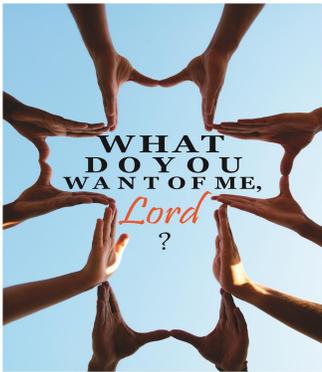


November Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. That is the Beatitude on which we will focus this month, which suits this time of remembrance, reflection and prayer for those who have gone before us. We look to the saints for examples of

peacemakers; although their lives were not always peaceful, they strove to spread the peace of Christ throughout their lives and they were richly rewarded for their devotion to their faith. We, too, can bring peace to our world, albeit in small ways. Whether it be at work,

school, or home, we can bring the shining light of peace to all. We may not be recognized as saints by the Church, but we know that our reward will be great in Heaven. In this troubled world in which we live, let us work hard this month to become blessed peacemakers.

Walkathon Thank you!

Thank you for your support of our annual walkathon. Together, we raised \$21,300, which will help with technology upgrades. In addition, we thank all of you who volunteered to help us on that day, with snack preparation, supervision on the route, or walking with the students. We couldn't have this terrific event without you! Special thanks to Ms. Levonne Abshire who coordinated the walkathon this year, taking care of all the

preparations beforehand, as well as making sure that the day itself ran smoothly. Thank you so much for all of your hard work. Thank you also to those who made donations for the day, including: Harbour Cruises courtesy of Mr. Tengku, and Buy Low Foods (Kingsgate Mall). Congratulations to all of our prize winners! Our Kindergarten class raised the most money and therefore won a pizza party for the class. Our top fundraisers this

year were Myna and Manish Gururatskul in Kindergarten and grade four, who will have lunch out with a teacher. The other top fundraisers were as follows:
Danica and Olivia Hoang (Gr. K & 3) - \$800,
Adam and Aleesa Nguyen (Gr. K & 3) - \$800
Alexander Quiroz (Gr. 5) - \$750,
Cayleigh and Dominic Koh (Gr. 1 & 4) - \$687
Theron and Raiden Ladd (Gr. K and 4) - \$600

Important Dates:

November:

2nd – All Souls Day Mass – Gr. 5 is in charge of the readings
3rd – Spirit Day
8th -- Photo Retakes
9th – Remembrance Day Assembly – 10:45am / Gymnasium
12th – **No School** in Lieu of Remembrance Day
13th – Colour Day and Hot Chocolate & Cookie Day for Covenant House
14th – Scavenger Hunt and Open House 6-8pm
15th – Interim Reports sent home
19th – Three Way Conferences
26th – St. Joseph's Peacemakers Day Purdy's orders due
27th – St. Joseph's Intermediate Speech Arts Festival Kindergarten Vision Screening

Walkathon Thank you Continued!

Each of these families received a Chapters gift card for all of their hard work.

The winners of the top prizes in the draw were: Natalia Diogo, Eron Teguibon and

Alexander Tran.

Those students who raised more than \$100 received St. Joseph's lunch bags as a prize. Congratulations to all and thank you again!

Holy Childhood Association Colour Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Autumn Colour Day. Together we raised \$363 for the Holy Childhood Association which supports the basic needs and education of children in developing nations. Thank you for your support!

Photo Retakes

Lifetouch will be at our school on Thursday, November 8 to retake individual photos. If your child was absent or you were not happy with your original photo, simply return your Proof Portrait Sheet and Order Form to the office so we can make sure your child is called for retakes.

First Friday Mass

Please join us for our All Souls Day Mass on Friday, November 2 at 9:00am, which will be prepared by our grade five class. Celebrating the Eucharist is a wonderful way to gather our community together and we hope to have many family members join us.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day will be on Sunday, November 11. Please take time to stop at 11:00am on that day for a minute of silence to say a prayer for those who gave their lives for our country. Our school Remembrance Day assembly will be held at 10:45am on Friday, November 9 in the school gym. Please join us if you are able. Lest we forget. The school will be closed on November 12 in lieu of Remembrance Day. We hope that the students enjoy their extended weekend.

