



Dear SJS Parents

We are very excited to welcome you Back to School, our SJS families, those who are returning and an extra special welcome to our many new SJS families. The School is sparkling, our amazing team, Andrew and Kathy have been extremely busy. Our hallways are lit up with beautiful bulletin board displays and our classrooms have come alive with the unique creativity of each classroom Teacher. We encourage you to share with family and friends our school website <https://www.stjamesvernon.com/> and Facebook page as these are great tools and kept up to date with our school activities, events and fundraisers.

COVID-19 Protocols

Our local protocols are still being established/confirmed at this time, however, we can share with you the following details:

1. All staff, visitors, and volunteers are asked to wear a mask when indoors at SJS.
2. All students in Grades 4 to 7 are asked to wear a mask when indoors at SJS.
3. There are exceptions to the mask mandate that will be outlined in the documentation that will be available prior to school starting on Wednesday, Sep 8, 2021 .
4. It is important that all students feel comfortable and welcomed at SJS. We are committed to ensuring the safety of everyone while not creating stigmas or a divide between students and staff who are able to tolerate the use of masks and those who cannot. As you can imagine, this is a challenging commitment to keep and we ask for your patience, understanding, and open communication as we walk this path together.
5. We will be limiting indoor assemblies at school to 50 students or 2 classes, whichever is greater in number, in compliance with Interior Health Recommendations.
6. We are currently seeking clarity on recommendations for attending Mass.
7. There are no cohorts required at this time.
8. We remain committed to communicating with you as we navigate the many changes that we anticipate over the course of this school year and we thank you for choosing St. James School

Updated Staffing for 2021/22

This is the updated staffing for the 2021/22 school year. As always, this is subject to change.

Clergy:

Pastor/Parochial Administrator: Fr. Peter Nguyen

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Swann Kim

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Thomas Arackal

Deacon: Deacon Paul Murphy

Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Marley Wournell (2.5 days M-W) and Mrs. Heidi Routley (2.5 days W-F)

Grade 1: Mrs. Tara Moore (4 days) and Mrs. Durfeld (Mondays)

Grade 2: Mrs. Melanie Inzunza

Grade 3: Mr. Mark McLaughlin

Grade 4: Mrs. Joelle Dressler

Grade 5: Ms. Sian Haack

Grade 6: Ms. Cliona Kilarski (4 days) and Mrs. Durfeld (Wednesdays)

Grade 7: Mr. Andrew Foster

Mrs. Viviana Monahan: Teacher Librarian and Literacy Specialist

Mrs. Deborah Bouchard: Art Teacher Grades 5/6/7, ELL, and Literacy Specialist

Mrs. Angela Durfeld: Literacy and Numeracy Specialist

Mrs. Amie Jamin: Integration Support Teacher

Mrs. Hannah Hamm: Music Specialist

Mr. Rossetti: Principal

Support Staff:

EA: Mrs. Colleen Trepanier

EA: Mrs. Jordi Romanovitch

EA: Mr. Matt Royal

EA: Ms. Steffi Anderson

EA: Mrs. Jen Allen

EA: Ms. Colleen Sircelj

EA: Mrs. Amanda White

Library Clerk: Mrs. Anne Kelly

Maintenance Supervisor: Mr. Andrew Pfannschmidt

Office Manager: Ms. Karen Heaven-Whieldon

Chef/Banquets Manager: Mr. JP Sheedy

Chef's Assistant: Ms. Roberte Horlacher

Cleaning Services: Bill Tarr and co.

Sept 8 - 17 School events

- **September 8**
 - First day of school (full day, except gradual entry students)
 - Hot Lunch will be provided for ALL students
- **September 9**
 - Hot Lunch will be provided for ALL students
- **September 10**
 - First Friday Mass (TBD)
 - Hot Lunch will be provided for ALL students
- **September 14**
 - Uniform sale - new and gently used
- **September 16**
 - Picture Day

One Family One Hope in Christ

Each year the Catholic Independent Schools of BC (CISBC) focuses on one theme, shared amongst all the Catholic Independent Schools

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;"

Ephesians 4:4

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.

If you pick up your child early, please report to the office.

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

Morning Drop Off in the Parking Lot: Please be sure to drop students off at the southernmost gate, near the kitchen, in the mornings. This will limit the number of cars backed up on 28th Avenue. Please, **do not** drop students off at the office stairwell between 7:45 and 8:35. If you require a little extra time, please park in a parking spot to allow the traffic to flow. Thank you.

Absent from School: Please **inform the office** if your child will be absent. **call:** 250.542.4081, **email:** office@stjamesvernon.com or **cc:** 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 report to the office.

Reusable masks: if you could please send your child (grade 4 - 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.

NEW payment option: eTransfer is now available

IMPORTANT instructions:

- eTransfer to: payments@stjamesvernon.com
- Security question use **(only if needed, by your financial insitute)**
Question: What city are we in? Answer: Vernon
- **Message is required:**
 1. itemize your etransfer by \$ amount
 2. specify which child
 3. specify each payment separately

Example: school fees \$120.00 Sam and Annie. uniforms \$125.00 Sam.

THS \$amt, size of order, and date ordering for September 15

School fees: for consistency and cost effectiveness your child/ren supplies have been purchased for the year. The supply fee for **each student is \$60.00** Please forward payment to the school office, by cheque, cash, e-transfer or come to the office to pay by credit or debit card.

Hot Lunch program:

Our famous Hot lunch program will be provided **free of charge** for the first 3 days of School (Sept 8 - 10) . Details of the cost & payment options will be communicated next week **Kindergarten**, due to its gradual entry will be provided Hot lunch **free of charge Sept 13 - 15**

St James Parent Support Group:

The Parent Support Group (PSG) helps support our school through fundraising and community building activities that benefit our children and school. Stay tuned for updates.

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.

Take Home Supper (THS):

Chef JP's famous and fabulous Take Home Suppers, start on Wednesday, September 15. 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 Sept 15**

September's menu will be available next week.

Take Home Supper PICK UP TIME: Wed, 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Pick up is outside the door of Kitchen by the gym/Parish Centre.

Upcoming Events:

September 27: NO School ProD day

September 30: NO School Provincial Day Truth & Reconciliation Day **Orange shirt day**