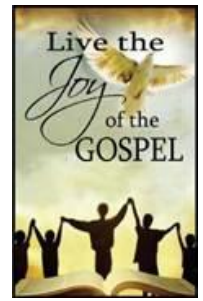


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Live the Joy of the Gospel



WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE, AFTER THE EXTENDED CHRISTMAS BREAK. WE HOPE THAT YOU HAD FUN IN THE SNOW!

Upcoming Events

January 8	PIZZA DAY (rescheduled from Tuesday's snow day)
January 9	First Friday Mass at 9:00am; students wear Mass uniforms
January 12	PSG meeting at 6:00pm (rescheduled from Jan. 5)
January 13	Pizza Day
January 15	Hot Lunch Day
January 16	Pajama and/or Wacky Hair Day
January 20	Pizza Day
January 21	Confirmation meeting at 6:30pm
January 23	Jump Rope for Heart
January 26	School Council meeting at 6:30pm
January 27	Pizza Day; Uniform sales from 2:30-4:30 and 6:30 to 7:30
January 28	Reconciliation and First Communion meeting at 6:30pm
January 29	Hot Lunch Day
February 2	PSG meeting at 6:00pm
February 3	Pizza Day; READY SET LEARN for 3 and 4 year olds
February 4	ISHMAEL'S SPEAR-IT
February 9	NO SCHOOL - BC FAMILY DAY
February 13	FAMILY FLING from 5:30 to 8:30pm in the parish centre
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.

READY, SET, LEARN

St. James School is hosting a Ready Set Learn morning for 3 and 4 year olds and their parents on **Tuesday, February 3rd** from 9:30 to 11:30am. There will be activities for the children and speakers for the adults. All children who attend will receive a special book. There will be refreshments for both the children and adults. Call the school office at 250-542-4081 to register for this event.

JUMP ROPE AND HOOPS FOR HEART

On Friday, January 23, the students will be participating in the annual Jump Rope. Students in Grades K to 4 will be skipping; students in Grades 5 to 7 will be doing ball and hoop activities. Information, including pledge forms, has gone home today. Pledges can be brought into the school office; you can also choose to pledge online. Pledge envelopes need to be clearly labelled with names, addresses and phone numbers. Please ensure that the envelopes are sealed so that no money is lost.

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.



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.