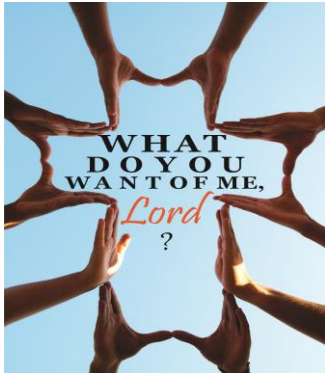


# May Newsletter



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## Dear Parents,

We have now entered the month of Our Lady. It seems fitting that the month that is filled with beautiful spring flowers, warm breezes and new life would be dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple and the mother of us all. We will spend the month of

May honouring Mary with prayers, the Rosary and by learning more about her. If we think about it, we can see Our Lady interceding for us with her son, asking for his mercy for us, pleading on our behalf. These are the things that a mother does for her

children, and we know that Mary will always be our advocate. Let us take time during May to ponder all that Mary did during her life, and all that she continues to do for us. Our Lady, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

## First Friday Mass Chancellor Music Festival

Thank you to our grade one students for leading us in a beautiful liturgy to honour Our Lady. It was a wonderful way to begin our month dedicated to our Mother, Mary.

Our school choir will perform at the Chancellor Music Festival on Wednesday, May 8 at 10:30am. Parents are most welcome to attend the performance, which will take place at Our Lady of Mercy School.

## Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> Track Meet

We will host our own St. Joseph's track meet on May 9, in which all members will participate. More information regarding the meets later in the season will follow as the time draws nearer.

## Mayfair at Vancouver College

Please support VC's annual timeless tradition on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 4:00pm. It is a family friendly event offering fun for everyone!

## Vocations Sunday

Sunday, May 12 has been designated by the Church as The World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During the week following, the students will be praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life every morning by praying a decade of the Rosary in their classrooms. We ask that you remember this important intention during your own family prayers during that week.

## Important Dates:

- May 2** - Jeans Day
- May 3** - 9:00am  
Mass - Crowning of Mary (Gr. 1)
- May 8** -Chancellor Music Festival
- May 9**– St. Joseph’s Track Meet
- May 11** – Mayfair @ Van. College
- May 12** – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- May 13** – Living Rosary
- May 15** - Class Photos
- May 17** –PEC Nominations Due
- May 20** – *Victoria Day No School*
- May 21** – *Non-instructional Day No School*
- May 23** – Reconciliation
- May 24** – Colour Day for Food Bank School Supply orders due
- May 25** – First Communion
- May 28** – Inquiry Fair
- May 26** – PEC Elections
- May 31** – Fundraising and Participation Cut-off

## Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Class Photos Living Rosary

We will pray the Living Rosary, meditating on the Glorious Mysteries at 9:00am on Monday, May 13 in the school gym. Please join us as we honour Our Lady during this month dedicated to her.

## Victoria Day and Non-Instructional Day

Please be reminded that the school will be closed on Monday, May 20 for Victoria Day and on Tuesday, May 21 for a non-instructional day. There will be no classes held on either of those days.

Our class photos will be taken on Wednesday, May 15. Please ensure that your children are in full uniform on that day, including school sweaters.

## Sacraments

We would like to remind you of the dates for our sacraments this month:

- The Grade Two students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30pm
- The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be on Saturday, May 25 at the 5:00pm parish Mass

Please continue to pray for our students as they take these momentous steps in their faith journeys.

## Colour Day

On Friday, May 24, we will collect food for the Vancouver Food Bank with a Colour Day. The students may wear their sports clothing (jerseys, team colours, etc.) instead of their uniforms if they bring in at least one non-perishable food item. We ask for your generosity and consider sending more than one item, as the stock at the Vancouver Food Bank is always low during this time of the year. Thank you for your support; we hope that we can collect many items for those in need in our city.

