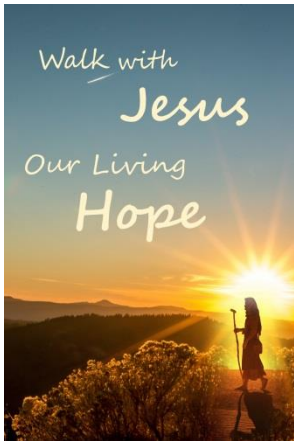


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May Newsletter



Walk with
Jesus in the
Holy Spirit

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38

Dear Parents,

We have now entered the beautiful month of May and we turn our devotions once again to Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Pope Francis has asked us to dedicate this month to pray for an end to the pandemic. In the announcement, the

Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization said that "for the deep desire of the Holy Father, the month of May will be dedicated to a prayer marathon with the theme 'Prayer to God went up incessantly from the

whole Church.'" As a faith community, let us gather as one for this marathon of prayer; let us ask Our Lady to intercede for us with her Son, to bring an end to the terrible suffering that our world continues to endure.

CISVA Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Timothy Truong in grade seven, who participated in the Virtual CISVA Spelling Bee on April 27. Timothy finished in fourth place, which is a new high for St. Joseph's! Thank you for your hard work and for representing our school so well. Great job!

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Colour Day for Covenant House last month. Together, we raised \$508, which was a wonderful contribution from our school. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone for your support of our annual raffle. If you have not yet returned your tickets (both sold and unsold), please do so by Friday, May 7. The PEC will conduct the draw on Wednesday, May 19 at noon at the school. Good luck to everyone!

Inquiry Fair

As you know, the students are working hard on their inquiry projects, in preparation for the fair later in the month. It is impressive to see the intense research and critical thinking of the students as they seek answers to their inquiry questions. We recognize that you will not be able to attend the fair this year, but we will find a way to share the experience with you virtually.

Important Dates:

- May 7** – Raffle
Tickets due to office
- May 19** – Raffle Draw
- May 24** – *Victoria Day No School*
- May 31** –
Colour/Jersey Day for Food Bank
- May 31** –
Fundraising and Participation Cut-off

Victoria Day

Please be reminded that the school will be closed on Monday, May 24 for Victoria Day. Enjoy your long weekend!

Fundraising and Participation Goals

A reminder that the cut-off date for Fundraising and Participation is May 31, 2021. All hours and dollars accumulated in June will be credited to your 2021-2022 goal. Our Shopeasy program is an easy way to accomplish the \$250 yearly minimum!

On Monday, May 31, we will have Jersey Day to collect funds for the Vancouver Food Bank. On that day, for a minimum donation of \$2.00, the students may wear their favourite

School supply lists for next year are attached in the newsletter email and can also be found on our website www.saintjosephschool.ca Student school supply packs may be ordered ONLINE @ <https://creativepacks.ca/collections/packs/st-joseph's-elementary-vcr> or purchased at stores. We highly recommend that you buy your

Colour Day

sports jerseys or sports clothing instead of their uniforms. Please note that we have decided not to collect food items because the Food Bank has more buying power with a cash

School Supplies

children's supplies through Creative Children before July 4, qualifying for free shipping to our school. This will ensure that your child has the same products that are requested by the teachers. The children are at a disadvantage if they do not have the supplies necessary to do their work at school. Part "A" are the

donation. The Food Bank often has low resources during the spring, and we are looking forward to supporting the important work that they do.

essential items. Part "B" lists items that your children may already have, but if they do not must purchase. Part "C" are totally optional. Cash orders **will not** be accepted at the office this year. Packs ordered after July 4th will be charged a \$10.65 home delivery charge and \$14 charge after August 2nd, so please order early!

School Playground

The PEC has decided to undertake a fundraising campaign to build a new playground on the intermediate side of the school. For more information, please go to the GoFundMe page at <https://charity.gofundme.com/st-joe-playground>.

The sky's awake, the birds 'r awake, the trees 'r awake,
Will you help us play?



Our cause may not seem much, but it's ours and it serves a purpose far greater than just a place for us to play.

Please consider **DONATING:**
Web:
 - charity.gofundme.com/st-joe-playground
 - bit.ly/8aTp7Qe (In the *Leave a comment* box, enter: 'playground')
St. Joseph's School: 3261 Fleming St, Vancouver, BC
St. Joseph's Parish: 1612 E 18th Ave, Vancouver, BC