



The weeks continue to pass quickly, yet our short week was anything but uneventful. The school garden has seen a lot of activity with Mr. McLaughlin's grade three students tending to garlic bulbs and planting seeds. Our friends at PRT tree nurseries in Armstrong and in Coldstream kindly donated evergreen trees for our campus, which were instrumental to their learning about trees and the importance of a healthy forest.

We concluded our short week with Spirit Day! Staff and students wore attire that was reflective of both "Joy to the World" and "Earth day" on Thursday's Spirit day.

April 26 - April 30 School events

- ❖ **April 26**
 - no events
- ❖ **April 27**
 - no events
- ❖ **April 28**
 - Art Club Grade 6/7 2:45pm - 3:40pm
- ❖ **April 29**
 - Grade 4 Field Trip Kingfisher Interpretive Center
- ❖ **April 30**
 - Grade 2 & 3 Field Trip Gardom Lake
 - Art Club Grade 5 2:45 - 3:40pm
 - Hot Lunch **payment due for MAY**

Walk with Jesus our Living Hope

Psalms 23:1-3 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake

St James & Our Lady of the Valley Parish updates

Sunday Live stream and Live Outdoor Mass - OLOV @ 10:00am

Registration is required. Eventbrite registration and streaming link can be found at rccv.org Holy Communion following mass, in the OLOV church parking lot.

St James Parent Support Group:



Growing Smiles fundraiser:

Pick up May 4 2:00pm - 5:00pm

AUCTION POSTPONED - tentatively till May

AMAZING, APPRECIATED, AWESOME

Your generosity has provided many exceptional, one of a kind, priceless auction items that deem the Silent Auction to be a HUGE financial success. Donations still being accepted

SOS - Saints of Service volunteer hours

With the limited opportunities this school year that parents/grandparents have had to volunteer, all SOS post dated cheques will not be processed. We are appreciative of all the enthusiasm and efforts that have been put forward. We do look forward to next year (2021-2022) in anticipation of multiple opportunities for you to volunteer and share your many gifts and talents. Please **advise the office** if you prefer to have your **post dated cheque returned to you**, otherwise ALL post dated cheques will be shredded.

Meet the Staff at St. James



Hello my name is Deborah Bouchard. I am the Intermediate Art, Literacy and E.L.L. (English as a second language) teacher. Prior to this designation, I had been a classroom teacher to grades 4-7 in combinations and singularly. I began teaching at St James in 2004/2005, but left after my first full year to help care for my mother. I returned to St. James in 2007 and have been teaching here ever since.

I began post secondary education with four years of art college at A.C.A.D. in Alberta. Later on, I headed to U.B.C. with the intent of becoming an elementary teacher. At U.B.C., I earned a B.F.A. in Creative Writing and a B.Ed. specializing in the Intermediate grades.

From there, I began my teaching career at an international high school in Vancouver where I taught polite, interesting, and eager to learn students. While there, I enjoyed many exciting field trips to skiing, camping and local cultural destinations before I headed to the Okanagan, specifically to teach at St James.

Thanks to the St. James school community, I have had the privilege of getting to know the many amazing families whose life affirming collaborations have made my work of teaching here so worthwhile. The service and faith of these families are my constant inspiration and their children, my joy.

Some personal notes about me are these: I had attended Catholic school from grades 1-12 and value the foundation it gave me. I enjoy being in nature, painting in oils, travelling, swimming, and listening to or reading biographies and autobiographies. A favourite film is "Life is Beautiful." This is a story where a father attempts to protect his son from the horrors of being imprisoned in a Nazi internment camp by turning the experience into a game. Aside from the excellent acting, this film touched me in that it showed the ingenuity and power of love.



Covenant House Vancouver helps youth in need find their way to a brighter future. Kiley

Routley, Jacqueline Olson and Heidi Routley are fundraising for Covenant House.

For the 2nd year, these 3 will sleep outside for a night to experience a night without the comfort of a bed and blankets. The trio are hoping to raise \$1500.00 that would provide critical funds for the Street Outreach Program at Covenant House Vancouver.

https://secure3.convio.net/chb/site/TR/Events/FY21SleepOutHomeEdition2021?px=1180913&pg=personal&fr_id=1371



The creativity and talent amongst our youngest students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 fill our hallways with beauty and blessings.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ May 4 Class photos
- ❖ May 4 Growing Smiles fundraiser pick up
- ❖ May 5 Kindergarten Allan Brooks Field trip
- ❖ May 7 Grade 6&7 Allan Brooks Field trip
- ❖ May 11/12/13 iRide Grade 4 - 7
- ❖ May 14 Ishmael Spear-it
- ❖ May 21 NO SCHOOL - ProD day
- ❖ May 24 NO SCHOOL - Victoria Day

Attachments:

Take Home Supper - May menu

Hot lunch schedule - May menu