

FEBRUARY 2023



**St. John Paul II Catholic School**

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## **Mission Statement**

*St. John Paul II Catholic School is a diverse and Inclusive faith-based learning community rooted in Scripture and the traditions of the Church. Our mission is to provide a safe and loving environment, which enables each child to develop spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, intellectually, and artistically. We are called to celebrate and nurture the God-given talents of each student as we serve with excellence in the light of Christ.*

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Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians,



Catholic Schools Week

It is an honor once again to be able to speak to you about the joy and love that is Catholic Education. A Catholic school educates the whole child to live in the world as a loving reminder of the life and love of Jesus Christ. A Catholic school is defined by its ability to successfully communicate this life; a life centered on Jesus Christ and the Gospel values.

Jesus made clear in the Gospels that he intended to teach people how to live for the Kingdom of God with love and compassion, peace and justice, holiness and freedom. At St. John Paul II we strive through our witness and our curriculum to teach our students in a way that clearly articulates these Gospel values. Like Jesus does for his followers, we too invite our students to change their hearts, their lives, and their world by following His "way" and becoming the person God created them to be.

It is with a warm and grateful heart that I thank all of you on behalf of the teachers and staff of St. John Paul II for your continued and generous support. Your prayers and financial commitment are much appreciated. I would like to conclude with a simple prayer:

*Loving God,*

*We thank you for our Catholic school community – parents, students, parish, and staff – where we can journey in faith together. Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world.*

*May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do.*

*We make this prayer through Jesus, our Lord and teacher.*

*Amen*

Together in Hope,

*Mrs. Warman*

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**Holy Family/Notre Dame  
Mass Times**

**Saturdays at 5 pm  
Sundays at 10 am  
Everyone is welcome.**



**Fr. Michael Tran**



**SCHOOL MASS  
February 10<sup>th</sup> at St. John Paul II  
In the gym. 9:00—10:00 am  
EVERYONE is WELCOME!**



## Vision Statement

**St. John Paul II Catholic School believes in educating the whole child within a loving environment. Our curriculum integrates the approved BC Ministry of Education learning outcomes with Christian values grounded in the Catholic faith. We provide opportunities for students to develop their potential in all areas. We encourage students to discover their passions and talents while reaching for high standards and developing self-discipline. We foster respect and love for all of God's creation. At St. John Paul II, we “learn, serve, lead and succeed”.**

## Values

**We are committed to sharing the values Jesus modelled.  
As a Catholic learning community, we value:  
Love, Excellence, Relationships, Teamwork, Community,  
Making a Difference, Well-being, Creativity, Faithfulness and Diversity.**

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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this February are:  
Emmrick, Jorgen, Aliviah, Grady, Payton and Parker.  
May God Bless you on your special day!

**Holy Mackerels** are special certificates which are presented to students who “have been caught doing good.” A copy of their certificate is then entered into our special fishing net. Six names are pulled each week at assembly and then those students are invited to pick a prize from the prize basket. It’s great fun and another way to celebrate our students’ kindness. The following students were awarded Holy Mackerels since our last newsletter. Michael C., Michael M., Ari, Aradhya x2, Colt, Danikah, Luke, Owen, Hannah, Madison, Lyla, Hannah, Annabel, Soha, Nathan, Grady, Hadden, Kessler x2, Easton, Bani, Sophie and Cuan. Well Done!



## Good News Call of the Day!

We acknowledge our students for positive behaviour with a “Good News Call” from the principal to you the parents. Staff have recognized our top 10 values that we would like to focus on at St. John Paul II. These are: showing love, teamwork, well-being of others and/or self, respecting diversity, demonstrating excellence, building community, being creative, demonstrating positive relationships, making a difference, and being faithful. Congratulations to Emma, Haddie, Rose, and Lea!



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## RED/WHITE/PINK DAY

Tues., Feb. 14, 2023

This Spirit Day the Leadership group will be delivering their candy grams to those who purchased for their family and friends.

## PRO D DAYS CEC VANCOUVER

February 16 & 17, 2023

**NO SCHOOL**

## ANTI-BULLYING PINK SHIRT DAY & SHROVE TUESDAY

Tues., Feb. 21, 2023

Students are invited to wear a pink shirt today. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be at the school to cook pancakes for everyone.

Mon – Fri Jan 30 – Feb 3	Catholic Schools Week! Let the fun begin.
Mon., Feb. 6	Face to Face Ministries
Wed., Feb. 8	School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Thurs., Feb 9	Grade 7 Boys Basketball Tournament in Nanaimo
Mon., Feb. 13	Parent Support Group Meeting at 5:30 pm
Tues., Feb. 14	Red/White/Pink Day – Valentine’s Day – Candy Grams
Wed., Feb. 15	Early Dismissal at Noon
Feb., 16 & 17	PRO D DAYS – CEC VANCOUVER – NO SCHOOL
Mon., Feb. 20	FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL
Tues., Feb. 21	Anti-Bullying Day – Pink Shirt Day
Tues., Feb. 21	Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day
Wed., Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday Mass – Lent begins
Wed., Mar. 1	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Fri., Mar. 3	School Mass at St. John Paul II 9:00 – 10:00 am
Wed., Mar. 8	Report Cards Sent Home
Thurs., Mar. 9	STUDENT LED CONFERENCE 3:30 – 8:00 pm
Fri., Mar. 10	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break Begins -
Mon., Mar. 27	School Re: Opens 8:40 am – 3:00 pm
Wed., Mar. 29	School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Fri., Mar. 31	Spirit St. Patrick’s Day & Hot Lunch Day
Wed., Apr. 5	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm

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# Kindergarten

## Registration

2023-2024



## St. John Paul II Catholic School 2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting Kindergarten Registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Please encourage your family and friends to consider our wonderful school for their children.

