



## Dear SJS Parents

Volleyball began this week for grades 5, 6 and 7. It has been wonderful to hear the loud cheering and see the team's camaraderie. Our inaugural Liturgical dance team also started practises after school, this week. Stay tuned as a Spring performance is in the making. The postponed sacraments of First Holy communion and Confirmation have begun to be celebrated at OLOV and St. James churches. May we keep these students in our prayers as they receive these blessed sacraments.

## October 26 - 30th School events

- ★ **October 26 - NO school** CISKD ProD day
- ★ **October 27** - no events
- ★ **October 28** -
  - Lost and Found on display front foyer
  - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Grade 5 boys & girls Volleyball
  - 2:45pm - 3:30pm Grade 6/7 Liturgical dance in Grade 7
- ★ **October 29**
  - Lost and Found on display front foyer
  - 2:45pm - 3:30pm Grade 6/7 girls Volleyball
- ★ **October 30**
  - Lost and Found on display front foyer
  - Kindergarten & Grade 1 student attend Mass
  - Halloween - details to follow by classroom Teacher

## News from the Office:

**School hours:** If your child arrives after 8:35am please have he/she come through the front door, to have the office update their attendance.

**7:45am** - Before school supervision

**8:30am** - Students proceed to their class

**8:35am - School begins**

**10:00am - 10:25am** Morning recess

**12:00pm - 12:25pm** Students eat lunch

**12:25pm - 12:55pm** Afternoon recess

**1:00pm** School begins

**2:45pm** Final dismissal

**2:45pm - 4:30pm** After School supervision

**Absent from School:** Please **inform the office by 9:00am** if your child will be absent. **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. If your child is to leave the school grounds during the day, please ensure you sign your child out in the book outside of the office.

**Late:** Students that arrive after 8:35am must report to the office

## Walk with Jesus Our Living Hope:

Sacrament of Confirmation - will be held on November 14, December 19 and January 16 2021. These dates are for our previous Grade 7 students whose sacrament was postponed due to COVID19. These masses are scheduled for only these students and their families.

May their faith continue to be deepened as they Walk with Jesus Our Living Hope.

## Saints of Service - Parent Participation Program

SOS was created to engage and build relationships amongst our SJ families. The opportunities to volunteer are many and quite diverse.

The SOS program is currently under construction, yet there are opportunities to volunteer. These opportunities are open to all.

The attached **SOS Parent participation program** will explain what is required for you to volunteer. Please contact [saintsofservice.sjs@gmail.com](mailto:saintsofservice.sjs@gmail.com) with any questions.



### Volunteer Opportunities

	Opportunity	When	Where	Time	Grade
	Clean out the compost	Sat or Sun morning	School garden	2 people x 2hrs	Grade 3
*	Replace rotted boards of raised garden beds (looking for sturdy replacement boards)	Sat or Sun morning	School garden	2 people x 2hrs	Grade 3
*	Sew 20 bean bags (looking for donated items of beans and bright soft material)	As your time permits	At home	1 or 2	Grade 3
**	Sand 18 stools, 2 chairs & a small dresser	ASAP	Either home or outside of school (weather permitting)	Multiple volunteers	Art
	Multiple Reading buddies	Morning or Afternoon	School resource room	15min intervals (1 - 1.5hrs)	Mrs. Amie Jamin

\* Donated items required

\*\* All materials supplied and tools are readily available

Please contact [saintsofservice.sjs@gmail.com](mailto:saintsofservice.sjs@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of these opportunities or have any questions.

### Meet the Staff at St James School:

*My name is Ms. Joelle Dressler and I am the Grade 7 Teacher!*



**Birthplace:** Kenora, ON

**Education:** B.Ed. U of S, Post Graduate Diploma (pending) SFU, Master of Religious Education Newman Theological College Edm

**Children:** York, age 19

**Passions:** Catholic Education, The Arts, Truth and Reconciliation

**Favourite Scripture:** Psalm 46:10

'Be Still and know that I am God'

**Hobbies:** Choreography, sharing music with my son, and communing with nature while swimming, walking, kayaking, hiking, and cycling in God's stunning Creation

**Most Repeated Phrase to my Students:** Listen to Jesus knocking at the door of your heart

**Favourite Place:** Roatan, Honduras

**Favourite Book:** The Alchemist

**Favourite Movie:** The Mission

**Favourite Band:** Rush

**Favourite Drink:** Icy cold water, Peppermint tea, world class Okanagan wines!

### Meal Programs:

**Hot Lunch Program (HL):** November menu is attached.

Please ensure your **payment** is received in the office **by Friday, October 30th**

**Take Home Dinner (THD):** November menu is attached. **Note:** the updated pricing structure may fluctuate for additional protein options and an expansion of the menu.

Please ensure your order and payment is in the school office by Monday, noon for THD that Wednesday.

**Take Home Dinner PICK UP TIME:** Wed., 2:30pm - 4:00pm (please note the change)

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

## **NEWS from your PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:**

The Parent Support Group (PSG) helps support our school through fundraising and community building activities that benefit our children and school. Please see the attachment to learn more about what we do and how you can help.

We have two Christmas fundraisers coming up. Paper copies came home with the youngest and only child this week. Online ordering available as per the following links.

❖ **Poinsettia Online Order Form**

<https://stjamescatholic.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

[\[stjamescatholic.growingsmilesfundraising.com\]](https://stjamescatholic.growingsmilesfundraising.com)

**Orders due November 13 delivery November 30.**

❖ **Purdy's Online Order Form**

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/823027-77431> [\[fundraising.purdys.com\]](https://fundraising.purdys.com)

**Orders due November 13 delivery November 30.**

## **Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ November 11 - Remembrance Day - NO School
- ❖ November 12 - ProD day - **NO School**
- ❖ November 13 -
  - ProD day - **NO School**
  - Poinsettia and Purdy's Online order due

### **Attachments:**

Saints of Service - Parent Participation Program

Take Home Dinner - November

Hot lunch - November

PSG Fall Connect