

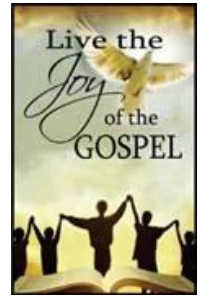


ST. JAMES NEWSLETTER #6

November 12, 2014

School website: www.stjamesvernon.com

Live the Joy of the Gospel



Remember to check the web site and the Facebook page for the latest news and calendars from the school.

Upcoming Events

November 13	Hot Lunch Day
November 18	Pizza Day
November 19-20	Pick up your poinsettias in the music room from 9-11am and 2:30-6:30pm
November 22	CWL Annual Tea and Bazaar at the parish centre from 11am to 2pm
November 24	School Council meeting at 6:30pm
November 25	Pizza Day; Uniform sale - 2:30 to 4:30pm and 6:30 to 7:30pm
November 27	Hot Lunch Day
November 28	First Term report cards go home
November 30	First Sunday of Advent
December 1	PSG meeting at 6:00pm
December 9	Advent Mission by All Access Ministries from Calgary, Alberta
December 18	Christmas Concert at 10:30am and 6:30pm
December 19	DISMISSAL AT NOON for the Christmas break



Pen Pals in Belize

St. James School is proud to be starting a pen pal program with our friends at Santa Elena Primary School in Belize, Central America. This is an English speaking, Catholic school in a rural community of this small country. The population of the school is over 1000 children. The pen pal program is open to any student from St. James School, but those students in K-2 will need their parents help with the letter. The letter is to be hand written, error free and to include as many interesting facts about yourself and your community as possible. You will **NEED** to include 1 picture of yourself in your school uniform that **has been professionally developed** (no home printer copies please).

It will be very exciting for the student in Belize to see a picture of you in your school uniform as they wear uniforms too! All letters are due into Mrs. Inzunza by Friday, November 28, 2014 at NOON sharp! Thank you in advance for participating in one part of our global outreach project!

POINSETTIA SALES!

Way to go, everyone! Sales this year were up from last year. 563 plants and 101 wreaths were sold. The net profit for the PSG will be around \$3000. Thank you to the volunteers who organized the sales and who sold poinsettias after Mass. Remember to pick up your plants either day in the music room from 9-11am and 2:30-6:30pm.

WINTER UNIFORM

Winter uniform requirements are in effect (check all the details in the previous newsletter or on the school's web site). Please remember that the gym t-shirt is not to be worn as part of the regular uniform during the winter months.

PSG Secretary

The PSG is in need of a recording secretary. This position entails the following main responsibilities: recording the minutes of the monthly meetings, distributing the minutes as required, and taking care of correspondence to and from the PSG. If you are able to take on this role, please contact the school office at 250-542-4081 or Carmen Point at carmenpoint@hotmail.com

The Okanagan Gleaners of Oliver, BC is running their 19th annual socks, mitts, scarves and underwear drive for orphaned children in Bulgaria this year. New items only. Hand-knit or bought items are acceptable. No toys please. There are collection barrels in the church. **Closing date is November 30th.**

"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>

Easy Ways to Support Our Students

- If you purchase items from Cobbs Bread, let them know that you are supporting St. James School and the school receives a portion of the sales.
- When you take your refundables to the bottle depot, let them know that you want the money credited to the school.



- Label ALL your children's clothing items, including outdoor jackets; that way, we can easily return items to the proper owner (Mabel's Labels are great for this).
- Regularly check our Lost and Found if your child is missing an item of clothing (we often have many unclaimed items - uniform pieces, shoes and runners, jackets, etc. - that end up being donated to the used uniform store or to charity).
- Check to make sure that your child's uniform pieces are in good condition. If your child has pants with ripped knees, shirts that are stained, sweaters with holes in them, etc. it is time to purchase either new or slightly used pieces from our Uniform Store.
- The next new and used uniform sale will be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH from 2:30 to 4:30pm and 6:30 to 7:30pm. This service is offered to you by uniform volunteers and we greatly appreciate their work on your behalf.

LOST AND FOUND

Each month several items in the Lost and Found are unclaimed. To date, we have donated items to the used uniform sales and to the Salvation Army. Please remind your children to check for their missing items. These are regularly put on display and students are often reminded to check the Lost and Found.