

# SJS NEWS!

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## Sporting News

Volleyball Season is upon us and will be starting in earnest by the end of January. We will keep you informed of game times and locations once we receive the schedule from the District Coordinator.

## Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is the week of January 10th to the 17th. See the second page of this Newsletter for details.

## High School Transfer Dates

For Grade 7 students hoping to pick a high school outside of their catchment, transfer applications are due between January 15th and February 15th. These applications are processed on a "first come first served" basis. It is recommended that you register as close to January 15th as possible to avoid disappointment. A letter from the SD 22 representative, detailing this process, will be sent home with students.

## From the Principal's Desk

*Proclaim Jesus with Loving Hearts!*



Welcome Back! Happy New Year!

Starting this coming Sunday we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week across BC! It is a wonderful week full of gratitude and praise for the opportunity to teach and learn in a Catholic context and, as this year's theme boldly exclaims, to *Proclaim Jesus with Loving Hearts*. Find included in this bulletin a list of the various activities and opportunities available to our entire parish/school community. Parents are encouraged to join in for the special Staff vs Student Intramural Games occurring all week! Feel free to join the staff (we could use a few ringers!) or cheer from the sidelines! I hope you are able to join in with us as we celebrate the gift of Catholic Education. God bless each of you with His abundant mercy!

*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".

- Sunday January 10th to Sunday January 17th - Catholic Schools Week
- Monday January 11th - PSG Meeting at 6pm in the School Library
- Tuesday January 12th - Ready! Set! Learn!
- Tuesday January 12th - School Council Meeting at 6:30pm in the School Library
- Friday, January 16th - Ishmael's Spear-it at 6pm
- Monday, January 25th - School Council Meeting in the School Library
- Tuesday, January 26th - Uniform Sale
- February 3rd-5th - School Closed for FISA Conference

## From the Staff:

### Catholic Schools Week!

#### *Sun. Jan. 10th*

- ★ Mass at 10:30am at OLOV

#### *Mon. Jan. 11th*

- ★ Student Pancake Breakfast with the Knights of Columbus Council 4949 at 8:45am
- ★ Staff vs Kindergarten Medic Game at 12pm

#### *Tues. Jan. 12th*

- ★ Ready! Set! Learn! at 9:30am
- ★ Staff vs Grade 1 Indoor Soccer Game at 12pm

#### *Wed. Jan. 13th*

- ★ Pyjama Day!
- ★ Staff vs Grade 2 & 3 Floor Hockey Game at 12pm
- ★ Faith-Centred Movies and Popcorn in the afternoon

#### *Thurs. Jan. 14th*

- ★ Mass at 9am at St. James Church
- ★ Staff vs Grade 4/5 Basketball Game

#### *Fri. Jan. 15th*

- ★ K-2 Senior's Tea and Bingo at 9am
- ★ Staff vs Grade 6/7 Volleyball Game at 12pm
- ★ Ishmael's Spear-it! at 6pm

#### *Sun. Jan. 17th*

- ★ Mass at 8:30am at St. James Church

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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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# "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 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