



# Catholic Schools week

February 1 - 5 2021

Dear SJS Parents

Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible gift that Catholic Schools offer in the education of our students. Throughout this next week St James staff and students will celebrate together at our amazing St James school. Every day a prayer is led by a different grade, each day has a specific theme, and a different grade or cohort will enjoy intramurals at lunch recess. Wednesday morning our staff will greet our parents, in the school parking lot between 7:45am - 8:30am to show their appreciation with muffins and coffee - masked, socially distant and protocol friendly of course! Father Peter too will join us throughout the week by Zoom.

Bishop Joseph comes to us via youtube. Please click the link to hear his message for our community: <https://youtu.be/w5Cp0IMkYR8>

Reregistration packages are coming home today with your youngest or only child. You may notice changes in the forms this year. Please thoroughly go through the forms to ensure the office has your current information. If you are a registered Parishioner, **you must reach out** to Father Peter to arrange your annual interview.

Your completed registration package is due by Friday, March 12 2021.

# Catholic School week's events

## February 1 - 5 2021

### ❖ February 1 Uniform Day - St James attire

- Student led prayer - led by Grade 1
- Faith Celebration "Zoom" Rosary with Mr. Rossetti
- Virtual field trip with Artic Explorer - John Dunn
- Grade 5 intramurals - Lunch recess

### ❖ February 2 Hoody Day - wear your favourite

- Student led prayer - led by Grade 7
- Door decorating day by classroom
- Grade 2 vs 1 intramurals - Lunch recess

### ❖ February 3 Wacky Day - wear a wacky hat or socks or outfit etc

- 7:45am - 8:30am Drive thru muffin & coffee for Parents
- 8:30am Cookie and juice for students
- Student led prayer - led by Grade 6
- Kindergarten vs Grade 1 intramurals - Lunch recess
- Art Club Grade 6/7 2:45pm - 3:40pm
- Grade 6/7 Boys' Basketball Practice - 2:45pm - 3:30pm

### ❖ February 4 Sports Day - wear your favourite jersey or sport t-shirt

- Winter Olympic Activities in the Gym! (by class)
- Lost & Found foyer of school office (social distancing, required)
- Used uniform SALE by donation - foyer of office (social distancing, required)
- Student led prayer - led by Grade 5
- Vernon Winter Carnival Poster judging - Grade 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7
- Grade 3 vs Grade 4 intramurals - Lunch recess
- Grade 6/7 Girls' Basketball Practice - 2:45pm - 3:30pm

### ❖ February 5 Western Day - 1st day of Vernon Winter Carnival

- Lost & Found foyer of school office (social distancing, required)
- Used uniform SALE by donation - foyer of office (social distancing, required)
- Student led prayer - led by Grade 4
- Dance party in the Gym! (by class)
- Vernon Winter Carnival Poster judging - Grade 4
- Grade 6 vs Grade 7 intramurals - Lunch recess
- Art Club Grade 5 2:45pm - 3:40pm

## News from the Office:

**Absent from School:** Please **inform the office** if your child will be absent or late

**Call:** 250.542.4081, **email:** [office@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:office@stjamesvernon.com) or **cc:** [office@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:office@stjamesvernon.com) when corresponding with your child's teacher.

## Walk with Jesus Our Living Hope:

### Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation, whom I shall fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

## Cleaning Protocol

Mr Pfannschmidt and Mrs Clinaz keep our school exceptionally clean.

Their daily cleaning of floors, desks and high traffic areas are in addition to the cleaning and disinfecting done within the classrooms by our teaching staff. Our school is thoroughly fogged every weekend by Mr Pfannschmidt or Ms. Clinaz. The following youtube explains the products and processes that our custodians use. <https://youtu.be/iKTLmFCqenk>

## Meet the Staff at St James School



Tara Moore

**Position:** Grade 1 teacher

**Birthplace:** Inuvik, Northwest Territories

**Family:** Children: Evan 31, Jenessa 28, Michael† (late husband of 32 years) - all who attended St. James School and Vernon Senior Secondary

### **FUN FACTS:**

\* lived in three provinces, one territory and nine different communities before moving to Vernon in 1981 \* signed my first teaching contract at St. James School over 35 years ago in the boardroom which is now called the Attic!

\* currently teaching the children of the children that I previously taught \* was a provincially ranked figure skater \* shook the hand of Queen Elizabeth II when was 5 years old in Fort Providence NWT \* lover of ice cream, interior decorating; sports; thrift shopping, puppies, ponies, penguins, puzzles, and purple \* willing to try anything new \* believer in the healing power of belly laughs

### *Close to my heart:*

St. James church, especially when the sunlight radiates through the stained glass windows \* all of the people whom I worked alongside at St. James School \* every student that I taught \* the moment when a child finds out that he/she can READ! \* grand conversations and celebrations with family and friends \* sunrises, sunsets and star gazing \* exploring the hills, trails and lakes

of our very own community \* the seasons of Fall and Winter (yes, I'm a true northerner)\* the Kalamalka Country Club \* Lumby and Nelson \*

**Favourite Scripture:** Matthew 22: 36-40 The Greatest Commandment Hopes: to make a difference in the lives of the children I teach; to see the face of Jesus in everyone I meet

## **St James Parent Support Group: SAVE the dates: April 9 - 16th 2021**

We are VERY excited to announce our major fundraising event for the 2020/2021 school year  
Watch for details in next week's Quick Snapper

## **Sunday Mass: OLOV January 31 2021**

Here are instructions for people to access the livestream

Before Sunday, please do the following:

1. Connect to YouTube by clicking on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnWk1qgLFrtn7m0dbqrVzw>

2. The link should take you straight to the YouTube channel of the Roman Catholic Churches of Vernon

3. On that page, please click the red SUBSCRIBE button.

4. Save the link so you can easily get to it on Sunday. Start the streaming 10 minutes before the Mass.

## **Meal Programs:**

**Hot Lunch (HL): February payment is now due**

**Take Home Supper (THS):** 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:**

- ❖ February 12 Pro D - **NO school**
- ❖ February 15 Family Day - **School closed**
- ❖ Feb 16 Uniform sale 9:00am - 11:00am
- ❖ February 17 Ash Wednesday
- ❖ February 26 **Pink** shirt day - Anti bullying day
- ❖ March 12 Deadline to return re registration packages
- ❖ March 15 - 26 Spring Break - **School closed**

## **Attachments:**

HL February menu

THS February menu