

## Quick Snapper September 29 2022



Students and Staff assembled to reflect on what Truth and Reconciliation Day is all about. Songs were sung, prayers were prayed, poems were read, and some students courageously and spontaneously chose to share the stories that have been shared with them by their elders about residential school. It was a powerful testament to hope and resilience. A short clip was viewed highlighting Pope Francis' recent apology during his "Journey of Penance" to Canada this past summer. We also had a discussion about what "unceded" means when we hear it in the local acknowledgments that have become very popular. Wednesday and Thursday saw hallways full of Orange as students and staff were encouraged to wear their orange shirts on both days in honour of Friday's dedication to Truth and Reconciliation.

Students also participated in the annual Terry Fox run at the Polson Oval. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered, and all those who participated and pledged so far. Please return your pledge form and donations by Friday, October 14. If you wish to make a donation online, please visit the following link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/StjamesVernon>

## News from the Office:

**School Photographs:** The Artona Group provided a unique Student card for each student. The card identifies your access code, specific for your child, it is the key to accessing their photos online. [https://www.artona.com/schools/STJA/programs/school\\_photo](https://www.artona.com/schools/STJA/programs/school_photo)

**IMPORTANT** - If that camera card is misplaced, please visit the following link to retrieve your student's access code: [https://artona.com/student\\_requests/new](https://artona.com/student_requests/new)

Artona will return to SJS for **retakes on Friday, Oct 14th.**

## News from the Staff:

This Sunday is the Feast Day of the Guardian Angels. Mrs. Kelly would like to remind everyone that as Catholics, we believe that each of us has a guardian angel who hovers close to us and protects us from harm. We encourage all families to pray a daily prayer to their Guardian Angel:

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day,  
be at my side,  
To light and guard,  
Rule and guide.

Amen.

## News from Our Social Media Team:

You may have noticed that St. James School has an increased presence on Facebook and Instagram thanks to the help of our Social Media Manager, Carinna Trueman, and a few keen staff members. We are increasing our posts in hopes that it will boost our enrollment in the years to come.

You can help by following us on Facebook and Instagram and liking, sharing and commenting on our posts. If you are willing to write a post for us about why you chose St. James and what you like about our school please email [socialmedia@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:socialmedia@stjamesvernon.com) and please include a picture of you and your family.

## News from the Parish:

You are invited to the annual Life Chain on Saturday from 2-3 pm. We are meeting on the corner of 32nd Ave and 32nd St in the Vantage One Credit Union parking lot. Families are encouraged to attend together.

You are invited to a special Mass at St. James Church on Friday morning at 8am. This Mass is dedicated to Truth and Reconciliation as requested by Bishop Joseph. All SJS families are encouraged to attend.

## 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. Whether you have time to come into the school or prefer to assist from home, you will find areas of interest. Whether you are a gardener, fixer-upper or have a creative side, there will be lots of opportunities to share your many gifts. We are currently gathering suggestions and ideas with staff and will then provide volunteer opportunities. Contact the office with any questions or to sign up for an available opportunity.



**Volunteers:** we are grateful for our volunteers. Don't miss an opportunity to **participate in the classroom** or **accompany your child or grandchild on their field trip**.

Apply online with the attached process or contact the office for a paper submission. CRC is valid for 5 years.

### Hot Lunch (HL):

October's Hot Lunch menu is attached. Please **provide payment** 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):

October's Take Home Supper menu is attached. Please ensure your **order & payment** are received by **Monday, noon** for THS that Wednesday. Payment can be made at the school office by cheque, cash, dr/cc, or e-transfer as per the following required format: **THS \$amt, size of order, and date ordering for pick up**. Send e-transfer to [payments@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:payments@stjamesvernon.com)

### Oct 3 - 7 School events

- Oct 3
  - 2:45pm - 3:30pm Girls Volleyball Practice
- Oct 4
  - 12:25pm - 12:55pm Boys Volleyball Practice
- Oct 5
  - **12:00pm noon Dismissal**
- Oct 6
  - Staff Retreat - **NO School**
- Oct 7
  - Staff Retreat - **NO School**

## Community Event:

Oak Learning Centre: Client Appreciation Day - October 1st  
See attached flyer for more information

## Upcoming events:

October 10: Thanksgiving Day - **NO School**  
October 12: Boys Volleyball Game **away Mission Hill**  
October 13: Girls Volleyball Game **away Mission Hill**  
October 14: Artona Student Photo retakes

## Attachments:

HL October menu  
THS October menu  
CRC online process  
Oak Learning Centre Open House