

## November 25 2022 Quick Snapper



### Preparation for the First week of Advent

Our Grade 4 class led by Ms. Dressler and Mrs. Durfeld created stunning Advent wreaths today. The smell of pine and the excitement of this annual craft stirred the anticipation of Christmas.

**December 22 @ 7pm** our SJS students will perform at the **Performing Art Centre**. All classes are busy preparing for what will be a Christmas Concert like no other.

### News from the Office

#### Transition Plan Details:

With the news that Mr. Rossetti is leaving and Mrs. Inzunza is taking over as Interim Principal as of January, the question of who will take over Grade 2 needed to be answered. After much thought, prayer, and consultation with staff, I am happy to announce that Mr. Royal has agreed to take over Grade 2. Also, Mrs. Kilarski has agreed to take over Religion Instruction and Sacrament Prep on Tuesday and Friday Afternoons. Mrs. Jamin will look to assign EA support to Grade 3 to help support the learning in that room, which will continue to be facilitated by Mr. McLaughlin. A plan is in place to see the smooth transition of Mr. Royal to Grade 2 and Mrs. Inzunza to her new role.

#### “Is my child too sick to go to school?”

With the onset of the colder weather, there can also be the onset of sniffles, colds and the flu. Attached please find a reference letter from Interior Health to assist you with the decision of “**When to keep my child at home.**”

Also, an update from the Ministry of Education was received today:

#### Updated BCCDC Guidance for What to Do If You’ve Tested Positive for COVID-19

BCCDC recently updated their guidance for what to do [if a person has symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19](#). This includes that people with symptoms who test positive for

**COVID-19 should stay home until their fever has resolved and they feel well enough to participate in daily activities.**

This update is consistent with information that came out last week that there is no longer a requirement to self-isolate upon testing positive for COVID-19.

If your **child will be absent from school**, please **contact the office @250.542.4081** or email [office@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:office@stjamesvernon.com) This will assure your child is accounted for in a timely fashion and eliminates the office from making calls home.

### **Second Annual "Spirit of Giving"**



**What?** Let's REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE! We'd like to **collect and sell gently used items** from within our school community. Decluttering or getting rid of stuff? Bring it to us! This pre-Christmas initiative will allow students the opportunity to *give, think of others* and *shop*!!  
**BRING IN YOUR ITEMS!**

**When?** Collection will take place the week of **Monday December 5th.**

**The sale will take place Monday December 12th and Tuesday December 13th.**

**What?** Selling gently used, in good condition toys/games/books/ stuffies/items would like to pass along; things kids and families love. Items will be sold for 1\$, 2\$, 5\$, 10\$ depending.

**Where?** Bring your reusable items from home into the school and place them in the collection box provided for your classroom. Sales will happen in the library during library time.

**Why?** Reduce, reuse, recycle and to create affordable gift giving!!

Thank you for thinking of others, helping our environment by reusing items, gift giving and bringing smiles, joy, excitement to our students!!

Money raised would be divided between all the classes for the classroom teacher to deliver a Christmas celebration of their choosing!

### **News from the Library:**

Your support of the recent Scholastic Book Fair provided the library with a **\$1500.00 credit** Mrs Kelly is over the moon with excitement to purchase books for SJS Students and Staff.

### **Hot Lunch (HL):**

**December's Hot Lunch menu** is attached. **Payment is due by November 30th** or advise that your child will not participate. If you are interested in having your child participate in the Hot Lunch program please contact the office.

## Take Home Supper (THS):

We are saddened to see Roberte Horlacher leave SJS as the Kitchen assistant, yet we are grateful for her dedication and hard work over the last 4 years. We wish Roberte all the best in her new journey. At this time, the THS will take a hiatus over the month of December. The THS program will be evaluated during this time to determine its future. For all our SJS, Parish and Fellow supporters, THANK YOU, we are truly grateful for your continuous support, week after week and month after month. Your smiling faces while coming to pick up your weekly supper will be missed. If you are interested in being a consistent and reliable volunteer for the THS program, please let the office know. This will help us in determining the future of the program.

## News from the PSG:

### Christmas Merry Market

**November 30th**

**Traditional Turkey dinner (with all the fixins) by donation only.**

Dinner served between 4:30 - 6:00pm

**Merry Market: 4:30pm - 7:30pm** Over 18 vendors will be selling their treasures. Great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping.



## Nov 28 - Dec 2 School events

- Nov 28
  - Fr. Peter blessing of Gr 4 Bibles
- Nov 29
  - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Choir Practise
- Nov 30
  - 4:30pm - 7:30pm Merry Christmas Market
- Dec 1
  - 9:00am Interior Health - Kindergarten Dental check
- Dec 2
  - no scheduled events

## News from our Church:

**Our Lady of the Valley:** Fill the Valley, December 1 @ 6:00pm an evening of Music, Praise, Prayer and Community. See attachment

**St. Joseph's Parish Armstrong and St. Anne's Parish Enderby Advent Retreats**  
**Deacon Paul** will be the Retreat Leader. **Advent Retreat Theme: Holy Moments** a time to discern and prepare for the nativity of our Saviour, Jesus Christ and to continue to build our relationship with the Saviour, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit

**St Joseph's Parish Armstrong Retreat** - December 5th and 6th @ 7:00pm

**St. Ann's Parish Enderby Retreat** - December 5th and 6th @ 2:30pm

**Knights Of Columbus** St. James Council 4949 invites you:

**K of C 4949 is selling Christmas cards at the school office. 10 cards \$10.00**

**November 26** at the Parish Centre

**Roast Beef dinner** with all the trimmings 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Cash Bar available    **Tickets: \$25.00    Children under 12 \$12.50**

**Knights Of Columbus** St. James Council 4949 invites you:

**December 11th** at the Parish Centre

**Pancake Breakfast** between 8:30am-10:30am by donation  
(Debit and Credit machine available)

\*Special visit from Santa Claus 9:30am -10:30am



**Upcoming events:**

Dec 5: Collection of gently used items for 2nd Annual Spirit of Giving  
Dec 11: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (special visitor)  
Dec 12: Second Annual "Spirit of Giving"  
Dec 13: Second Annual "Spirit of Giving"  
Dec 16: Spirit Day - Christmas Colour  
Dec 16: Uniform Sale - new & gently used  
Dec 22: SJS Christmas Concert at the Vernon Performing Arts Centre

**Attachment:**

HL: December menu  
Fill the Valley  
Interior Health - Is my child too sick to come to school?