The items that are most in need at the Food Bank are:

- Canned fish or meats
- Canned beans, kidney, black bean, chickpeas
- 100% nut butters
- Pasta and rice
- Canned vegetables, pasta sauces
- Canned fruit, packed in its own juice or water
- Whole grain breakfast cereals
- Hearty soups, stews and chili

Due to health and safety concerns, the food bank is not able to accept the following items:

- Homemade items
- Expired food
- Products containing alcohol
- Open packages of food

## School Supplies

School supply lists for next year will be sent home shortly. We highly recommend that you buy your children's supplies through Creative Children, so that they will have the same products as are required by the teachers. The children are at a disadvantage if they do not have the supplies necessary to do their work at school and we hope that you will order the classroom package for them in order to give them a great start to their next school year. Order forms are due by Friday, May 24. Please make cheques payable to Creative Children.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our spring book fair. We were able to raise funds for the teachers to spend on resources for their classrooms. Thank you also to those families who donated books from the

## Inquiry Fair

Our Inquiry Fair was scheduled previously for May 7, but we have postponed it to **Tuesday, May 28**. As this is the first time that we have worked with the students in this endeavour, we realized that they needed more time to complete their projects well. More information regarding the day will follow soon, but parents will be welcome to view the projects. The students are working very hard and are engaging in some great research and inquiry, and we are looking forward to celebrating the fruits of their labours.

teachers' wish lists. Your children will be so happy to read these new books during silent reading time! We very much appreciate your generosity as we work to support literacy at St. Joseph's.

## Looking Ahead

Please be reminded that there will be no school for the students on Monday, June 3, as the teachers will be involved in a Planning Day for next year on that day.

## CISVA Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Daniel Suzuki for participating in the annual CISVA Spelling Bee. Daniel was the winner of our St. Joseph's Spelling Bee and therefore took part in the system-wide Bee on April 30 against 21 other schools. He worked hard to study and prepare and did a wonderful job of representing St. Joseph's. Thank you, Daniel. Well done!

## Fundraising and Participation Goals

A reminder that the cut-off date for Fundraising and Participation is May 31, 2019. All hours and dollars accumulated in June will be credited to your 2019-2020 goal. Our Shopeasy program is an easy way to accomplish the \$250 yearly minimum!

## Track and Field

Thank you to our primary track coaches for a wonderful season. Mrs. Fader, Ms. O'Connell, and Ms. Riley worked so hard to get our young students out running and training for their track meet. There was wonderful spirit throughout the season and the students feel very accomplished. Great work, everyone! Our intermediate track team will continue to practice until the beginning of June.

## Thank you

Thank you to all who took part in our Spring Colour Day. Together, we raised \$243 for Covenant House. We also raised \$800 for BC Children's Hospital on Jeans Day. Thank you for supporting our outreach efforts!

## Tuition Cheques for Next Year

If you have not forwarded your tuition cheques to the office for next year, please do so by May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 2019-2020 School Year

We still have room in several grades for registrations for next year. If you know someone who is looking for Catholic education for their child, please let them know that we would welcome new students of diverse faiths to our school community. Please help us to spread the word about our school!

## Uniform Reminder

Students must wear their black school shoes on the way to school and when they leave school. They are not permitted to wear running shoes, as they are not part of the school uniform. Thank you very much for reminding your children to wear their school uniform with pride.

## St. Joseph's School Raffle Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle this year!

The lucky winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize \$2500	Ticket 09194 Tran Cong Ton sold by Brittney Nguyen Gr. 7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1000	Ticket 06955 Quang Nguyen sold by Ann-Marie Nguyen Gr. 7
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500	Ticket 06637 Guillerma Tengku sold by Rhea Tengku Gr. 6
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize \$250	Ticket 03542 Bernadette Pedrozo sold by Patrick Pedrozo Gr. 5
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize \$100	Ticket 03249 Ms. Pham & Mr. Ngo sold by Maria Pham Ngo Gr. 4

