

SJS NEWS!

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Christmas Show!

This year's Christmas Show will be an adapted version of the Broadway musical *Godspell*! The Grade 7 students have been cast, song suggestions have been passed out to the teachers and rehearsals will begin in earnest after report cards go out. We are very happy to be able to offer this amazing story of the life of Christ to our community. Due to the cost of rights and royalties (this show comes to us directly from NY, NY!) we have increased the cost of tickets to \$5 each. We expect tickets to go on sale the first week of December, via the office, so keep a sharp eye out for any announcements and do not hesitate to grab yours before they are gone!

Sporting News

Our basketball season is now officially over. A big THANK YOU to all those who contributed to a wonderfully successful season for our girls and boys. Next up: volleyball will begin in January.



From the Principal's Desk *SNOW!*

Well, this week marks a definite shift in the weather, and our school life, as we all looked out our windows and saw the first wisps of the white stuff... Snow has arrived in Vernon, and with it the end of Ordinary Time in the Church's Liturgical Year and the beginning of Advent (this coming Sunday)! What a time of transition and preparation! Our teacher's are busily writing report cards, students are beginning to sense that counting sleeps until Christmas Day is now a worthwhile adventure (29 more as I write this... not that I'm counting) and there is a collective inhale as we complete the last few weeks of school together before the break. I pray that we all remember to take time to exhale, periodically, over the next few weeks. This is a time to cherish and savour, not just get through. There is opportunity for joy, love and compassion during this busy time. Let's spread it around and be the light of world in the loving example of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless us all.

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".

- Monday November 30th - SJS Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
- Friday December 4th - **Report Cards Home**
- Monday December 7th - PSG Meeting @ 6pm
- Saturday December 12th @ the Parish Centre - Together For Christmas Baking Bee - 9:30am to 2pm
- Thursday December 17th - Christmas Concert @ SJS - 10:30am and 6:30pm
- Friday December 18th - Last day of school before Christmas Break - Mass @ 9am - **Early dismissal @ 12pm**
- Saturday December 19th to Sunday January 3rd - Christmas Vacation!

From the Parish Office:

Light Up for Christmas

Saturday, Nov. 28 from 5 - 7:30pm

Saturday November 28th is the First Sunday of Advent. We will celebrate this by Father Dale blessing the Crèche in front of St James Church, and then there will be a pot luck dinner in the Parish Centre hosted by the Knights of Columbus 4949. You can deliver your pre made contribution to the centre anytime after 3:45 pm. The Knights will provide refreshments and the buns. See you soon.

From the Staff:

Christmas Choir Season!

'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. 6th - Rotary Carol Fest @ VPAC 2pm (we are on after the intermission)
- Wed. Dec. 9th - Power Pioneers Luncheon @ Vernon Lodge 1pm
- Sun. Dec. 13th - O'Keefe Ranch - 2pm
- Tues. Dec. 15th - Senior's Luncheon @ Schubert Centre @ 1pm
- Wed. Dec. 16th - Senior's Luncheon @ Halina Centre @ 1pm
- Fri. Dec. 18 - Friday Mass @ St. James Church @ 9am

Ishmael's SPEAR-it Reading Extravaganza!

Here is this year's Ishmael Spirit book list. These books are now being signed out by the students. If you would like to be on a team this year, and we hope many of you will want to, please put a note in your child's agenda so they can sign out a book for you. This years adult books are actually Grade 7 novels that are in our Literature Circle sets!

Ishmael Spirit will be held on January 15, 2016 during Catholic School's Week.

“A Time to Read.....” Ishmael’s Spear-it” 2016

BOOK LIST

Grade 3/4

Judy Moody- Mood Martian By Megan McDonald
I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871 by Lauren Tarshis
Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
The Time Warp Trio- See You Later Gladiator by Jon Scieszka

Grade 5

Death by Toilet Paper by Donna Gephart
Because of Mr. Terupt by Bob Buyea
On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Grade 6/7

Madeleine L'Engle's A Wrinkle in Time-The Graphic Novel adapted by Hope Larson
A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
Counting by 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan
The Palace of Laughter by Jon Berkeley

Adults

Before Anne of Green Gables by Budge Wilson
We All Fall Down by Eric Walters
A Handful of Time by Kit Perason
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

From the PSG

Christmas Basket Fundraiser

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Hello Everyone!

We have had some parents ask if they can still drop off items. We have extended the deadline to accept items if you can drop them off with Mary at the office by Thursday Nov 26th, 2015.

Please send the item with your child's name and the value of the item with a note secure to the item or a bag.

Kindergarten- Toys

Grade 1 – Books

Grade 2 – Automotive

Grade 3 – Hockey

Grade 4 – Family Night

Grade 5 – Hot Drinks

Grade 6 – Any Gift Card

Grade 7 – Sundae

Committee members for this fundraiser are Stacey Barber and Heidi Hyer if you have any questions please feel free to contact us by email
staceybarber@hotmail.com

Thank you for all of the items so far!!!


Poinsettia Fundraiser

A second order form for Poinsettias is now available. The deadline for these orders will be Monday November 30th by noon. The date for pick-up of orders will be December 9th: Time TBA.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

Bloom Thyme Christmas 2015 Fundraiser

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Order Form 	POINSETTIA 6" pot with pot cover			Christmas Planter poinsettia & tropical plants	Christmas Door Swag evergreens / fancy bow / pine cones	*** SECOND COLOUR CHOICE	Total Cost	*** PLEASE ENSURE THAT A SECOND COLOUR CHOICE IS INDICATED ON THE ORDER FORM, IN THE EVENT THAT THE FIRST IS UNAVAILABLE ***			
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Please return this order form with your payment to the school office before Monday November 30

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