

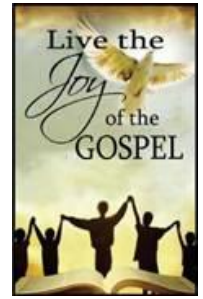


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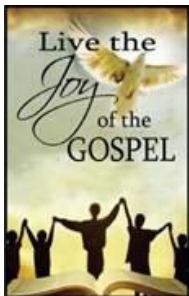
Live the Joy of the Gospel



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

Upcoming Events

February 4	K to Gr. 2 bowling; ISHMAEL'S SPEAR-IT begins at 6:00pm in the gym
February 5	Cupcake Sale by the Grade 2 class; proceeds go to Santa Elena Primary School; Gr. 3 to 7 bowling
February 6	First Friday Mass 9:00am @ St. James Church; parishioners and parents are invited to join us in the school library for coffee, tea and goodies after Mass
February 8	Students will participate in the 8:30am Mass at St. James; all families are invited
February 9	NO SCHOOL - BC FAMILY DAY
February 10	Pizza Day
February 12	Hot Lunch Day
February 13	Wear VALENTINE colours to school today; FAMILY FLING from 5:30 to 8:30pm in the gym (buy your tickets now)
February 18	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00am
February 23	School Council meeting at 6:30pm in the staff room
February 26	Student-Led Conferences from 3:00pm to 7:00pm
March 14-29	SPRING BREAK
May 3	First Communion Mass @ 3:00pm at OLOV
May 23	Confirmation Mass @7:00pm at OLOV
June 24	Last day of school for students; dismissal at NOON



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK was off to a great start! Thank you to all the families and parishioners who joined us at Our Lady of the Valley Church for Sunday Mass. Special thanks go to the choir and the student greeters, readers, and servers. Our Monday morning pancake breakfast for the students was lots of fun and we greatly appreciated all the help from the Knights of Columbus and the school staff. Fourteen 3 and 4 year olds and their parents joined us for Ready Set Learn on Tuesday. Each child went home with a special book and some other little 'treasures'. Check out 'Upcoming Events' for what is happening for the rest of the week!

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

You are invited to attend the remaining 5 weeks of this parenting course that could change your home forever. The course costs \$40 for a couple and \$25 for an individual. The cost includes a parent manual. Classes run on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:45pm. There will be **NO CLASS** on Feb. 9th as it is BC Family Day. Instead the class will be offered on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at the same time. For more information about the program, check out the web site www.loveandlogic.com. To register, please email: stjamesloveandlogic@gmail.com

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. Registration packages are available at the school office. **Re-registration** information was sent home to our current families on Monday, February 2.

ST. JAMES FAMILY FLING will be here before we know it! Join us for another great family evening on Friday, February 13th from 5:30 to 8:30pm. Wear your favourite Rock and Roll outfit or your favourite dance outfit! You can purchase your tickets in person at the school office or at the Winter Carnival office. Tickets are \$5.00 each; children under 5 are free.



UPCOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

- WED., FEB. 11: Boys' team plays at Coldstream
- THUR., FEB. 12: Tier 1 Girls' team plays at Silver Star; Tier 2 Girls' team plays at Alexis Park.



On **Thursday, February 26** all our students from Kindergarten to Grade 7 will have the opportunity to share their work with their families.

WHAT ARE STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES?

- Student-led conferences are exactly what they imply; students take the lead in sharing examples of their work, discussing next steps in their learning, and setting goals for further learning

WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?

- To encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- To teach students the process of self-evaluation and reflection
- To promote an open dialogue between parents and students about the students' learning

- To provide students with the opportunity to showcase their work and explain their academic achievements

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Greater accountability in students for their own learning
- Increased pride in their achievements
- Increased confidence and independence
- Furthering positive parent-child communication in a relaxed, non-threatening atmosphere

Details about scheduling of the conferences will be sent home next week! The beauty of this type of structure is you can take as much or as little time as you have (we recommend a minimum of 20 to 30 minutes for each student-led conference; some students love to take longer and this structure allows for that). Parents, please remember that these conferences provide your child with an opportunity to shine! If you need to have a serious discussion with the teacher, please schedule another time for this meeting. Your engagement is with your child not the teacher during student-led conferences.

In preparation for the Lenten season, here are a few web sites that have great ideas for family Lenten activities:

www.catholicmom.com/kids_lent_activities.htm

<http://www.cfm.org/families/pdf>

https://loyolapress.com/lent_activities.htm



NEEDED

We are looking for Styrofoam trays for art projects. Please ensure that they are clean! These can be dropped off at the school office.