

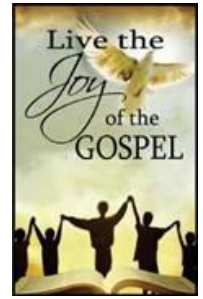


ST. JAMES NEWSLETTER #13

March 4, 2015

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

March 6	First Friday Mass @ 9:00am; wear Mass dress
March 10	Pizza day
March 11	Reconciliation at St. James Church for students in Grades 3 to 7
March 12	Hot lunch day
March 13	Our celebration of St. Patrick's Day starts at 10:30; wear green and join in the celebration; report cards go home; FSA results go home for Gr. 4 and 7; last school day before Spring Break!
March 14-29	SPRING BREAK
March 30	School Council meeting at 6:30pm in the staff room; parents are welcome
March 31	Pizza day
April 2	Holy Thursday Seder Meal for staff, students and parents
April 3	Good Friday; NO SCHOOL
April 6	Easter Monday; NO SCHOOL
April 10	HAT DAY - wear a crazy or a fancy hat with your uniform!
April 15	Pot luck supper @ 5:15pm in the gym; reconciliation at St. James Church @6:30pm
April 18	VEGAS PUB NIGHT (see the attached poster)
April 30	25 th anniversary of JEANS DAY; support BC Children's Hospital

PLEASE NOTE - FSA results and an accompanying letter from the Superintendent will be sent home in the report card envelopes to parents of students in Grades 4 and 7.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts are available for pick-up at the school office. Office hours are from 8:00am until 4:30pm. If you need to come outside of the regular office hours, please call to arrange a suitable time for pick-up. **We do not send these receipts home with the students as these could be "lost in transit".**



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Parents and other guests are invited to our celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Get in the spirit and wear green if you can! Come and enjoy the performances by the Irish Dancers under the direction of Mrs. Specht.

School Uniform News

School Council has determined that, for the 2015-2016 school year, each **new family** and each existing family that meets the **March 6th re-registration** deadline will be given a **\$50 family uniform credit** to be used during the 2015-2016 school year. Coupons will no longer be given out as these are often lost or forgotten. Instead, the uniform coordinator will be given a list of all those eligible for the uniform credit which can be used beginning in August 2015. When using the credit toward the purchase of new or used uniforms, parents will sign and date the form provided, acknowledging that they have used their credit. There is no cash value to the credit; it must be used to purchase uniform items. Uniform credits cannot be carried over to the following school year or be given to others to use. **CHECK THE ATTACHED LETTER** for other uniform information!

Thank you to all the parents who came out to celebrate their children's learning at the Student Led Conferences. It means a lot to the children to be able to share their successes. Remember that second term report cards go home on Friday, March 13. If you have any questions about your child's report card, or you would like to arrange a parent-teacher conference, please contact the classroom teacher after Spring Break.



VEGAS PUB NIGHT DONATIONS: Many exciting donations are coming in for the silent and live auctions at the Vegas Pub Night. To name but a few, we have: a night at a Sheraton Hotel; passes to Calaway Park in Calgary; golf packages; family photo session; gym memberships; and restaurant gift cards! Special thanks to all the parents who have solicited donations and who have made their own donations to the cause; keep up the great work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TIER ONE GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Under the coaching of Mrs. Budgen and Mr. Baycroft, the Tier One girls' team won the ZONE championship. WAY TO GO, GIRLS!



... to submit your re-registration forms to the school office by March 6th. Your prompt attention to this helps us with planning for staffing and class compositions for the 2015-2016 school year. If you know of families who are considering a Catholic Christian education for their children, encourage them to register as soon as possible.

... to return your 2015-2016 Saints of Service form and post-dated cheque to the school office



If you left an electric fry pan in the school gym on the night of Ishmael's Spear-It, please contact the school office. We have an electric fry pan that is looking for its home!

CISKD Policy #4.013 - Personal Electronic Devices

Rationale: Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) have the potential for positive communication and enhanced student learning. Along with these benefits come associated risks and concerns. The use of a PED should in no way interfere with the safety, security and privacy of students and/or staff. In addition, the use of PEDs should not interfere in any way with student learning and school operations. The unregulated use of PEDs may facilitate illegal and/or unethical activities in the school environment.

Policy

The following are prohibited uses of PEDs:

1. The use of PEDs that compromises the academic integrity of the school or individual within the school.
2. The use of PEDs that interferes with or disrupts the academic day of the teaching-learning environment.
3. The use of PEDs that violates a person's reasonable expectation of privacy.
4. The use of PEDs that compromises personal and/or school safety.
5. The use of PEDs that facilitates illegal and/or unethical activities.

Limited conditions under which a PED may be used on school premises or during school-sanctioned activities:

1. The school principal (or designate) may authorize an individual or individuals to use a PED on school premises (or during school-sanctioned activities) for a specific designated purpose.
2. The school principal (or designate) may provide specific instruction to the school community pertaining to a limited acceptable use of PEDs in extraordinary circumstances including emergency conditions (evacuation, lockdown, heightened risk, etc.).

ATTACHMENTS

- Vegas Pub Night poster
- Uniform update for families