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April Newsletter

A message from our Principal, Mr. Michael Schultz

Happy Easter! Christ has risen!
Alleluia!

We have now entered the most joy-filled part of our church and school year. After our long Lenten journey, we can finally celebrate the joy of Easter as a school and parish community. The students will have the opportunity to grow together in faith over the course of the Easter season. We also look ahead to the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for our grade two's and several other students that are celebrating these Sacraments along with them.

This also begins the busiest part of the school year. We begin our track and field season, in which we hope to include as many students as possible. This is a great chance for students to increase their fitness and learn some new skills. We will also be starting our STEM and Coding clubs for our younger students. I am looking forward to welcoming all of you to the school for our student-led Conferences, which provide an opportunity for our students to share all the learning that they have done this school year.

Please continue to pray for continued blessings on our school community. Thank you for all that you do to support your children and our school.



Upcoming School Closures

Please keep these dates in mind as some of the dates the school will be closed will not coincide with the public school calendar.

April	May	June
Easter Monday Monday, April 1	Non Instructional Day Friday, May 17	Planning day – No School Monday, June 10
Non Instructional Day Monday, April 15	Victoria Day Holiday Monday, May 20	Sports Day – 12pm Dismissal Friday, June 14
Student Led conferences Thursday, April 18		Picnic Day – 1pm Dismissal Friday, June 21
		Last Day of School 11am Dismissal Wednesday, June 26

Parking Lot and Traffic Safety

Please be reminded that it is not possible to drive onto the school parking lot between the hours of 7:30am to 4:30pm daily.

Pick up for Afterschool Club

We have noticed a number of people driving into the lot to pick up for Afterschool Club before 4:30pm. Please follow the parking regulations as it also applies to parents of those who are in Afterschool Club. Track is starting soon and there will be more children in the parking lot afterschool.

Track Season – Grade 1 to Grade 7

Our track season will begin after Easter break and our primary and intermediate teams will be returning from the park at various times after school. Since students on the track team will be dismissed from the parking lot, we need to keep our students safe, and the most important way to accomplish this goal is to stop driving onto the parking lot. Thank you for your understanding and compliance with this safety request. **Parking lot is closed until 430pm.**

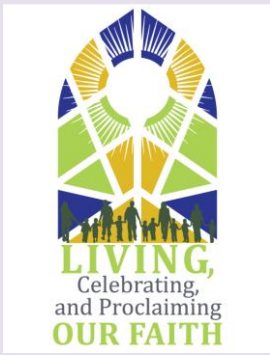
Parking Safety

We continue to receive complaints from our neighbours about our parents driving too fast and dropping off children in the middle of the street. Please be reminded of our ONE WAY system where parents must travel north to south on Fleming Street. Do not drop off your children on the opposite side of the street and send them across; it is very dangerous to do so.

One Way System:

Turn right on to Fleming Street from 15th Avenue **ONLY**.

DO NOT turn right to Fleming Street from 18th Avenue.



Track & Field 2023-2024

Practice days:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Primary Students

School Playground & Clark Park
2:45pm to 3:30pm

Intermediate Students

Clark Park
2:45pm-4:00pm

****All students will be dismissed from the school in the school parking lot.**

Discus and Shotput

Tuesday and Friday mornings
8:00am – 8:40am
Clark Park at the baseball field.

Track Meets (dates tentative)

April 29th – Friar's Meet
May 3rd – Vancouver College Meet
May 16th – St. Joseph's Meet
June 5th and 12th – CISVA Meet (limited entry)

Volunteer Opportunity

If you would like to help the coaches at practice, please check in with the staff coaches prior to practices.

Sacraments

Communion

We will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th at St. Joseph's Parish at 5:30pm.

Confirmation

Father Minh will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00pm at St. Joseph's Parish.

Holy Week | Monday, March 25 – Thursday, March 28

On Wednesday, March 27th our grade seven students lead us in the Stations of the Cross. All students were able to walk through the Stations by completing a variety of reflections and activities prepared by our grade sevens. After completing the Stations of the Cross, each class engaged in reflective Lenten activities in their own classroom.

On Holy Thursday, May 28th we meditated upon the Sorrowful Mysteries as we prayed a Living Rosary at our gym.

Easter Weekend

The school will be closed on Good Friday, March 29th and on Easter Monday, April 1st. School will resume as usual on Tuesday, April 2nd.

We wish you a blessed and peaceful Easter together with your loved ones.

Class Photos | Tuesday, April 2nd

Our class photos will be taken on Tuesday, April 2nd by Artona Studios. Please make sure that your children come to school in full uniform, including sweaters and proper school shoes. We want everyone to look great for this moment in time!

St. Joseph's Spelling Bee | Intermediate Grades

Each student from grades four through seven will take part in the St. Joseph's Spelling Bee at its various stages. Our Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, April 16th at 1:00pm at the school gym. Parents are most welcome to attend! On that day, the four finalists from the intermediate classrooms will compete. The top speller from our school bee will represent our school at the CISVA Spelling Bee at the end of the month.

Student Led Conference

We will hold student led conferences on Thursday, April 18th from 10:00am to 7:30pm. **There will be no regular classes held on that day.** Further information will be sent home soon.

Lenten Boxes

Thank you for your ongoing contribution to the Lenten boxes. Please return your boxes by Friday, April 12th. Thank you for your support of the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Please keep our seminarians in your prayers.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets will be coming home soon. The draw date is later this year - June 14th - so there will be lots of time to sell tickets.

Each family will be issued one book of tickets, and more will be available if you are able to sell more! If you would be interested in selling tickets after the weekend Masses please let the office know.