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October Newsletter



*Living, Celebrating, and
Proclaiming our Faith
through:*

Economic Justice
*(The dignity of work and
the Rights of Workers)*



**Giving thanks to our
school community.**

Thank you everyone for
all you do for our school.



Dear Parents,

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Welcome to the month of October! September was very exciting, and it was great to welcome all of the students back to school and hear about their summers. In particular, I would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming to me as I began my journey as principal. Your welcome and the good nature of your children has helped my transition to be as smooth as possible. As I have said to many people, the energy that the students bring to our school is contagious and they are a blessing to all of us.

Our fall sports programs are well under way with volleyball in full swing and our CISVA Cross Country Championships happening this week. I would like to thank our teacher coaches for their dedication to our extra-curricular programs. I am also extremely excited about our Walkathon this Friday and our theme of "Helping Hands". I look forward to the opportunity to walk with all the kids as well as using our Walkathon as one of our main fundraising drives.

As you may know, in the Church, October is dedicated to Mary and to the Rosary. In fact, this Saturday, October 7th, is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will be celebrating this by participating in the Living Rosary on October 16th, led by our Grade 3 class. We also hope that you will commit some time as a family to praying the Rosary together this month.

Uniforms

Please be reminded that students are to wear black shoes at school. Any shoes that have colour on them (including white rubber soles) are not permitted. If your child is wearing this type of shoe, it must be replaced by Thanksgiving.

The time for the summer uniform (shorts and skirts) will end after Thanksgiving. The students need to wear their regular uniform at all times beginning Tuesday, October 10th. Thank you for helping the students to wear their uniforms with pride!

Please label all items including coats, jackets and shoes with your child's name. It really helps if we are able to identify clothing that is lost and found. Unlabeled items will be put in our Lost and Found cupboard located in the main hallway. Unclaimed items at Christmas, Spring Break and the end of the year will be donated to charity.

Walkathon: October 6, 2023

Our annual Walkathon will be held on Friday, October 6th at Trout Lake. As you know, this is our major fundraiser for the year and we ask for your support. We will begin the day with Mass at the church at 9:00 and the students will be dismissed directly from there to begin the walkathon. **Students will be dismissed from the school at 1200pm.** There is no afterschool club on this day.

The theme this year is HELPING HANDS; celebrating those who help in our community. Everyone is invited to come dressed as their favourite community worker such as a nurse, fire fighter etc. For those that don't come in costume they can wear their school gym uniform. (shirt/shorts/hoodie/joggers)

This year we are happy that Father Minh from our school parish will be joining us during our Walkathon. Pledges for Father Minh can be made at the parish or at the school.

They need to bring a water bottle which is labelled with their names to carry on the walk, and we will provide a snack. Please remind your children that Trout Lake is a public place and that we will be sharing the route with other people.

Thank you to those parents who have signed up on OnVolunteers to help us with the various duties at the walkathon. Please be reminded that you need to sign up for a job in order to qualify for participation hours.

Walkathon pledges must be submitted to the school before Thursday, October 5th.

Permission slips must be returned to the classroom teachers by October 7th.

All money must be submitted to the school no later than October 16th.

Fundraising

Our Purdy's Christmas Campaign has started. If you buy chocolates for Christmas gifts, please consider buying them through our school link. 25% of the sales come back to the school!

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1573503-107872>

Gift cards are always available for purchase and special order. Percentages to the school range from 1% to 10%. Order form is available in the office or on the school website.

Cross-Country

Our cross-country team has had a successful season. We have been blessed with beautiful weather and the students on the team have committed themselves to coming to practices and running their best. Everyone on the team had the opportunity to take part in a meet last week and it was a great event!

We are limited in the number of entries we can submit to the CISVA Cross-Country meet this week, but we know that they will represent our school well and will do their best!

Special thanks to our coaches this season: Mrs. Pizzolato, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Fader, Mrs. van der Kooi, and Mrs. De Beer. Thank you for all of your time and effort and cheering!

Important Dates

Fall Colour Day: October 17th

On Tuesday, October 17th, the students may wear their autumn colours (red, orange, yellow, brown) instead of their school uniforms, in exchange for a minimum donation of \$2.00. The money we collect will be donated to our Sister School in Africa. Thank you for your generosity to this cause.

Open House

On Thursday, November 9th, between 9:00am and 1:00pm, we will hold an Open House for prospective families. It will be a regular day for our students, but people who are considering enrolling their children at St. Joseph's will be able to tour our school and see our students in action. If you know of anyone who is looking for a new school for their children, or has a child of kindergarten age, please encourage them to visit us on that day. Remember that a successful referral results in a \$300 rebate on your tuition for next year.

Halloween

The students will be able to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Tuesday, October 31 if they wish. When you are choosing your child's costume, please be mindful of the meaning of Halloween, which is All Hallow's Eve. We **DO NOT** allow the following items: masks (except medical face masks), gory make-up, costumes portraying violence or having play weapons, and costumes such as witches, devils, ghosts, or costumes that may be frightening to the younger students. The students may wear orange and black clothing instead of a costume if they choose to do so. There is no charge for this non-uniform day.

Thank you!

Thank you to our volunteers who have been helping to patrol the traffic in the mornings and afternoons. In addition, I would like to thank all those who are following the traffic rules. We continue to receive some complaints from neighbours, so I encourage all of you to follow the traffic regulations.

Please be reminded that there is no driving on the school parking lot between the hours of 7:30am and 5:00pm, even if you are dropping off your child for sports or picking them up from Afterschool Club. Thank you for helping to keep everyone in our community safe.

Thank you to our volunteers who have been supervising the parking lot during arrival time. Please make sure to wear a vest when supervising so you can be easily identified by the staff, parents and students.

Library

Thank you to our volunteers who have been helping us prepare the library for the school year. Please contact the school before you volunteer in case the library is not available to use that day. Thank you!

Parent Resource

Here is a link from Children’s Hospital to check resources to help your child with the start the school year. <http://www.bcchildrens.ca/health-info/healthy-living/back-to-school>







Google Review!

Write a Google review of St. Joseph’s School and you will be entered into a draw for a Starbucks gift card! In order to spread the news about our school, we ask that you write a review for us by October 31. Thank you for your support!

Emergency Drills

We are conducting drills to prepare the children in the event of an emergency, such as a fire, earthquake or lockdown. Please have a conversation with your children to reassure them that they have the skills required to keep themselves safe in an emergency.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Angelus at Noon every day - Gr. 7						30
1	2 NO SCHOOL Observance of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	3  Individual Photos	4 CISVA Cross Country Championship	5	6  9:00 Mass - Gr. 3 Walk-a-thon 12:00pm Dismissal	7
8	9  Happy Thanksgiving School Closed	10	11	12	13  9:00 Mass - Gr. 7	14
15	16 Assembly/ Living Rosary Joyful Mysteries - Gr.3	17 Fall Colour Day	18	19	20  9:00 Mass - Gr. 5	21
22	23 Assembly	24	25	26	27  9:00 Mass - Gr. 4	28
29	30 Assembly	31 