

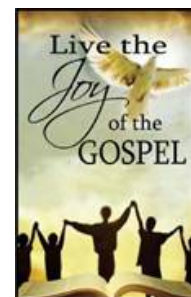


# ST. JAMES NEWSLETTER #4

October 16, 2014

School website: [www.stjamesvernon.com](http://www.stjamesvernon.com)

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## Upcoming Events

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| October 19      | Grade 2 First Communion enrolment ceremony at 10:30 Mass at OLOV   |
| October 21      | Pizza Day  |
| October 22 - 24 | Scholastic Book Fair in the library  |
| October 23      | Parent-Teacher conferences from 3 to 8pm   |
| October 24      | Parent-Teacher conferences from 9am to 3pm; <b>NO SCHOOL</b> for students                                      |
| October 27      | School Council meeting at 6:30pm in the staff room; all parents are welcome                                    |
| October 28      | Pizza Day  |
| October 30      | Hot Lunch Day  |
| October 31      | Hallowe'en activities; wear a costume to school  |
| November 2      | <b>Set your clocks back an hour</b>  |
| November 3      | Winter uniform in effect. PSG meeting at 6:00pm in the staff room; all parents are welcome                     |
| November 6      | Students can wear RED, WHITE, BLACK in honour of Remembrance Day   |
| November 7      | FULL UNIFORM DAY First Friday Mass at 9:00am at St. James Church; Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30 in the gym |



Thank you to Mr. Rossetti and the school choir who led parishioners in the prayer service at St. James Church on the evening of Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

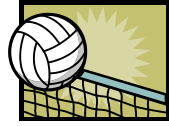
## Attention Lords & Ladies!

Prepare to discover the wonderful world of books when the Scholastic Book Fair, "Kingdom of Books" comes to St. James School! This exciting reading event takes place from October 22<sup>nd</sup> thru to October 24<sup>th</sup> and everyone is invited by royal decree! There will be fun activities, great contests and a special Family event on Thursday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30-8pm. If you bring your whole family to the Kingdom of Books, you'll have a chance to win FREE BOOKS! We are also hoping to provide some Christian/ Catholic choices, so please get your Christmas, First Communion & Confirmation gift-giving lists ready! See you there!



## VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULES

Boys and Girls volleyball schedules are posted on the school's web site.



**THANKS FROM THE PSG and the School Staff** to all the volunteers who came out to cheer on the students and make this year's WALKATHON a great success! The weather cooperated and we were able to have our Walkathon at Polson Park, as planned! To date, the students have raised over \$7300 and many students have received Village Green gift cards. The cards were given out to students on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.



## POINSETTIA SALES!

Poinsettia fundraiser forms were sent home to all families on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Poinsettias and wreaths are available to purchase. **Orders are due back at the school by Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Besides purchasing poinsettias or wreaths for your own home, consider purchasing them as gifts for family, friends, the church, a seniors' facility, etc., or for your office or business. They make wonderful

colourful displays during the Christmas season and the quality is always exceptional. Plants are available for pick-up at the school on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11am and 2:30 to 6:30pm.



If you want up-to-date information remember to check out our school's Facebook page and our school's web site.

**HALLOWE'EN FUN** at the school. Students may wear costumes to school on October 31<sup>st</sup>. For safety reasons, students are not to wear masks; instead, they can decorate their faces if they want. Costumes that depict violence or other things deemed inappropriate for a Catholic school must be avoided. Classrooms will enjoy a variety of Hallowe'en activities that day.

On **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** we move into the season for **winter uniforms**. Long pants, rather than shorts, are to be worn. Girls should be wearing navy or white tights or leggings. Except for conditions of heavier rain or extreme cold, students go outside before school, during recess, and at lunch play time. Please check the weather forecast and have your children wear suitable outer clothing (e.g. winter jackets, mitts, boots, and scarves on cold days).

## ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL

It is the policy of the Catholic Independent Schools of the Kamloops Diocese to create **allergen-aware environments** in our schools. As a school community, we are aware that students who have potentially life-threatening allergies can go into anaphylactic shock. We have protocols in place in such an event. We do ask the cooperation of parents to be sensitive to the requirements of some of our students. If you are not sure what an allergen-aware environment looks like, check out web sites such as [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org)



**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS** On a daily basis, items show up in our Lost and Found! Right now, all these items - including uniform pieces, jackets, runners, water bottles, etc. are on a table in the main hallway. Please take the time when you come for Conferences and the Book Fair to check out these items. Clearly labelled items are always returned to students! As well, please check the clothing items that your child brings home as sometimes children bring home clothing items that don't belong to them. Return these items to the classroom teacher as quickly as possible so that we can get these things back to the rightful owners.

Playground surveys were sent home yesterday to all families. We are asking for input from parents as we look at the best ways to organize our play areas to best meet the needs of our students and to keep all children as safe as possible.



### **Qualified Substitutes for St. James School**

St. James School is in need of additional qualified teachers and educational assistants to serve as substitutes when staff members are sick or away. If you are interested in either of these substitute positions, please submit a resume to the school office - attention Mrs. Dianne Wilson, Principal.

St. Joseph's Catholic Christian Store in Kamloops is excited to bring you the beautiful movie, **Mary of Nazareth**, featuring the life of Mary from her childhood through to the Resurrection of Jesus. It is showing at the Paramount Theatre in Kamloops on **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am**. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God. You can view the trailer at [www.maryfilm.com](http://www.maryfilm.com). Tickets are \$10 each; call St. Joseph's Store at 1-778-4671-6100 for further details. Once the movie has been shown, it will also be available for purchase on DVD.

### **ITEMS BROUGHT FROM HOME**

Many students bring special items from home (e.g. Lego, Pokeman cards) to play with at school. Unfortunately, we have some students who seem to think that it is acceptable to take things that don't belong to them. This is very upsetting both to the students whose things get taken but also to their parents and the school staff. We work hard to instill honesty and respect in all our students. If you notice that your child has something that does not belong to them, please return the item to the school and talk to your child about respecting the belongings of others. Thank you so much for your cooperation and support.

### **Easy Ways to Support Our School**

**Recycling of Bottles** - St. James School has made arrangements with Chaser Bottle Depot and Interior Bottle Depot that all monies received from returning your empties will go to St. James School. Please tell the clerks that you would like the money donated to St. James School.

**Cobbs Bread** - When you purchase items at Cobbs Bread, identify yourself as a supporter of St. James School and the school receives a percentage of the sale.

### **"Mabel's Labels" Fundraiser**

Purchases of high quality, personalized, waterproof labels, tags, child safety products, household labels and seasonal items will earn 20% for our school. Purchases are made online worldwide through their website; e-gift cards are also available for future use and gift giving.

<https://www.mabelsfundraising.com/campaigns/15896-st-james-school-vernon/fundraisers/36260-psg-st-james-school>