

SJS NEWS!

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Sporting News

Both the Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams have completed their seasons.

They were both very successful and we thank our coaches and sponsors for their dedication. Mrs. Routley has begun to train our young Cross Country Runners for this year's meets.

Tuition 2016/17

Our School Council has decided on next year's tuition rates. The rates can be found attached to this newsletter and on the school website.

This decision was not undertaken lightly. Rates have increased to compensate for a Diocesan wide, modest cost of living, salary increase and the institution of a Capital Building Fund at the parish level. We appreciate your continued support of St. James School. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mr. Rossetti.

From the Principal's Desk

Learning with Spirit Indeed!

Where did February go?!

Wow! That was a quick month, even with the extra day! Things at SJS are moving along nicely. With the Lenten season in full swing and Spring break just a stone's throw away, there is certainly a buzz around here.

This photo was taken during a Monday morning assembly lead by our Youth Group CORE Team and Mr. Ramis. It was very special to see so many Alumni helping to give a positive and prayerful experience to our students.



We will also be participating in a school wide NET Retreat on March 14th. It promises to be a powerful and uplifting experience. NET is a group of Catholic faith filled young people who tour the country as messengers of God's abundant love. It is a gift to have them with us.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their re-registration forms in such a timely fashion. This helps to make things around the office so much easier. A reminder that we ask that these forms be returned by March 11th. Also, Kindergarten registrations are being happily accepted in the office. Parish supporting families and siblings of currently enrolled students have priority enrolment until March 18th, so don't delay. Please continue to spread the word! God Bless!

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".

- March 2nd - 1st Communion/ Reconciliation Meeting @ 6pm
- March 4th - First Friday Mass
- March 9th - Confirmation Meeting @ 6:30pm
- March 11th - Grade 6/7 Ski Trip
- March 13th - Spirit Day Retreat
- March 14th - NET Retreat at SJS
- March 17th - St. Patrick's Day Assembly @ 10:30am
- March 18th - Report Cards sent home
- 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:

How was the Conference?

The FISA Conference was amazing! Our teachers were treated to a stellar line up of cutting edge educational speakers. We were struck by the impact that technology continues to have on our students and our practice as educators. Look forward to new and exciting additions to your child's learning at SJS. Feel free to ask your child's teacher what they took away from the conference and what changes they are currently implementing. These are exciting times for education.

SPORTBALL!

We will be hosting the program for 8 weeks, after the Spring Break. It will be available to students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 to register and will likely take place between 3 and 4pm on Tuesday afternoons. The fee for the 8 week program is \$100.80/student. Sign up sheets are available in the office and must be returned by March 18th. Feel free to check out their website at: www.sportball.ca for additional information.

FSAs

Our students in Grades 4 and 7 have completed writing their FSAs. They are being graded this week and results will be sent home prior to Spring Break.

Sacramental Prep

Our students in Grade 2 and 7 are now preparing to participate in their respective sacraments. Meetings are happening this week and next. Please consult the calendar for your meeting date.

Parish Supporters

When filling out the Pastor's Reference form, in your re-registration package, please use your 2016 envelope number. If you have not received this year's current envelope number, please contact Maureen at the Rectory at [250 542-1276](tel:2505421276).

From the Parish:

MERCY'S CALL THIS WEEK

Pray every day for the souls in purgatory; pray for our deceased parishioners and friends.

Holy Hour

During Lent there is a Holy Hour each Sunday at St. James Church, open to all Parishioners of our Parishes. During this hour, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, we sing, pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together, listen to a reflection on Mercy, recite the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, have time for personal prayer and reflection, and close with Benediction. The Holy Hour begins at 3 pm at St. James Church. Please come and join us.

K of C 4949 Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus Council 4949 will be hosting their 4th Annual Lenten Fish Fry on March 18th. Cost of Tickets are \$15.00 per person and will be available after all

Masses and in the parish office

February 22nd onward. This is a very popular event, so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Cutoff for ticket sales will be March 13th.

From the PSG

The St. James PSG is excited to announce that our Vegas Pub Night on April 9th has new hours this year: 6:00 - 11:00pm with casino tables open from 7:00 -10:30pm. Rollin' Spring Rolls will be on site for purchases throughout the night with both meal and desert options. We will have our silent auction tables along with our lotto tree, mystery chest keys and live auction. Small finger food is provided and there will be a cash bar with a variety of beer and wine. We will be adding a little more fun with a Plinko game! A great selection of items for the silent auction are starting to come into the office. We ask that every family donate or ask a business for a donation (a letter will follow with ideas and examples). Tickets will be available now for \$15.00 from the office. Don't miss out on this evening of fun and come support our school and students. Stay tuned to the St. James School-Vernon, BC Facebook page for updates and glimpses at our auction items. Hope to see everyone there!

-The PSG Executive

From the School Council

Tuition Rates for 2016/17

# of Children	<p align="center">Monthly Fee Based on 10 payments /year (Sept – June) (Payments can be spread over 12 months upon request) 5% discount if payment in full at registration or prior to September 15, 2016</p>	
<p align="center">GRADES K - 7 1 CHILD</p>	<p align="center">Parish Supporter</p>	<p align="center">\$320.00</p>
	<p align="center">Non-Parish Supporter</p>	<p align="center">\$390.00</p>
<p align="center">GRADES K - 7 2 CHILDREN</p>	<p align="center">Parish Supporter</p>	<p align="center">\$505.00</p>
	<p align="center">Non-Parish Supporter</p>	<p align="center">\$615.00</p>
<p align="center">GRADES K - 7 3 + CHILDREN</p>	<p align="center">Parish Supporter</p>	<p align="center">\$565.00</p>
	<p align="center">Non-Parish Supporter</p>	<p align="center">\$680.00</p>