

# SJS NEWS!

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## Sporting News

Both Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams have games this week (Feb 3rd and 4th) even though school is not in session. Please see the calendar or your schedule for details.

## No Classes This Week

Just a reminder that the school is closed February 3rd to the 8th. Classes resume on February 9th.

## High School Transfer Dates

A REMINDER: For Grade 7 students hoping to pick a high school outside of their catchment, transfer applications are due between January 15th and February 15th. A letter from SD 22, detailing this process, was sent home with students.

## Lent Begins!

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten season. Check out [dynamiccatholic.org](http://dynamiccatholic.org) for a great opportunity to make this Lent the best one ever!

## From the Principal's Desk

### *Change Is In The Air!*



Happy February!

Change is in the air! Is it spring? Maybe... maybe not, though I hear Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, and I have it on good authority (Brooke in Grade 2) that this means we will have an early spring! Well that may be, but I know for sure some change is happening around SJS! For instance, Miss Wournell in Grade 3 is taking Maternity Leave beginning April 4th. We will miss her while she's away, and we will keep her and her growing family in our prayers. Mrs. Johnson will be taking over in Grade 3, and Mrs. Routley will be taking over Mrs. Johnson's timetable, in addition to her own. Exciting times for sure! We are also welcoming Mrs. Bugera as a CEA in the Grade 2 room. Mrs. Bugera has been working with us since December and will now continue to do so until the end of the school year. I wake up every morning grateful for the wonderful team we have at SJS. Please keep us in your prayers as we adapt to these changes. God Bless,

*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".

- February 3rd-5th - **School Closed** for FISA Conference
- Monday, February 8th - **School Closed** for BC Family Day
- Wednesday, February 10th - Ash Wednesday, Mass at 9am
- February 9th - 26th - FSAs for Grade 4 and Grade 7.
- March 19th - April 3rd - **School Closed** - Spring Break
- Monday, April 4th - **School Closed** - Staff Pro D
- Tuesday, April 5th - School Back in Session

## From the Staff:

### Why are we gone?

The teachers and Mr. R are off to Vancouver for the 50th Anniversary of FISA (Federation of Independent Schools Association). This a pretty big deal as FISA is an organization that works hard to make sure our rights as an independent school are honoured by Government. There are many exciting speakers presenting at the conference including Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield! We hope to come back renewed, refreshed and inspired. Thank you for the time!

## SPORTBALL!

St. James School has been approached by Shannon Lewis, Program Director of Sportball, to host this worthwhile program at our school. We are in the beginning stages, but I can tell you that students will be receiving a Sportball experience in class on Monday, February 22 and that parents are welcome to attend a demo class during our Student Led Conferences on Thursday February 25. We will be hosting the program for 8 weeks, after the Spring Break. It will be available to all students to register and will likely take place between 3 and 4pm on Tuesday afternoons. The approximate fee for the 8 week program is \$120/student. Details will follow as we work them out. Feel free to check out their website at: [www.sportball.ca](http://www.sportball.ca) for additional information.

## From the Parish:

### MERCY'S CALL THIS WEEK

Make a gratitude journal, jotting down little things that your spouse, children, and grandchildren do for you; and then read these next time you want to criticize them, or find yourself in a moment of frustration".

### *Parish Sponsored Resource!*

SYMBOLON - Have you logged on to this Faith Formation Program for adults yet? [symboloncatholic.org](http://symboloncatholic.org) Parish code: 8ob774 The program now also includes the additional "FORMED" program. This is a truly amazing opportunity. Check it out!