

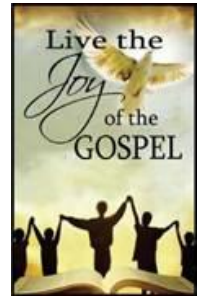


ST. JAMES NEWSLETTER #8

December 10, 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

December 11	Hot Lunch Day
December 14	Blessing of the Mission lunch volunteers at the 8:30am Mass; Mission lunch at the Parish Centre; Choir to sing at O'Keefe Ranch from 2:30 to 3:00pm
December 16	Pizza Day; choir performs at the Schubert Centre at 1:00pm
December 18	Christmas Concert at 10:30am and 6:30pm; please bring a donation for the local food bank
December 19	Mass at 9:00am; students may wear nice Christmas clothes today; DISMISSAL AT NOON for the Christmas break
January 5	School reopens after Christmas break; PSG meeting at 6:00pm
January 6	Pizza Day
January 7	School Council meeting at 6:30pm
January 9	First Friday Mass; students wear Mass uniforms
March 14-29	Spring Break
June 24	Last day of school; NOON dismissal

REGISTRATIONS for the 2015-2016 are being accepted for all grade levels. Preference is given to siblings of children already in the school and to the children of parish supporters. After March 13, registration will be open to others.

THE CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING!

- December 14 - The Victorian Christmas at the O'Keefe Ranch from 2:30 to 3:00pm
- December 16 - Schubert Centre at 1:00pm
- December 18 - School Christmas Concert at 10:30am and 6:30pm



CHRISTMAS CONCERT UPDATE

The date of the Christmas Concert is fast approaching! Tickets for both performances are now on sale at the office for \$2.00 each. The evening performance is very popular and we anticipate that it will sell out. As a courtesy to all our families, two tickets per family have been set aside for the evening concert. These are available for purchase until the office closes at 4:30pm on Tuesday, December 16th. As well, there are additional tickets for the evening concert - in limited numbers - for sale immediately. As of Wednesday morning, December 17th, unsold family tickets for the evening concert will be made available for general sale. Remember, there is always lots of space for the morning concert at 10:30am so you might want to consider purchasing tickets for that concert!

CONCERT CONCESSION Grade 7 Fundraiser

A concession will be open at 10:00 AM prior to the morning concert; it will not be open after the concert. A concession will be open by 5:45 PM prior to the evening concert; it will not be open after the concert as it may conflict with clean-up. Coffee, tea and goodies will be offered at both times. This is a fundraiser for the Grade 7 Victoria trip so they appreciate your support.

YOU ARE MEETING THE CHALLENGE!!!!

WOW! To date, over \$8800 has been raised for the upgrades to our computer lab. THANK YOU so much to all the families and parishioners who were so generous in their donations. We will accept donations until Friday; can we reach \$10,000?



READING TUTORS

Our wonderful volunteer reading tutors do an amazing job supporting several of our students to become "hooked on reading"! We are always looking for more volunteers. You can commit as little as one hour a week as a volunteer. If you are interested, or you know someone else who might be interested, please contact the school office. All volunteers need to complete a criminal record check through the Ministry of Justice; these are valid for five years. Forms are available at the school office or on the web site; there is no charge for this service for volunteers.



The School is in need of a replacement snow blower as ours has reached the end of its life. If you have a used snow blower in good working order that you no longer need, consider donating it to the school. Contact the school office for further details. Thank you.

The Grade 5 classroom would gratefully accept any of the following donations: a small microwave oven, a DVD player and a toaster. If you have any of these in good working order that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the Grade 5 classroom. Contact Ms. Bouchard, the Grade 5 teacher, or the school office for further details.

OKANAGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS (www.orl.bc.ca)

CHECK OUT all these exciting programs and events at the Vernon Public Library

- **Saturday, Dec. 13 from 2-3pm:** stories, puppets, songs and a craft for ages 6 to 8; registration is required - pick up FREE tickets at the information desk
- **Tuesday, January 20-March 3:** After-school games and Wii at 3pm for ages 8 to 12; drop in for some fun
- **Wednesday, January 21 to May 6:** Pajama Story Time at 7pm; wear your jammies and bring a stuffie
- **Wednesday, January 21 to April 8:** Lego Club Beginners for ages 6 to 8; registration required on-line or at the branch starting on December 1
- **Saturday, January 24:** Special Story Time at 10:30am for ages 2 to 5 and Puppet Show at 1:30pm for ages 6 to 8
- **Saturday, January 31:** Amazing Magic Show at 1:30pm for ages 6 to 8; special guest Ali K. Zam; registration is required and begins on January 24



VIRTUES FROM A GRADE TWO POINT OF VIEW

- I am **patient** when I wait for my mom to make lunch.
- Learning today that my daddy is going to teach me more about sports gives me **joy**.
- I am **kind** when I help Grayson. She is the best niece ever.
- I am **helpful** when I make my bed.
- My family gives me **joy**.

Ishmael's "Spear-it"



It's that time of year again! Time to get ready for the BEST EVENT of the school year; an exciting evening of creativity, teamwork, "fine dining", and laughter! But most of all, it is an evening to celebrate **READING!!!**

In February, during Catholic School's Week, we will be holding our fifth annual Ishmael's "Spear-it" Reading Extravaganza on Wednesday, Feb. 4th! The competition is similar to Battle of the Books, but involves more creative questioning, bonus points, costumes, food, and so much more! Students from grades 3 to 7 will form multi-age teams comprised of representatives from each grade level, as well as parents and/or staff members. Everyone on the team must read at least one book. The book titles have been selected for each grade level, but students can also read books from other levels once they have finished their grade level... we ask only that the adult titles remain selections for the adults (since they are extraordinarily exciting and "adultish"). We will be forming our teams in January, but everyone who wants to participate should begin **READING!!!**

Our theme this year is "Genre Jumble". We have six copies of each of the titles, but please help us by trying to borrow titles from the public library, purchasing used copies, or downloading the books onto your devices. We also ask that you return copies as soon as you as you have finished reading them.

HAPPY READING!!!!!!

GRADE 3-4

Dragonslayer's Academy New Kid at School (Kate McMullan)

The Jacket (Andrew Clements)

Cool (Michael Morpurgo)

Rick Hansen (Edward O'Conner)

GRADE 5

I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg (Lauren Tarshis)

Goodbye Marianne (Irene N. Watts)- graphic novel version

Flora & Ulysses (Kate DiCamillo)

Outlaw (Michael Morpurgo)

GRADE 6-7

Wonder (R. J. Palacio)

Heroes Guide to Saving the Kingdom (Christopher Healy)

The One and Only Ivan (Katherine Applegate)

My Friend the Enemy (Dan Smith)

ADULTS

The Giver (Lois Lowry)

The Art of Racing in the Rain (Garth Stein)

Wherever I Wind Up (R.A. Dickey)

Sarah's Key (Tatiana De Rosnay)



Remember your non-perishable food items when you come to the Christmas Concert!