

# SJS NEWS!

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## Lost and Found

There is a rather large pile of unclaimed items on our lost and found table. These items look profoundly sad, and need to find homes. So, from now on, items in the lost and found will be cleared out and donated at the end of each month. Please make a habit of checking the lost and found, with your child, on a regular basis. Items will no longer be displayed in the hallway.

## Basketball News

Congratulations to the Grade 6 basketball players who recently placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 16 teams at the mixed District Grade 6 basketball tournament in Lumby. They lost a hard fought battle to Hillview in the finals. In the skills competition Carter Leahy won the lay up contest and Georgia Wenger was finalist in the free throw competition.

Next games: Tier 1 zones  
Thursday Nov 19-Grade 7 girls at Kidston School and Grade 5/6 girls host.

## From the Principal's Desk

### *Lest We Forget*

Another Remembrance Day has come and gone. This year was a particularly poignant holiday for me as I had to miss our wonderful celebration due to illness, leaving me with an opportunity to reflect on the many blessings God has granted to our school community. I wish to thank the team of teachers, led by Mrs. Monaghan, who went the extra mile for this event. I was able to rest easy, knowing our school community was in such competent and caring hands. Thank you all. I also wish to thank our Veterans, who once again came out to share their stories and presence with our students. We are truly blessed to have you with us, and thank you for your service.

Upon my return to school this week, I was deeply touched by the outpouring of support from our parish community. The office saw a number of parishioners popping by to drop off orders for our Poinsettia Fundraiser or make a cash donation to the school to go towards student tuition or general operating costs. Some parishioners do this in memory of a loved one, others as an investment in the the future of our children. We even received a generous gift of a finely handcrafted Cajon for the music room! I am deeply grateful for the generosity of our parishes, and, on behalf of our school, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Mr. Rossetti*





## Up Coming Events

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

- Friday November 13th - Hot Lunch @ SJS - 12:30pm and Prayers for All Holy Souls @ SJC - 5:00 to 7:30pm
- November 19th - Girls Tier1 Zone Tournament (see calendar)
- Saturday November 21st - CWL Christmas Bazaar @ SJS - 11am to 2pm
- Tuesday November 24th - Uniform Sale @ SJS - 2:30 to 4:30pm and 6 to 7:30pm
- Friday December 4th - Report Cards Home
- Thursday December 17th - Christmas Concert @ SJS - 10:30am and 6:30pm

## From the Parish Office:

Prayer Night for Holy Souls  
- Friday, Nov. 13 from 5 - 7:30pm

Deacon Paul will be hosting another evening of prayer and community, as part of the ongoing Spiritual Calendar. This event will involve prayer for all those Holy Souls who have left this world. Please consider joining us for 15min or even an hour!

## From the Staff:

### Expectations Re. Family Vacations

With regard to family vacations while school is in session, the staff recognize that though the school requests families to plan their vacations during the times designated in the school calendar, there will still be occasions when family circumstance dictates that other dates be chosen. We appreciate the effort of families to inform us in advance of these choices. It is also our request that families not ask for homework packages, in advance of a vacation, in an attempt to "make up" the missed work. Homework packages cannot replace the valuable experiences facilitated by our teachers during the school day. As a family, you have chosen that the life experience of a vacation is more valuable than the time missed at school, and so be it. We will not argue that decision, but be advised that it may be difficult for teachers to properly assess student achievement when they are away from school, and a homework package cannot change this. In some cases, a student's marks on the report card may suffer as a natural consequence of missing class time. Work can be made up for after the fact, but again, work alone is not what constitutes your child's experience at St. James School. Thank you for your consideration in this regard and feel free to contact Mr. Rossetti with your concerns or comments.

## From the PSG

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### School Uniforms

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Please be advised that as of November 1st “gym strip” is no longer to be worn as regular school uniform. This includes grey t-shirts, blue athletic shorts and jogging pants. These items are for gym class only. Thank you for your compliance with this policy.

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### Uniform Sale

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Our next uniform sale is on November 24th from 2:30 to 4:30pm and 6 to 7pm.

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### Christmas Basket Fundraiser

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Items are due into your child’s classroom by November 20th.

Thank you.

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### Poinsettia Fundraiser

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Last call for Poinsettia orders will be on Monday November 16th by 10am.

Your items can be picked up on Thursday December 3rd. time TBA.

Thank you for your support.

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