

SJS NEWS!

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Up Coming Events

All events are updated on our website:
stjamesvernon.com

- May 1 -First Communion: 3pm @ OLOV
- May 2 -PSG Meeting: 6pm
- May 6 -First Friday Mass: 9am
- May 9 -**School Closed** -Staff ProD
- May 20 - SJS Walk-A-Thon: AM
- May 20 -Gr. 2 Field Trip: PM
- May 25 -Track and Field Meet
- May 27 -Gr. 1 & 2- Field Trip
- May 27 -Confirmation Rehearsal: 7pm @ OLOV
- May 28 -Confirmation: 7pm @ OLOV
- May 30- June 3 -Gr. 7 Trip to Victoria
- June 1 - 3 -Gr. 5 & 6 Trip to Eagle Bay
- June 6 -**School Closed**- Staff ProD

From the Principal's Desk

We're Growing Every Day!

You have spoken, and we have heard you! Thank you to all who participated in our online survey regarding your family's experience at St. James School. Our school council has read and discussed the data collected, and those who have requested follow up will be contacted in the coming weeks. Council has some exciting plans based upon your feedback and they will be announcing them soon, along with a summary of the data, so stay tuned!

Some feedback that I have received directly is the need for further clarity regarding the school calendar and this newsletter. I hope you will notice an immediate change in its format to reflect this need. Mary and I will continue to refine our communication protocols to help keep you informed. You can look forward to a list of calendar dates in June for next year (similar in style to the one provided by School District 22), a monthly printable calendar attached to this newsletter (in future for your fridges) and a better link to the school Google Calendar (for those of you who would like it added to your phones, computers etc.)

This year has been my first in the big chair, and I intend to grow and improve in order to serve you better. Please know that my door is open to you.

Mr. Rossetti

From the Staff:

Sporting News!

Our Cross Country Runners are in full flight with their final run today. Pick up from school is at 2pm as the run is in Lumby. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and staff who have helped to support Mrs. Routley and the runners. And a big thank you to Mrs. Routley herself! Way to go team!

Track and Field preparation will begin in May. A majority of the practice will take place during PE classes, with specialized training times being announced by our coaches. Our Zone event will happen on Wednesday, May 25th at the new track located on the Okanagan College campus. The District meet will follow on Thursday, June 2nd. Unfortunately, our Grade 7 students will not be able to participate in the District meet as they will be away on their trip to Victoria. Our Grade 6 students also have a conflict as they will be away at Eagle Bay Camp, but there is some talk of having those students who are eligible for the District Meet do both (parents driving their children to and from Eagle Bay and the Meet). These conflicts are unfortunate and out of our control as the dates for our trips are booked, out of necessity, long before the Track dates are set. We do apologize for this lost opportunity. Please stay tuned for further info and feel free to contact the office with your questions or concerns.

Unplug and Play!

Passes are being sent home today for this community event. Please look in the Vernon Morning Star for information on the types of activities your family can participate in.

Lost and Found

We have lost and found items on display in the main hallway. These items will be donated if they are not picked up by Friday afternoon. Please remember to put your child's name on their belongings.

Also,

A student is looking for a green binder full of Pokemon cards. The cards are in protective plastic sleeves. If this item is found, please return it to the office. It was last seen in his locker.

And finally,

There is currently no rule banning the bringing of toys/cards to St. James School, however our working policy is that when we are at school we play with people not things, and that if students choose to bring things to school, they do so at their own risk. If at all possible, it is suggested that students not bring their toys to school as they can be a source of tension between students for a variety of reasons, however at this time the choice remains with individual students and their families.

The School Council

Parent Satisfaction Survey

A big thank you to all who took part in our survey. Council is busily compiling the data collected and will be making it available to you ASAP. We look forward to announcing the new initiatives inspired by you!

New Family Referral Program

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

Uniform Sale

The next uniform sale is on May 31st.

To order uniform items between May 2 and the 13th please contact Lydia Harrison on her cell 250 306-9684, as she can assist you while Mrs. Jan Barnard is away.

From the Parish:

MERCY'S CALL THIS WEEK

"The world tells us many lies about who we are, and we simply have to be realistic enough to remind ourselves of this; every time we feel hurt, offended, rejected, we have to dare to say to ourselves - these feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling the truth about myself. The truth is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in His eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity, and held safe in an everlasting embrace."

Knights of Columbus Garage Sale

The Knights of Columbus Council 4949 will be hosting their annual Garage Sale on Saturday May 21st in the St James Parish Center. Keep your treasures just a bit longer. More details will follow in the weeks to come, or call Brett Jones @ 250-545-1702 for more details. See you soon!

Pancake breakfast will be on Sunday May 8th, 8:30 until 10:30 in the Parish Center.

From the PSG

Vegas Pub Night

Thanks to all who came out to the Annual SJS Vegas Pub Night. This year was a rousing success and the feeling in the room as electric! What a great night! Thanks everyone!

Spring Flowers

Happy spring! St James School is doing the Bloom Thyme Spring Fundraiser again this year. **Pick up will be on May 12 from 2-6pm at the school.**