



## November 19 2021

The First snowfall of the season brought delight and cheer. The younger students were thrilled to be out playing in the snow. It brings the anticipation of winter activities such as skiing, skating, snowboarding, and sledding.

While we celebrated this first, we too will celebrate a last. Sunday, November 21 is the last Sunday in this Liturgical year, the feast of "Christ the King".

## Nov 22 - Nov 26 School Events

- **November 22**
  - No events
- **November 23**
  - 9:00am - 11:00am Uniform sale new and gently used
  - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Ukulele Club Gr 4&5
- **November 24**
  - 8:40am Gr K&1 Assembly
  - 2:45pm - 3:40pm Gr 5/6/7 Art Club
- **November 25**
  - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Choir practice Gr 4 - 7
- **November 26**
  - No events

## News from the Office:

**Reusable masks:** PLEASE provide your child with a reusable mask.

This will assist to save the school the cost of purchasing disposable masks and reduce the environmental impact of this current requirement.

**Lost and Found:** The lost are looking to be found! Please pop into the office when you pick up your child to look through the Lost and Found.

**Orange Shirts are available:**

SJS recently purchased Orange shirts from the OKIB.

We have a few remaining in sizes small and large.

If you are interested in purchasing one for \$30.00, please contact the school office.



**Bishop Joseph's visit** to St. James School - if you missed the video, here's your opportunity.

<https://youtu.be/FRMDqsTipDI>

**Artona** - School photos are available to order all year long. If you have yet to purchase your child's school pictures, they are still available.

[https://www.artona.com/schools/STJA/programs/school\\_photo](https://www.artona.com/schools/STJA/programs/school_photo)

**Christmas Travel: Do you plan to travel during Christmas?**

**COVID Update – International Travel**

The opening of the U.S./Canada border and the upcoming Winter Break may have families considering international travel. Families should be aware of the [federal travel guidance around COVID-19](#), especially the restriction in attending school for unvaccinated students for 14 days following international travel, including travel to the U.S. Unvaccinated students ages 12-17 are required to follow all quarantine requirements. Unvaccinated students under the age of 12 who are accompanied by someone who qualifies for the fully vaccinated traveler exemption are not required to quarantine, however, these students have the [following restrictions](#):

For the next 14 days, the children must:

- not attend school, camp or daycare
- not attend large or crowded settings, indoors or outdoors, such as an amusement park or sporting event
- not take buses, subways, trains or other crowded transportation
- not attend a setting where they may have contact with vulnerable people (e.g. long term care facility)
- stay in a place that allows the child to avoid all contact with any person that:
  - has an underlying medical condition that makes the person susceptible to complications related to COVID-19
  - has a compromised immune system from a medical condition or treatment;or
- is 65 years of age or older
- limit contact with others:
  - remain with their fully vaccinated parent or guardian, as much as possible
- wear a mask and physically distance when in contact with non-household members

There is no allowance for unvaccinated students to return to school within 14 days following international travel, regardless of who they travel with or if they receive a negative PCR test result. If your family plans to travel internationally this Christmas, please follow all guidelines and let us know in the office. Thank you.

## **PSG - Parent Support Group**

## **Christmas Fundraising**

The delivery of the **Purdy's chocolates** and **Christmas arrangements** may be delayed due to weather disruptions. We will do our best to keep you informed.

**Vernon Teach & Learn** - December 3, 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
20% of proceeds will be gifted back to St James School

## **News from St. James & OLOV Church:**

**Mandatory mask requirements** at all indoor events at Parish facilities including Mass. Attached is a letter from Bishop Joseph.

## **News from the Kitchen:**

**Take Home Supper (THS):** November menu attached

**November's Take Home Supper** Chef JP will offer, on **alternate Wednesdays** up until Christmas, a "**one dish meal**" in either small (feeds 2-4) or large (feeds 6-8). These meals are a great opportunity to stock up the freezer or enjoy that night as usual. As always, the one dish meal will be fresh and packaged appropriately, should you decide to freeze it.

**Take Home Supper orders** are required by noon on Monday, for that Wednesday.

**Fudge Orders:** attached order form. **Order deadline** November 26 2021

**Methods of payment for THS and Fudge:** cheque, cash, cc/dr or etransfer to **payments@stjamesvernon.com** please ensure to list all particulars

## **Upcoming events:**

November 23: Uniform Sale new and gently used

December 1 : Assembly Grade 6& 7

December 3: First Friday Mass tbd

December 17: Tentative Virtual Christmas Concert Release

**Noon Dismissal** Christmas Break

January 4: School reopens

## **Attachments**

Bishop Joseph - mandatory mask requirement  
Take Home Supper menu  
Fudge order form