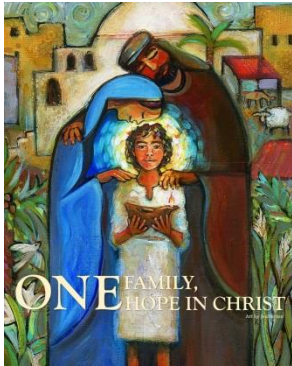


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October Newsletter



"Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

Dear Parents,

We have said good-bye to the month of September and are now fully ensconced in the school year. The students have settled in well and are following the classroom and school routines. This month we think about the symbolism of the harvest and we

celebrate Thanksgiving together. We have much to be thankful for, as always, and we call to mind all of God's blessings. Our greatest blessing is to be members of our St. Joseph's community, where we can work and grow in our faith together. What greater

gift could there be? Let us be thankful for the presence of God in our lives throughout this entire month, not just on October 11; let us be thankful for one another and pray for the well-being of all. Happy Thanksgiving!

Safe Haven Sunday

Sunday, October 3 is Safe Haven Sunday in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, on which all of the parishes will focus on the issue of pornography. It is a difficult and unattractive topic, but our children are exposed so early and easily in our world today and we need to address it in our families; ignoring it may have serious consequences for our children. Earlier in the week, your child brought home a

booklet called *Equipped*. Please take some time to read and reflect upon it and use it to guide conversations in your households about pornography. It is the hope of Archbishop Miller that families will be able to have open and useful conversations to equip their children to cope in the world. (To access the 7 day email challenge go to <https://learn.covenanteyes.com/challenge-equipped>)

Picture Day

Lifetouch Studios will be in the school on Tuesday, October 5, to photograph the students for their school pictures in their full uniforms. Proofs will be sent home approximately 3 weeks later for you to select packages if you would like to purchase any. If you are not interested in purchasing a package please return the proofs as they are property of Lifetouch Studios.

October 8th Walkathon! Dismissal at 12:00pm

Important Dates:

October:

1 – 9:00am Mass–Gr. 6

3 – Safe Haven Sunday

5 – Picture Day

8 –Walkathon

12:00pm Dismissal

11 – Thanksgiving

Holiday **No School**

19 – Fall Colour Day

25 & 26 – St. Joseph's

Cross Country Meet

We will begin our long Thanksgiving weekend with our annual walkathon. As you know, this is our major fundraiser for the year and we ask for your support.

Our day will begin at the usual time, and we will proceed to the church at 9:00am for Mass. The students will leave directly from the church to walk to Trout Lake to begin the walkathon. After completing their walk, they will return to St. Joseph's to be dismissed at 12:00pm. The students must be dressed in the St. Joseph's gym strip, with jackets or sweatshirts, as appropriate for the weather. They also need to bring a water bottle which is labelled

with their names to carry on the walk. We will provide a snack. All students must walk with their classes throughout the entire morning. Please remind your children that Trout Lake is a public place, and that they must share the track with other people and not litter.

Please note that we will need parent volunteers in the following areas: to walk with the students; to stand at checkpoints around Trout Lake; to manage the traffic at crosswalks in order to help the students to cross safely. We request that ALL parent volunteers wear masks at all times. You can log your volunteer hours (maximum four hours) through

OnVolunteers. Thank you in advance for your help with our walkathon.

All pledges must be submitted to the office by Monday, October 18 in order for the students to be eligible for the great prizes. Those students who collect \$300 or more will be eligible for the grand prize. Those who collect over \$200 will be eligible for the second prize and over \$100 for third prize. In addition, for every \$25.00 that the students collect, their names are entered in the draw for the other prizes. The more you bring in, the greater your chance to win a prize!

Thanksgiving Oct. 11th No School

A Thanksgiving Prayer:

O Lord,
How full is this world of your unending creativity.
How astounding is creation in all its variety.
How breathtaking is new life, growth and transformation.
How wonderful is your provision for us your children!
This day, we celebrate your great goodness with thankful hearts and joyful lives.

Earthquake Early Warning System

All of the CISVA schools have an Earthquake Early Warning System. We will have a system-wide drill this month to ensure that all of our students are aware of the proper safety procedure in the event of an earthquake.

Earthquake Packs

If you have not returned your child's earthquake baggie with fresh supplies for this year, please do so. Should there be a drastic earthquake, your child needs to be prepared!

