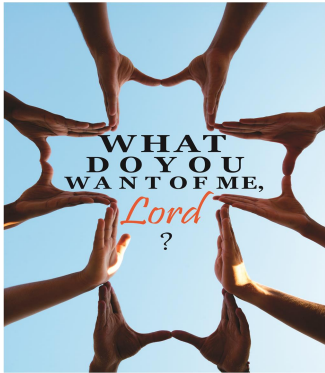


June Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We have come to the final month of our school year and we are filled once again with mixed emotions. We eagerly anticipate the warm and carefree days of summer and yet we know we must say good-bye to a year of friendships and fun and, most bittersweet of all, we must send off some members of our community to new

experiences. We wish them well, of course, but we will miss them. Whether this June represents a momentous shift in your family life, or a minor one, it is important to take time to look back as well as to look forward. Hopefully, it is with happiness that you look back on the year, taking pride in

accomplishments and joy in the good times. It has been a positive and busy year for everyone at St. Joseph's, and we are pleased to have grown as a community. May God bless all of us as we part ways, either for the summer or for further pursuits, and may we carry the faith of our patron, Saint Joseph, with us wherever we go.

First Friday Mass June 7

Please join on Friday, May 4 at our school Mass. The Kindergarten class is preparing our celebration. Please join us if you can.

Track and Field Intermediate

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our track and field team this year. Our final meet is the CISVA meet on May 29 and June 5. We give special

thanks to our coaches for all of their time and effort in training our students: Ms. Cheung, Mr. Dalessandro, Mr. Evans, Mrs. Hurley, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Pizzolato, Ms. Riley & Mrs. van der Kooi. Thank You!

Primary

Congratulations to our primary students who had a terrific season! They trained hard every day and had fun too. Their season ended

with a meet on May 1 and everyone was able to participate. A great big thank-you to the coaches for all of their hard work and dedication to challenging our young students: Ms. O'Connell, Mrs. Fader, Ms. Riley and Mrs. Curran. Thank you also to the parents who helped to supervise at the practices. Great running, everyone!

Important Dates:

June 3rd – Non-Instructional Day
NO SCHOOL

June 4th – Gr. 6 Social Justice – Bottle Drive

May 29th & June 5^h – CISVA Track Meet Finals

June 7th – First Friday Mass; 9am

June 13th – All Library Books due

June 14th – Sports Day – **NOON DISMISSAL**
Deadline for settling all outstanding accounts

June 17th – 23rd – Neat Uniforms Focus Week for St. Joseph's

June 17th – Step-Up Day

June 18th - Creative Packs due if paying at office

June 21st –Picnic Day – **1pm DISMISSAL**

June 26th – Gr. 7 Closing Mass & Awards @ 7pm

June 27th – Closing Mass @ 9am, Awards and Report Cards – **11:30am DISMISSAL**

Thank you for Supporting Grade Six Social Justice Projects

Thank you to all who supported our grade six social justice projects. The students in grade six worked hard to organize fundraising activities which allowed them to raise both awareness of poverty as well as funds to donate to organizations that work to support those who live in poverty. This project is

a tremendous learning experience for our grade six students and we thank them for their leadership. We are looking forward to having you as our senior students next year!
Please bring your empty refundable bottles on Tuesday, June 4th.

Confirmation

The students in grade seven, together with those in the parish PREP program, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, June 13 at 7:00pm. Bishop Emeritus David Monroe

will confer the Sacrament. The Confirmation rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, June 12 at 5:30pm and all students must attend with either their sponsors or a parent. The students

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will be held at Clark Park on Friday, June 14. The students will be divided into four teams and they may wear comfortable clothing of their team colours instead of their regular uniform on that day. Our grade seven students will lead them through a series of fun and exciting activities to

celebrate good sportsmanship and community spirit. Our day will begin as usual at 8:40am and the students will be dismissed at **12:00 noon** on that day. There will be **NO afterschool club** on that day. We always need to have parent support on Sports Day, so if you are

Library News

Many thanks to all the parents that helped out in the library this year. You've been great and your help is much appreciated.
PLEASE NOTE: All library books are due back by **Thursday, June 13th**. Please ensure that all books are returned by that date.
ENJOY YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ EVERY DAY WITH YOUR CHILD. VISIT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

will spend the day in retreat on Thursday, June 6. Please continue to pray for our grade seven students as they take this momentous step in their faith journeys.

able to help with snack distribution and general supervision, please inform Mrs. Oye at the office. We do everything possible to hold our Sports Day as scheduled, and will only postpone it in the event of very heavy rain. If there is a change due to weather, we will advise parents through the Remind app.

Monday, June 17th PE and Gently Used Uniforms

Step-Up Day

The students will have a taste of the next school year on the morning of June 17, when they will “step up” to their new grades. The children will spend the first part of the morning learning about next year’s curriculum and will do an activity with their teachers. All students who are new to St. Joseph’s School will attend as well. New parents will gather in the library for an important meeting.

School Picnic

Our annual school picnic will take place on Friday, June 21. It is meant to be a family celebration and we hope that parents and other family members will join the children for this fun year-end event. Each family will be asked to contribute food or tableware to the picnic. The picnic will take place rain or shine so let’s hope the weather cooperates so we can picnic outside!

