



Dear SJS Parents

Flurries of activities took place this week with preparations of this year's **Christmas concert**. Classes have taken their performances to the stage, filming has begun and the anticipation is mounting. Watch for next week's QS for a front row seat to **SJ 2020 Christmas concert**.

Families are welcome to make a donation towards what will be an amazing performance.

Break the rule day! Today students by donation were able to break some school rules: some wore a hat, others wore their hoodie up, others wore regular clothes. Shortbread cookies and hot chocolate too were available. Grade 7 designated all proceeds (\$775.00) to go towards the purchase of gifts and grocery gift cards for the North Okanagan Friendship Centre, for families of toddlers to children of 8 years of age. May their Christmas be filled with Love and Peace.



Dec 14 - Dec 18 School events

❖ December 14

- 2:45pm - 3:30pm Grade 6/7 boys Volleyball

❖ December 15

- 8:30am - 9:45am Grade 6 Immunizations

❖ December 16

- 2:45pm - 3:30pm Liturgical dance team - treats/celebration in Grade 7
- 2:45pm - 3:30pm Art club Grade 6/7

❖ December 17

- 2:00pm - 2:40pm Grade 6/7 girls vs boys Volleyball

❖ December 18

- Spirit Day - Christmas Colour day **Red/Green/White**
- 10:30am students view virtual School concert
- **Christmas Take Home Supper pick up 11:00am - 12:30pm**
- **Early dismissal 12:00pm** (supervision until 12:30pm)

Walk with Jesus Our Living Hope:

May **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love** continue to be present in us all, as we journey this Advent

Catholic Girls League - 100 blankets to date

With the support and generosity of the SJS community the CGL and SJS were able to purchase 100 blankets for the Homeless in Vernon. The appreciation displayed on delivery of the first 34 blankets, spoke of the love, hope and encouragement the CGL and SJS had wanted to bring to those less fortunate. There are still bracelets available if you want a unique Christmas gift for that someone special.

Liturgical Dance - Grade 6/7

The Liturgical dance team will meet next week on Wednesday for treats and celebration of the accomplishments they have reached so far. The team will take a short break and practises will reconvene in February 2021

Virtual Scholastic Book Fair - November 30 - December 13 2020

Thank you to everyone who has already ordered. Over 57 books, purchased to date!

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5153705>



The **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** continues **until DECEMBER 13th**.
20% of purchases can be redeemed for books and education resources.
One of the ways we are using these rewards is to purchase new levelled books to supply our SIDE-BY-SIDE reading program in the primary grades.
Please consider the **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair**, reading a gift for every child.

PSG - Parent Support Group

Thank you to everyone who supported Vernon Teach and Learn. Your support to our local business and our School is recognized and appreciated

Meet the Staff at St James School

Anne Kelly – Library tech - have worked at St.James since 2004

Birthplace: Regina, Saskatchewan but moved to a farm in Armstrong when I was 6. I loved growing up on a farm.

Spouse: married to Ken Kelly for **40 wonderful years.**

I have **3 children, 3 grandsons, and 3 brothers** all who I LOVE spending time with.

Hobbies: Beading, sewing, acrylic paint pouring, alcohol inking, playing piano, baking (won numerous apple pie contests - when there used to be apple pie contests)

Fun Facts:

I love paddle boarding, hiking, the Armstrong Fair and going to church.

I have been a church organist for 48 years

I started playing at St. Joseph's church in Armstrong when I was 12 years old.

I really enjoy playing Lego, Canasta, Monopoly and Scrabble.

I wrote my first children's book in 2019: The Adventures of Buster the Bear. This book is about the adventures of Buster the Bear and my three grandsons.

I am working on my second children's book about Nutley the Squirrel who lives at my house.

Favorite Foods: Coffee (the more the better) and popcorn.

Favorite Authors: Francine Rivers, Lisa Genova and Henry Ripplinger



Meal Programs:

Hot Lunch (HL) January menu attached - **payment due by December 18th**

Take Home Supper (THS): January menu attached Please ensure your order and payment are in the school office by Monday, noon for THS that Wednesday.

Take Home Supper PICK UP TIME: Wed, 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Pick up is outside the door of Kitchen by the gym/Parish Centre.

Upcoming Events:

- ❖ December 19 - Jan 3 Christmas break
- ❖ January 4 2021 - **return to School**
- ❖ 9:00am - 11:00am January 5 Uniform new & gently used sale

Attachments:

HL January 2021 menu

THS January 2021 menu