

# SJS NEWS!

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## Bake Sale!

The Grade 4/5 class is hosting a Bake Sale on Thursday, December 10th! All proceeds will be going to the Children's Hospital.

## Sporting News

Our girls' volleyball team could not wait for January and have begun practices.

Miss. Wournell will be coaching our boys' volleyball team beginning in the new year.

## Ishmael's Spear-it!

Team meetings are in full swing and everyone is encouraged to continue reading books for this year's reading Extravaganza!

## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is earlier this year than in past years. Please mark the week of January 10th to the 17th in your calendars.



## From the Principal's Desk

### *Christmas Concert Time!*

Here we are again! It is that wonderful time of year when the students of St. James School come together to present to our community a little bit of joy in recognition of the Christmas season. Godspell is a Broadway musical depicting the teachings and life of Jesus Christ as found in the Gospel of Mathew. It is a creative retelling of many of Jesus's most memorable parables. This is not your typical Christmas Show, but I believe strongly that it is appropriate given the true reason for the season. **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!** And, they are moving fast! Every school family has two tickets on hold for them to purchase, **HOWEVER**, these tickets will be released to the public on Monday, December 14. Please, do not put off purchasing your tickets. We do not want you to be disappointed. The show will be on Thursday, December 17th at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Lobby doors will open one hour before show time, with gym doors opening 30 minutes prior. Seats are first come, first served. We look forward to seeing you!

*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".

- 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!
- Monday January 4th - School is back in session
- Sunday January 10th to Sunday January 17th - Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday January 12th - Ready! Set! Learn!

## From the Parish Office:

Parish Mission with Deacon Paul Murphy  
Tues. Dec. 8 to Thurs. Dec. 10 from 7 - 8:15pm

Advent Mission – Forgiveness, Trust, and Mercy

Please mark your calendars to attend our Advent Parish Mission taking place on December 8, 9, and 10; there will be a session each morning, which is then repeated in the evening. The morning sessions begin at 9:30 am concluding at approximately 10:45 am; the evening sessions begin at 7 pm concluding at approximately 8:15 pm.

Set aside the time to learn and understand more of God’s unconditional Love and Mercy and how our trust in Him helps us to share these gifts with all whom He puts on our path. Deacon Paul is our Mission leader. All Mission sessions will take place at St. James Church.

## Christmas Mass Times

Dec 24th: 4pm @ St. Benedicts

6pm @ OLOV

8pm @ St. James

10:30pm @ St. James

Dec. 25th: 8am @ St. James

10am @ OLOV

12pm @ OLOV

## Year of Mercy - Opening of the Door of Mercy

Sunday December 13 at 2pm. Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the Opening of the Door of Mercy. All are invited to attend.

## 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. 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

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### Ready! Set! Learn!

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This year's Ready! Set! Learn! program will be hosted on Tuesday January 12th, from 9am - 12pm. If you have a child 3 or 4 years of age, or know of someone who does, please invite them to this informative and fun day of learning. It is also a wonderful opportunity to introduce families to our school environment. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Mary in the office (250-542-4081) to RSVP. Further details will be out soon.

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### Ishmael's SPEAR-it Reading Extravaganza!

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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 year's 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

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## 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 Terabitha* 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

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### Christmas Basket Fundraiser

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Tickets are on sale for the Christmas Baskets. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Under the gaming license, children are not allowed to purchase tickets without an adult present. We are looking into an authorization form to send home so that parents can send money to the school and purchase tickets. We will keep you updated on this.

Also if you would like to have the children sell tickets, we will have a sign out sheet in the school office. Tickets that are signed out will be the responsibility of the parents. This includes handing in the correct amount of money for the tickets sold and returning any tickets not sold. We are following the strict guidelines of our gaming license.

If you have any questions please give me a call at [250-260-1804](tel:250-260-1804)

Thanks

Stacey Barber