArtsStart program with Rachel & Kozmo, and first term Report Cards. This month we will be enjoying the Advent Season, Christmas activities, the "Angel Tree" food drive, Christmas Dress-up Day, PJ/Movie Day, the Christmas Singalong, our School Choir caroling in Nelson, the Cash Calendar Raffle Draws, the Christmas Concert, the birth of Jesus, & our Christmas Holidays.

We would also like to congratulate our students on an amazing first term. They should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. They are a wonderful group of students, and we are blessed to have them at our school.

The Staff at St. Joseph School wishes everyone a very Blessed Christmas filled with God's love.

Blessings, Mr. Michael Carere

Remembrance Day Mass



Volleyball - Go Eagles



Staff vs. Students



St. Joe's Gr 7-9 @ Trafalgar



St. Joe's Gr 5/6 vs. Trafalgar



YOU ARE INVITED TO

St. Joseph Christmas Concert

DECEMBER | 13 | AT 6:30 PM

CAPITOL THEATRE, NELSON, BC
DRESS REHEARSAL AT 1:00PM

SUGGESTED \$5 DONATIONS WILL SUPPORT
FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Christmas Concert

Please join us. Families are welcome to come to our dress rehearsal on December 13 @ 1pm at the theatre.

Students are asked to be dropped off at the Capitol Theatre at 6pm, the concert starts @ 6:30pm.



MASS SCHEDULE 2023-24

Sunday, December 24th IV Sunday of Advent

- Saturday 5:00 pm - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson
- Sunday 9:30 am - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson

Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

- 3:00 pm - Sacred Heart, Kaslo
- 5:00 pm - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson
- 8:00 pm - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson
- 10:00 pm - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson

Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

- 10:30 am - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson

Sunday, December 31st - Feast of Holy Family

- Saturday 5:00 pm - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson
- Sunday 9:30 am - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson
- Sunday 3:00 pm - Sacred Heart, Kaslo

Sunday, December 31st (New Year's Eve) Feast of Mary Mother of God (Day of Obligation)

- 7:00 pm - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson

Monday, January 1st (New Year's Day) Feast of Mary Mother of God (Day of Obligation)

- 9:30 am - Cathedral of Mary Immaculate, Nelson