Important Immunization Information for Grade 6 and 7 parents

This school year, we will be running our usual immunization clinics for our Grade 6's at the school but will also be including the Grade 7's who missed the opportunity to be immunized for target grade immunizations (HPV and any other outstanding vaccines) last year. There will be two clinics this year, the first on **Monday, November 8th**. The spring date is yet to

be determined. Consents will be coming home by the second week of October. Due to time constraints this fall term, there will be no follow up phone calls if consents are not returned. Students will only be immunized with parental consent. If your child does not receive a consent form, it is because they are already in progress getting vaccines elsewhere or

are already complete for their age. Please read the pink form and the consent form very carefully. Return consents to school as soon as possible. If you are consenting to vaccines, please ensure you have ticked the box for the vaccines you want given or not given, signed and dated the form and indicated that you are the parent or guardian. Covid 19 vaccine will

also be offered to any students who turn 12 by the end of this year, but again, only with parental consent. Please ensure that your child wears a short sleeved shirt and has breakfast on the day of the clinic. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at: 604-872-2511, local 3308 or email me at: cindy.diett@vch.ca Thanks very much, Cindy Diett, PHN School Nurse

Colour Day Tues., Oct. 19th

On Tuesday, October 19, in exchange for a minimum \$2.00 donation, the students may wear autumn colours (orange, yellow, brown, red) instead of their uniforms. The proceeds will go to support the ongoing needs of the community of Lytton, which was so devastated by the wildfires during the summer.

Agape Ministry Halloween

Students may come to school in their Halloween costumes on Thursday, October 28th or in black clothing. We do not allow costumes which would be frightening to the younger students. In addition, we do not allow the following

items: play weapons, masks, costumes which indicate violence. Students are invited once again this year to donate their extra candy to Agape Ministry. Please have your children place their donations in the box at the office.

Fall Book Fair

Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be able to have our annual Scholastic Book Fair at this time. We are hoping to be able to hold one in the spring.

100th Anniversary of St. Joseph's School

Our school will be 100 years old in 2022 and we need to celebrate! We are looking for two parents to coordinate our celebration in the spring. If you are interested, please contact the school office. We are looking forward to marking this important milestone with fun and festivities!

Google Reviews

Write a Google review and win! Everyone who writes a review on Google before October 29 will be placed in a draw for a Starbucks gift card. Thank you for spreading the good news about our school!

Coats & Sweaters

Now that the cooler weather has arrived, please make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing. Unless it is raining heavily, the students will be outside in the mornings and during recess and lunch breaks and therefore must have a coat or jacket at school every day.

Traffic Volunteers

We have an immediate need for more traffic volunteers. We need to have one person stationed on Fleming Street and at least one stationed on 15th Avenue in order to maintain the safety of our students. The shifts are as follows: Monday through Friday 8:30 – 9:00am and 2:30-3:00pm. If you are able to help us in this area for any shifts throughout the week, please contact Phu Nguyen at PDN3791@yahoo.com

It is a good idea to check your children's hair regularly for head lice. Nits (eggs) are attached to the hair close to the scalp. Nits are white to light brown in color and may be confused with dandruff. Nits are firmly attached to the hair and do not move unless you slide them down the hair

OnVolunteers

If you have not yet received your login and password for OnVolunteers please contact Phu Nguyen at PDN3791@yahoo.com. Please be reminded that all hours must be logged via OnVolunteers. If you require assistance or have questions please direct them to Phu Nguyen.

Homework

Please be reminded that the students are expected to read (or be read to) for at least 20 minutes each day and to complete a certain amount of homework each night, dependent on the age level of the child. We ask that you continue to monitor

Head Lice

strand. Adult lice are difficult to see as they move quickly. They are the size of a sesame seed and are tan to greyish white. You must purchase the correct shampoo at a pharmacy to treat the lice. You must inform the school and your child must stay away from school until it has been

Cross Country Meet

Our Cross Country teams will finish their season with the St. Joseph's Cross Country Meet at Clark Park on October 25th for the primary students and October 26th for the intermediate students. Let's hope the weather holds out for them.

your child's work and ensure that it is being completed every night. By the same token, if your child appears to be spending excessive amounts of time on nightly homework, please see his or her teacher in order to discuss this issue.

treated. Please be assured that, when you let us know that your child has lice, your identity will remain confidential. For more information, please visit the BC Ministry of Health website at www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles/hfile06stmc