

# SJS NEWS!

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## Up Coming Events

All events are updated on our website:  
[stjamesvernon.com](http://stjamesvernon.com)

- Friday December 2nd - **Report Cards Home**
- Monday December 5th - PSG Meeting @ 6pm
- Thursday December 15th - Christmas Concert @ SJS - 10:30am and 6:30pm
- Friday December 16th - Last day of school before Christmas Break - Mass @ 9am - **Early dismissal @ 12pm**
- Saturday December 17th to Monday January 2nd - Christmas Vacation!
- Tuesday January 3rd - School Back in Session



### From the Principal's Desk

*Sorry for the delay!*

Well, where has the first term gone! I am embarrassed to admit that this is my first newsletter of the year. I am sorry for this breakdown in communication and I thank you for your patience.

The next few weeks will be an intense time around here as we prepare for the end of term and our annual Christmas concert. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you, via the First Term Report Card (newly revised), and then their dramatic prowess at the concert!

The Peace of Christ be with you,

*Mr. Rossetti*

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## From the Staff:

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### Christmas Choir Season!

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'Tis the season! If your child has chosen to take part in this year's St. James School Christmas Choir, it promises to be another fun and rewarding experience chalk full of opportunities for public performances. Consent forms will be sent out closer to the individual events that will require them (typically an event occurring during regular school hours). Thank you for your support of both your child and our presence, as a school, in the community. -Mr Rossetti

The dates are:

- Sun. Dec. 4th - Rotary Carol Fest @ VPAC 2pm (we are on after the intermission)
- Mon. Dec. 5th - Hearthstone Manor @ 11am & Victorian Seniors Home @ 2pm
- Wed. Dec. 7th - Power Pioneers Luncheon @ Vernon Lodge 1pm
- Sun. Dec. 11th - O'Keefe Ranch - 1pm
- Wed. Dec. 14th - Senior's Luncheon @ Halina Centre @1pm

♦ These times are subject to change as information is confirmed by the event coordinators

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### Volleyball

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Our Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams wrapped up their season today with a rousing game of girls vs boys during the lunch hour and followed by lunch and cake!. The hotly contested game resulted in a draw, with both teams showing much improvement from the start of the season. A big thank you to Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Foster for coaching the students. It was a great season!

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### 60th Anniversary!

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We celebrated our 60th Anniversary in grand style at our 60th Anniversary Gala Event on November 5th. The event was well attended by members of our parish community. The music was excellent, the champagne was flowing and the food... OH the FOOD! We have received many thank you cards and words of praise from those in attendance, and we are grateful to receive such positive feedback.

We also hosted Leah Perrault for three days. Leah is a remarkable speaker and author. She spent time with staff, students, alumni and parishioners during her stay. We hope to have her back with us soon!

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## **The School Council**

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### *Smooth Sailing!*

School Council is up and running under the experienced leadership of Mrs. Sherryl Skaalid.

### *New Family Referral Program*

Please continue spreading the good word about our jewel of a school!

## **From the PSG**

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### *T.A.B*

We are now running the Take A Breath (TAB) program. This is an initiative that coaches all students, families and staff on how to better manage anxiety and stress. This is a growing epidemic in our society, and Jeff and Sonya Thomlinson, of Kelowna BC, have developed an excellent resources to assist us in our awareness and ability to overcome the debilitating effects of stress and anxiety.

Please visit our personalized website at: <https://www.mindfulrestoration.com/st-james> and enter the password: sjsvernon to enter.

### *Scholastic Book Fair Wrap up!*

We had a spirit filled Pirate Day around here in celebration of having sold over 500 books as a school! Thanks to Jesse Bicknell and her team for organizing such a fun filled day of celebration and to the staff for being so accommodating during report card writing time! Y'ARE AMAZING!

### *Poinsettia and Swag Orders*

Orders for our Poinsettia fundraiser will be available for pics up November 29th from 9-11am and 2:30-6pm (times subject to change based upon volunteer availability)

### *Christmas Prep Kids Club*

Do you need some child free time to get a few things done?

Maybe some Christmas Shopping, Gift Wrapping, Coffee with a Friend, Date Night, etc.

Sign up is still being accepted for our Christmas Prep Kids Club.

Nov. 25th 4:30-7:30      Dec. 3rd 9:30am-12:30pm and 1-4pm

### *Christmas Basket Raffle*

We have decided not to do the Christmas Basket Raffle this year.