PE uniforms are purchased through the school office and Mrs. De Silva will be taking orders on Step-up day in Mr. Evans' office. Please place your order to ensure your child has a gym uniform at the beginning of September. A selection of gently used pants, kilts, dress shirts, sweaters and some other

School Supplies

It’s not too late to purchase your child’s school supplies from Creative Children. You can order online at www.creativepacks.ca until June 30th, and in the school office until June 18th . Look for St. Joseph’s Vancouver and select your child’s next year’s grade. Their supplies will be waiting for them at school in September. Our classroom teachers ask that you shop early, to make sure your child has their supplies for the second day of school in September. If you need a new list please see Mrs. Oye.

miscellaneous items will also be available for purchase on Monday morning June 17 in Mr. Evans' office on the second floor. All proceeds from the sales go back to the school. Saleable items are graciously accepted throughout the year if families wish to donate outgrown uniforms they no longer require.

Gr. 7 Closing Mass & Awards June 26, 2019 7pm St. Joseph’s Church

Congratulations

Congratulations to our grade two students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time last week. May God bless them as they continue to grow in the love of Christ.

Uniform

Please be reminded that the students are expected to wear the St. Joseph’s uniform at all times. Their uniform must be bought only at Neat Uniforms, located at 1050 Boundary Road and includes: school shirts, sweaters, kilts, and pants as well as navy socks. There is also a summer uniform available, which can be worn between Victoria Day in May and Thanksgiving in October.

Please note that boys’ pants that are not purchased at Neat Uniforms are not acceptable. Please ensure you have bought an adequate supply of navy blue socks; white socks are suitable for PE classes only. Neat Uniforms has set aside June 17th to June 23rd to look after our school’s needs.

We expect our students to wear the St. Joseph’s uniform with pride. Uniforms that are torn or tattered do not show school spirit and must be replaced right away. There will be a consequence for students who are not wearing the appropriate uniform.

Inquiry Fair

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Inquiry Fair on May 28. The excitement level throughout the school on that day was incredible. Because the students were able to pursue topics that ignited their passion, they put their full effort into both the process and the product. It was wonderful to see the students so excited about learning. Special thanks to all of the teachers, who guided the students in the process of inquiry, helping them to formulate questions and to conduct their research. Congratulations to everyone on a job well done!

Maintenance

Any parents who are interested in getting a jump on their hours for the 2019-2020 school year are welcome to continue weeding and sweeping the grounds throughout the summer. Also, the planters and gardens need to be watered.

After School Club

Invoices will be sent home until the 14th of June. After this time, After School club is cash only payable at the time of pick-up.

Last Day of School June 27th

The last day of school for the students will be on Thursday, June 27. The day will begin as usual at 8:40am and we will proceed to Mass at the church at 9:00am. Following Mass, we will gather in the school gym for the final awards and recognition assembly. Students will be dismissed for the summer holidays at 11:00am on that day. We hope to have many parents join us for our closing events. The staff will be completing their final paperwork and cleaning in the afternoon and on June 28.

School Accounts

Participation and Fundraising

Thank you to all of our families who took part in our participation and fundraising programs this year. Our staff is truly committed to the well-being of the students, but, without your financial and physical support, we would not be able to provide the variety of programs that we offer here at St. Joseph's.

Invoices will be sent out shortly for families who were unable to fulfill their participation and fundraising, or who have outstanding balances in other areas. All accounts must be paid in full by June 14th. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in settling your accounts as soon as possible.

Farewell

The time has come to bid our grade sevens good-bye and good luck as they move forward into high school. We thank them for the years of joy that they have brought to the St. Joseph's community, and for their leadership this year. We hope that they will bring the spirit of St. Joseph's with them wherever they go. Please keep our grade sevens in your prayers as they take this important step in their lives. May God bless them on their way. As in every year, we must say good-bye to some of our families:

Alex Borowski, David Dinh, Liam Hoang, Axel Mino, Kyle Mori, Ann-Marie Nguyen, Brittney Nguyen, Catherine Nguyen, Linh Nguyen, Trinh Nguyen, Erika Pena, Gisel Ponce-Espinoza, Mateo Prada, Emily Trinh, Victoria Trinh, Malaya Vickery, Juliene Vosotros and Luke Vu who will be moving on to high school with their youngest children. We thank you for your commitment and support of our school throughout the years and we wish you God's blessings as you move into a new phase of your family life.

Enrolment

We still have space in all grades for the next school year. If you know of someone who is looking for a quality Catholic education, please encourage them to contact the school office to pick up a registration package or to download one from our school website saintjosephschool.ca. Remember that the referral of a family that results in a complete registration fulfills your participation requirements for the next school year.

The first day of school for the students in September will be Tuesday, September 3. We will begin our day at the regular time, 8:40am. The students will go to their classrooms when the bell rings and classes will proceed to the church for Mass at 9:00am. After Mass, they will return to their classrooms until the dismissal at 11:00am. We will have tea and coffee for parents in the school library after Mass and we hope that many of you will come

Looking Ahead to September

to re-acquaint yourself with the returning parents and welcome the new parents to our community. Meet the Teacher night will be on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30pm. On that night, we will have a general parent meeting and then you will have the opportunity to visit your children's classrooms to hear presentations from the classroom teachers. At least one parent from each family must attend this meeting and one hour of

participation will be granted for attendance. Outdoor Education for the students in grades six and seven will take place from Wednesday, September 11 to Friday, September 13. The parent meeting for this event will be held at Meet the Teacher night and at least one parent must attend this meeting. Information will be shared about the trip and there will be the opportunity for parents to ask questions of the teachers at this time.

Office Hours

St. Joseph's School's office will be closed from July 8th to August 21st.

September Bottle Drive

Save your refundable bottles!

We will be having our first bottle drive on September 18, 2019, so we would appreciate if you can store your bottles over the summer.