

SJS NEWS!

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Sporting News

Mrs. Routley has begun to train our young Cross Country Runners for this year's meets. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have chosen to assist her and support our young athletes. This is the only district wide sporting event that includes students from Kindergarten through to Grade 7! It really is something special to behold!

Registration 2016/17

After today, registration packages are overdue. Please be sure to submit them to the office as soon as possible. If you are questioning a return to St. James please let us know that too. There maybe a way to address your needs more completely, but we can only help if you let us know.

Parent Survey

Please see the School Council Section of this newsletter for details.

From the Principal's Desk

Holy Week and Spring Break!

This year Holy Week falls within the Spring Break. When I first started teaching at St. James School, Spring Break was only a week long and a second holiday was given for Holy Week. The Bishop's intention was that families have the opportunity to spend what is arguably the most sacred time of our liturgical year together. For many reasons we no longer follow that model, and we as a school relish the opportunity to teach during Holy Week, providing our students opportunities to acknowledge the sacredness of the season. This year, the opportunity is yours. I sincerely hope that you will take time away from the busy-ness of Spring Break to pause with your loved ones and acknowledge the power of this time. Perhaps you may choose to partake in the extended liturgy of the Triduum, an extended celebration that begins Holy Thursday with the washing of feet (by the way, Pope Francis changed the wording of the rules on this to now include women and young people, not just men as it has been until now, and Father Dale will be including women for the first time this coming Thursday!) and then continues on in one unbroken Mass through Good Friday and is concluded at the Easter Vigil Saturday night (which involves the initiation of a good number of new comers to our faith via the RCIA program, all of whom are connected in some way to our school this year! How exciting!). Or perhaps you will find a more individual way to acknowledge the season by taking a meditative walk in the spring sunshine, partaking in a retreat or pausing on the beach of some ocean paradise and praising God for the gift of that moment (you lucky dog you!) However you choose to mark the week, I wish you much love and peace as you do it and I hope you know how truly blessed we are. May God continue to bless each and every one of you, keep you safe and bring you back to us at St. James School on April 5th.



Mr. Rossetti



Up Coming Events

All events are updated on our website: stjamesvernon.com

Please check there for the most up to date information. A printable pdf copy of the calendar is also available under the tab "Newsletters and Calendars".

- March 18th - Report Cards sent home
- March 19th - April 3rd - **School Closed** - Spring Break
- March 24th - 26th - Triduum
- March 27th - Easter Sunday
- Monday, April 4th - **School Closed** - Staff Pro D
- Monday, April 4th - School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Tuesday, April 5th - School Back in Session
- Wednesday, April 6th - Garden Clean up
- Saturday, April 9th - Vegas Pub Night @ 6pm
- Tuesday, April 12th - Sportball at SJS @ 3pm

From the Staff:

SPORTBALL!

We will be hosting the program for 8 weeks, after the Spring Break. It will be available to students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 to register and will take place between 3 and 4pm on Tuesday afternoons beginning April 12th. The fee for the 8 week program is \$100.80/student. Sign up sheets are available in the office. Feel free to check out their website at: www.sportball.ca.

Parish Supporters

When filling out the Pastor's Reference form, in your re-registration package, please use your 2016 envelope number. If you have not received this year's current envelope number, please contact Maureen at the Rectory at [250 542-1276](tel:2505421276).

From the School Council

Parent Satisfaction Survey

Please take 5 minutes to fill out our parent satisfaction survey. This survey will help us to better address your needs and plan for an exciting 2016/17 school year at SJS! This link will also be emailed to you directly. Thank you for your participation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJamesSchool-ParentSurvey>

New Family Referral Program

Packages for the New Family Referral Program have been included in your child's report card envelope. Please take some time to read it and take advantage of this great offer while spreading the good word about our jewel of a school!

From the Parish:

MERCY'S CALL THIS WEEK

"May we recognize our brokenness, keep trying to grow in holiness in little things with great love, and keep trusting and believing that God will satisfy our desires for holiness, even if we don't fully understand how"

Holy Week/Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday March 24th

4:00 pm @ St Benedict's

7:00 pm @ St James

Good Friday March 25th

12:00 pm @ OLOV

3:00 pm St James

5:00 pm St Benedicts

7:00 pm St James

Saturday March 26th

11:00 am Easter Food Blessing @ St James Church

8:00 pm Easter Vigil @ St James

Easter Sunday March 27th

8:00 am @ St James 12:30 pm

10:00 am @ Our Lady of the Valley

12:30 pm @ St Benedicts and Our Lady of the Valley

7:00 pm @ St James

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday April 3rd, 2016 @ OLOV

By taking part in the devotion to Our Lord on this Sunday you can gain a Plenary Indulgence under the following conditions, you must be in a state of grace, receive Holy Communion that Sunday and go to Confession either the week before or following Divine Mercy Sunday, or that Sunday. You must also pray for the Pope's intentions, take part in the devotions, and be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin. Confessions during the week prior to Divine Mercy Sunday will be Monday to Friday 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm. On Divine Mercy Sunday at OLOV, confessions will be heard beginning at 1:00pm until

2:45 pm. Eucharistic Adoration will be occurring at the same time as confessions.

Divine Mercy prayers will begin at 2:45 pm and then Mass will follow at 3:00 pm. You can prepare for this feast by making the Divine Mercy Novena, which starts on Good Friday. Novena prayers are available in the churches. This Mass serves as your Sunday obligation.

From the PSG

Vegas Pub Night

The St. James PSG is excited to announce that our Vegas Pub Night on April 9th has new hours this year: 6:00 - 11:00pm with casino tables open from 7:00 -10:30pm. Rollin' Spring Rolls will be on site for purchases throughout the night with both meal and desert options. We will have our silent auction tables along with our lotto tree, mystery chest keys and live auction. Small finger food is provided and there will be a cash bar with a variety of beer and wine. We will be adding a little more fun with a Plinko game! A great selection of items for the silent auction are starting to come into the office. We ask that every family donate or ask a business for a donation. Tickets will be available now for \$15.00 from the office. Don't miss out on this evening of fun and come support our school and students. Hope to see everyone there!

Spring Flowers

Happy spring! St James School is doing the Bloom Thyme Spring Fundraiser again this year. The window planters are a new product. Orders are due back to the school on or before [April 11](#). Pick up will be on [May 12](#) from 2-6 at the school. There will also be a display in both of the churches with order forms and envelopes that can either go in the collections basket or be dropped off at the school.

There will be an announcement card available for those who would like to give one of these beautiful arrangements to someone special for mothers day, explaining present bought and to be available a few days later. Thanks again for your support.

<https://www.facebook.com/Bloom-Thyme-Nursery-1033875759959696/?f=1465661266999999>

St. James School			
Bloom Thyme Spring Fundraiser 2016			
Name _____		Daytime Phone # _____	
e-mail address _____		Evening Phone # _____	
	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
18" Window Planter - Mixed Annuals - SUN	\$18		
18" Window Planter - Mixed Annuals - SHADE	\$18		
16" Oval Herb Planter - Mixed Herbs	\$24		
13" Hanging Basket - Mixed Annuals - SUN	\$25		
13" Hanging Basket - Mixed Annuals - SHADE	\$25		
12" Strawberry Hanging Basket	\$22		
		Total	
Thank you for supporting St. James School!			
Please return this order form with your payment to the collection basket or school office before April 11th.			