



October 21 2021

Our hallways are blessed with colour and cheer by the many artistic works of our students. The creative abilities of our young students are astounding.

Although it was a short week, it was a week of multiple activities. We had 2 fire drills and one earthquake drill (As Part of the Great BC Shakeout 2021) this week. The students and staff vacated the School each time in a safe orderly manner. We will continue to have such drills throughout the year to ensure a calm, safe, and orderly evacuation, should the need to evacuate ever be deemed necessary.

Oct 25 - Oct 29 School events

- **October 25**
 - 2:45pm - 3:45pm Girls Volleyball practice
- **October 26**
 - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Gr 4 & 5 Ukulele Club
 - 3:00pm Boys Volleyball game(home) vs BX
- **October 27**
 - 2:45pm - 3:40pm Gr 5/6/7 Art Club
 - 3:00pm Girls Volleyball game(home) vs Bearisto
- **October 28**
 - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Gr 4 - 7 Choir Practise
- **October 29**
 - Spirit Day - wear a costume, orange/black dress up
 - Haunted Trail hosted by Grade 7

One Family One Hope in Christ

Our dedicated foyer bulletin board is soon to come alive. We will keep you posted.

News from the Office:

Friday, October 22 is a ProD day, no school and Office will be closed.

Friday October 29 - Haunted Trail hosted by the Grade 7 Class. Students can expect lots of fun scares in a safe and supportive environment.

Reusable masks: if you could please send your child (K - 7) to school with a reusable mask we would be very grateful. This will assist us in saving the school the cost of purchasing disposable masks and reduce the environmental impact of this current requirement.

Uniform attire: As we draw to the close of October a gentle reminder that school attire will eliminate "gym strip" shorts and t-shirts for everyday wear until May. Please ensure your child is wearing a warm jacket as we head into the cooler weather of Fall.

Bishop Joseph Visit video while at St James School

<https://youtu.be/FRMDqsTipDI>

Artona School Photos: original and retake orders

View and place an order: https://www.artona.com/schools/STJA/programs/school_photo

Scholastic Book Fair WOW! WOW! WOW!

The Scholastic Book Fair was a screaming success!!!
We surpassed our goal of \$3000.00!!!



Total sales amounted to \$3,500.00, which in turn amounts to \$2,000 of product for our school. Thank you to everybody who sent money to school for their children to spend as well as to everyone who ordered books online.

With this money we will be able to order books to support our literacy program as well as new and exciting books for our library.

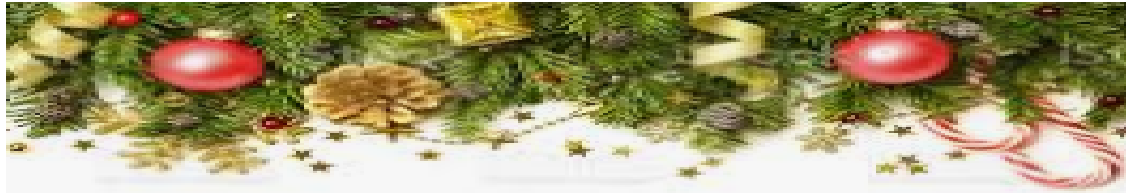
Special thank you to Katrina Redgwell for all her help to make this Book Fair such a success!!

PSG - Parent Support Group - intro to the PSG

Please read the attached "Hello" from the PSG for your invitation

PSG - Parent Support Group

Christmas Fundraising



With the holiday season quickly approaching, we are looking to our school community to help fundraise. We are selling Christmas arrangements and Purdy's Chocolates!

There is no pressure to place an order for all items, we hope with all the options there is something for everyone. With each sale, approximately 25% comes back to our school. Please circulate these orders to your friends and family and we kindly ask that all **orders are placed before Tuesday November 9th.**

Pick up of all items will be on Tuesday November 23rd from 2pm-4pm in the school gym.

Purdy's Chocolates: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/823024-87653>
[\[fundraising.purdys.com\]](https://fundraising.purdys.com)

Poinsettias, Wreaths, Table Top, Hanging Boughs etc:
<https://stjamescatholic.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>
[\[stjamescatholic.growingsmilesfundraising.com\]](https://stjamescatholic.growingsmilesfundraising.com)

See You Later Alligator Kids Care Ltd:

See You Later Alligator has been located at St James School for 15 years. Owner/Early Childhood Educator, Alana Mackinnon offers Daycare, Preschool and Afterschool care for 3 - 12 year olds. Do contact Alana @ 250.938.4469 with any questions.

Hot Lunch Program: November menu is attached. **Payment is due by Friday, October 29.** Please ensure your payment is received into the office or handed off to your child's teacher by the last day of the current month (October 29)

Take Home Supper (THS): November menu will be published next week. Please ensure your order and payment is in the school office by Monday, noon for THS that Wednesday.

Additional treasures:

Kindergarten



Grade 1



Bishop Joseph celebrating Mass with the Grade 6 and 7 class





Bishop visiting SJS



Upcoming events:

- November 2: Grade 6 Immunizations
- November 5: Grade 2 & 3 Mass. Grade 3 lead
- November 9: CGL Grade 6/7 girls in library
- November 9/10: Parent/Teacher interviews
- November 11: Remembrance Day No School
- November 12: ProD Day No School

Attachments

- Hot lunch November menu
- PSG - Parent Support Group Invitation
- COVID19 Contact Tracing