



Our first week Back to School was filled with excitement, nervousness and lots & lots of smiles. The hallways have come alive, the Teachers' bulletin boards are vibrant with colour and the children have brought their energy and enthusiasm.

Mark your calendars, **Meet the Teachers BBQ on Wednesday, September 14**, starting at 5:30pm. Further details attached below.

Our Quick Snapper newsletter is published each Friday. The QS is full of information about upcoming events, fundraisers and news we want to share. Be sure to check it out!

### News from the Office:

#### School hours:

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

**8:25am** - Students proceed to their class

**8:30am** - School begins (Thank you for doing your best to be on time!)

**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

If your **child arrives after 8:35am** please have them come through the front door, to have the office update their attendance. If you pick up your child early, please report to the office.

**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 8:25am. 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](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 report to the office.

**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.

### **School Photographs:**

The Artona Group will again facilitate our photography this year, on **Friday September 23rd**. Your child will be provided a unique Student card. The card identifies your access code, specific for your child, it is the key to accessing their photos online. **Retakes will be Friday, Oct 14th.**

You can **expect an email shortly after September 23**, that your child's photos are available to view online. [https://www.artona.com/schools/STJA/programs/school\\_photo](https://www.artona.com/schools/STJA/programs/school_photo)

Contact the school office @ 250.542.4081 for any missing access codes.

**Hallow:** is the #1 Catholic Meditation, Prayer & Sleep App. There is a 90day free trial for parents. You will find prayers, video, activities and digital resources. <http://hallow.com/schools>

**SJELC** - St James Early Centre has openings for after school care until 5:30pm

Contact Alana @ [sjelc@stjamesvernon.com](mailto:sjelc@stjamesvernon.com) for more details

### **Hot Lunch program:**

Our famous Hot lunch program is in full swing. Gentle reminder that payment is due before the start of the following month. Next month's menu is provided approximately the 2nd to last Friday of the current month with payment requested by the end of the current month.

### **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. The PSG meets monthly to discuss upcoming fundraising opportunities and to plan for future field trip funding.

**Contact: Christyna Whieldon @ 778.212.6654** to find out how you can get involved.

### **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.

**Volunteers:** require a Criminal record check

Prior to volunteering in the classroom, going on field trips etc a current CRC is required onfile. Attached you will find the CRC online process.

## **Take Home Supper (THS):**

Chef JP's famous and fabulous Take Home Suppers, start on Wednesday, September 14 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 etransfer as per the following required format: **THS \$amt, size of order, and date ordering for pick up.**

Send etransfer to **payments@stjamesvernon.com**

## **Sept 8 - 17 School events**

- **Sept 12**
  - no scheduled events
- **Sept 13**
  - no scheduled events
- **Sept 14**
  - 8:40am School Assembly
  - 5:30pm Meet the Teacher BBQ
- **Sept 15**
  - no scheduled events
- **Sept 16**
  - 8:30am - 11:00am Uniform sale new & gently used

## **Community Events:**

There are 2 local Fall basketball programs available for grades 2 -10 at local Schools. See attached flyers for details

### **Upcoming events:**

September 23: School Picture day

September 26: **ProD day NO School**

September 30: National Truth & Reconciliation Day **NO School**