Spread the News on Facebook

St. Joseph's School is on Facebook! We ask all parents to "like" and "share" our page so all of your friends can see the great work we do at our school.

Spirit Day

In preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring, the grade seven students will attend the annual Archdiocesan Spirit Day on Saturday, November 3. At this event, the students from throughout the archdiocese gather for a day of prayer, music and testimonials. Spirit Day is a powerful event for all of the students, as they unite as one body on their sacramental journey.

Please keep our grade sevens in your prayers throughout this year of spiritual growth.

Open House and Scavenger Hunt

On Wednesday, November 14, we will host a scavenger hunt for students and parents from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. On that evening, you will have the opportunity to have fun with your children by visiting the different areas of the school to complete challenging tasks and answer skill-testing questions. Prizes will be awarded! Also on that evening, we invite prospective families to come and tour our school. If you know someone who has

a child who will begin kindergarten in September of 2019, or families with children in older grades who may be looking for a change, please encourage them to come to our Open House to see what we're all about at St. Joseph's. The scavenger hunt will be the perfect chance for our community to shine with energy and enthusiasm, and we hope that many new families will come to share in the fun!

Casual Day and Hot Chocolate & Cookie Day for Covenant House

On November 13 we will be raising money to support Covenant House's Christmas Drive which provides much needed supplies for youth in need. The students are welcome to wear casual clothes for a minimum donation of \$2 and can pre-order hot chocolate and a cookie for \$3. Please see order form attached.

Basketball

Basketball season will begin later this month for students in grades five, six and seven. Permission slips will be distributed soon and must be returned by November 22 in order for the students to join a team. We are looking forward to a great season.

Communicating Student Learning

As stated at the general parent meeting in September, our format for communicating your child's progress to you will look somewhat different this year. On November 15, you will receive an interim report which will give you an overview of your child's strengths and areas of challenge. This report will also indicate your child's level of achievement in Christian Education, English Language Arts

and Mathematics. We hope that this report will help you to prepare for the three-way interviews that will take place on Monday, November 19 and will include yourself, your child, and your child's teacher. We are looking forward to using these tools to continue to build strong learning opportunities for your children and to provide you with clear and solid information regarding that learning.

St. Joseph's Intermediate Speech Arts Festival

On Tuesday, November 27, the intermediate students will participate in the individual categories of Poetry Recitation and Persuasive Speech. All students from grades four through seven will prepare a selection in one of these categories and present it in their classrooms. Then two students from each

class will be selected to present their poems or speeches to the rest of the school. Parents are most welcome to attend our celebration of the spoken word. We will begin at 1:00pm in the school gym. We are looking forward to some wonderful presentations!

KINDERGARTEN VISION SCREENING

Vancouver Health will be in the school to check the Kindergarten students' vision on November 27th.

St. Joseph's Peacemakers Day

This year, in addition to the provincial anti-bullying day in the spring, we will take another day to learn about bullying and to think of ways to stand up against it. On Monday, November 26, the students will take part in various activities to increase their understanding of the issue of bullying.

Snacks and Lunches

Please make wise choices when sending snacks and lunches in containers with your child. We encourage parents to use plastic non-breakable containers when sending food items.

Halloween Candy

Once again this year, we are collecting Halloween candy to donate to the Agape Street Ministry, which supports women who are living in the sad situation of addiction. Please help your children to set aside some of their trick-or-treat candy to donate to the cause and send it in to the school this week.

Purdys Chocolates

We hope our families will support our Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser again this year. You can order online at www.fundraising.purdys.com and pay with your credit card or submit orders to the office before November 26th.

Reminder

Please remember that the children will be outside in the mornings before school and at the recess and lunch breaks unless it is raining. They need to have proper clothing, including a warm coat every day at school.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our book fair was a big success! We raised funds to supply books and teaching resources to our classrooms. Our thanks to the many parents who bought books to donate to our classroom libraries, and those who volunteered their time to work in the book fair. We wouldn't be able to hold a fair without you!

Looking Ahead - Upcoming Raffle

Our annual raffle will be launched in the early spring and we are collecting prizes. If you own or know of a company that is willing to donate a prize to the

raffle, please contact Ms. Levonne Abshire at (778) 387-4097 or levonneabshire@icloud.com. We are looking forward to a successful raffle. Thank you!