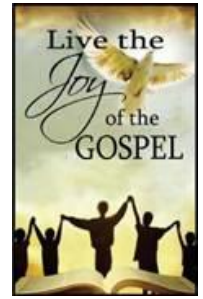


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Upcoming Events

July 10	The office will be closed for the summer
August 11	Uniform sale from 3:00 to 6:00pm; last chance to order before the new school year
August 24	The office reopens at 8:00am for the new school year
September 8	Staff day
September 9	First day in session for students for the 2015-2016 school year; bring your school supplies



How quickly two years have gone by for Peter and me! When we arrived in Vernon in early August 2013, we had no idea what an amazing adventure was in store for us. This school community has been such a wonderfully welcoming place and we will take many great memories with us as we retire to Pender Island.

I cannot begin to express the blessings that I have received by being part of this community. My life has been enriched by meeting fantastic families and by working with such a dedicated staff. After many years as a teacher and an administrator in Catholic schools in Alberta and BC, I retire with a heart full of gratitude for the people who have blessed my life these past two years. Thank you! *Dianne Wilson*



St. James School PSG will start our Mabel's Labels fundraiser again in the middle of August with the first uniform sale. These labels are great to label everything from clothing to lunch boxes and school supply items. Our school earns a 20% return on all purchases. Look for information this summer on Facebook and in the newsletter and support the school. There are custom packages and combos and many individual products geared to back to school. Gift certificates are available in \$50.00 increments with \$10.00 going directly to the school. Don't forget to share this with all your family and friends as purchases can be made quickly and easily online anywhere with choices for colours and styles, and with direct delivery to your home. Thank you, St. James School PSG

2015-2016 School Council

The members of School Council for the upcoming school year are:

- Father Dale Normandeau, Pastor
- Deacon Paul Murphy, Chairperson
- Jessie Bicknell
- Stephanie Curtis
- Sheridan Fraser
- Patti Krause
- Kim Louis
- Tannis Nelson
- Jeff Routley
- Monica Rutter
- Sherryl Skaalid

School Council positions will be determined at the first meeting in August.

Special thanks go to retiring School Council members, James Lockwood and Sean Bicknell, for their dedicated service and inspirational leadership.

2015-2016 Parent Support Group (PSG)

The PSG executive for the upcoming school year are:

- Chairperson - Mrs. Carmen Point
- Vice-chairperson - Katrina Redgwell
- Treasurer - Anna Toporchak
- Secretary - Stacy Harrison

There is still room on the PSG executive for Members at Large. Members at Large are often involved in sub-committee work and also give general support to the rest of the executive. If you are interested, contact one of the executive members or the school office.

TEXTBOOKS

Please check at home and see if you have any textbooks or library books that belong to the school. If so, we would appreciate it if you would return them to the school office prior to the office being closed for the summer. Thank you so much.



Catholic Girls' League

The CGL is looking for two volunteers to carry on with the league for our parishes. This is a great volunteer opportunity which begins in September 2015. You would be working with girls aged 8 to 14 in the areas of faith, fun, friendship, and formation. The girls are funny and enthusiastic! The time commitment involves planning for, and carrying out, one 80 minute meeting per month during the school year. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact the parish office or the school office. Hours spent can be counted toward your Saints of Service for the school. Thank you and please consider this opportunity to share your faith.

Summer Uniform Sale

The summer uniform sale will be held on Tuesday, August 11th from 3-6pm. This will be the only date to order uniform pieces before school starts. During the 2015-2016 school year, uniform sales will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. September, October and November times will be 2:30-4:30 and 6:00-8:00pm. The volunteer uniform coordinator is Mrs. Jan Barnard. You can contact her at 250-308-0567.

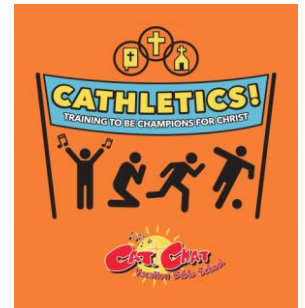
Cat Chat Vacation Bible School Summer 2015

Cat Chat Vacation Bible School will be held at St. James Parish Centre from July 13th to 17th. It is open to children ages 4 to 12. The camp runs each week day from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The cost is \$30 per child and includes a t-shirt, snacks, and crafts. The registration deadline is July 6th, 2015. To register, contact:

rccv.vbs@gmail.com

The link to the registration form can also be found on the web site listed below.

http://www.rccv.org/Bulletin_Link_Info.html



REPORT CARDS

Report cards are sent home on Wednesday, June 24th. If your child is absent the last day of school, you can come in to the school office between 8:00am and 4:30pm on weekdays until Friday, July 10th.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERING

If you are looking for ways to complete this year's hours or want to get a head start on next year's hours, contact Stephanie Curtis at saintsofservice.sjs@gmail.com. A few outside summer jobs are: using a weed-wacker in the back garden area to cut down the weeds that grow between the cement cracks, picking up litter throughout the school grounds and parking lot, weeding the slopes, weeding the raised garden beds, and washing the outside windows on the main floor of the school. You will need to bring your own equipment for these jobs!