Registration packages are available at the school office or you can find an application on our school website <https://stjp2school.ca> under Admissions or scroll to the bottom of the Home page to find “Forms and Documents”.

Please include a copy of your child’s birth certificate, baptismal certificate (is applicable) and health card number.

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## BASKETBALL

Grade 6 & 7 Basketball program is well under way and will finish up in mid-February. Information on upcoming games was sent home. If you need any more information contact Mrs. Warman or Ms. Niemi



## HOCKEY

Intramural Hockey is scheduled for Mondays at noon for Grades 1-3. If you are interested please meet with Mr. Brooks in the gym at 11:55 am. Intramural Hockey will run until mid-February.



## WRESTLING

Intramural Wrestling is scheduled for Fridays at noon for Grades 1-3. If you are interested please meet with Mr. Brooks in the gym at 11:55 am. Intramural Wrestling will run until mid-February.



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**REMEMBRANCE DAY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

**PRIMARY COLOUR POSTER:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Hannah M.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Madison P.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Atticus N.**

**Honourable Mention – Jameson P.**

**JUNIOR COLOUR POSTER:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Bani S.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Felicity S.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Abigail K.**

**Honourable Mention – Annabel K.**

**JUNIOR BLACK & WHITE POSTER:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Trey B.**

**INTERMEDIATE COLOUR POSTER:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Manjot K.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Emmrick P.**

**INTERMEDIATE BLACK & WHITE POSTER:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Estelle F.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Rachel S.**

**JUNIOR POEM:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Elena V.**

**JUNIOR ESSAY:**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Matthew M.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**



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## RED, WHITE & PINK DAY

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is a Spirit Day! Students will be able to purchase candy grams for their family & friends. Order forms will be sent home to be filled out and returned to the school. All candy grams will be placed in a paper bag with the students name on it. Student will take their candy grams home at the end of the day on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. What a sweet way to say how much they appreciate ad love their family and friends.



Our Parent Support Group is having a **Bottle Drive Fundraiser for the whole month of February!** This is a super easy way for our PSG to make money that can be used directly towards our kids. Labelled bags will be available for pick up from the school and can be dropped off at the Bottle Depot at 3680 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Alberni. If possible, please ask family and friends if they have any empties to donate as well. Thank you so very much for everyone’s help!



**Our next PSG meeting is February 13, 2023 at 5:30pm.**

**Our next School Council Meeting is on February 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**



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## ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Students are invited to wear a pink t-shirt on Tues., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Wearing a pink shirt is a way of saying together that we will not tolerate bullying behaviour toward ourselves or toward others. We are called to care for one another and we will not let others be unkind, hurtful, or mean in actions or words.



## SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tues., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, The Knights of Columbus will be making pancakes for the entire school! Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the 46 days leading up to Easter. Shrove Tuesday is celebrated by eating pancakes in order to use up rich indulgent foods before the fasting season begins.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is an important holy day in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the forehead. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts.



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## **Grocery Gift Cards Fundraiser**

Mrs. Pinto has graciously volunteered to sell GROCERY CARDS on Monday and Tuesday mornings between 8:30 am - 9:00 am and afternoons between 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm.

If you would like to order cards and pick them up at the office, please complete the form [st-john-paul-ii-grocery-card-order-form.pdf \(pmdms.com\)](https://www.pmdms.com/st-john-paul-ii-grocery-card-order-form.pdf) and email it to the office [cgogo@cisdv.bc.ca](mailto:cgogo@cisdv.bc.ca) You can pick them up at the office.

### **GROCERY GIFT CARDS**

*Anyone can participate: Families, grandparents parishioners, friends and relatives.*

*No cost to you! Purchase the store cards at Face value in denominations of \$50 or \$100.*

*On Sale Thursdays and Fridays before and after school in the school office*



### **HOW IT BENEFITS OUR SCHOOL**

Buying grocery cards directly from St. John Paul II from Save-On-Foods Buy-Low-Foods and No Frills helps us generate thousands of dollars for our school.

**No Frills – 4% for every \$100 spent**

**Save-On-Foods – 6% for every \$100 spent**

**Buy-Low-Foods – 10% for every \$100 spent**





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Dear Families, an email was sent out regarding Flipgive. Please have a look at the email, and if you haven't already done so already, join our Flipgive group.

To get started, simply go to the "FlipGive" website or download the free app. Create an account for yourself, and then join the St. JP II Catholic School team. Join our team now by clicking here: <https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join...> If you are prompted for a join code, enter this code MCMSMZ. Then, before you make your next online purchase, go to the "FlipGive" website or app, find and select your vendor which will take you directly to their website, then make your purchase as you normally would have. That's it! If you have any questions, please check out the "FlipGive" website, [FlipGive.com](https://FlipGive.com). It has some great explanations of the process, and will allow you to see which vendors participate and how much of your purchase will go back to the school.

There are many, many common online retailers to shop from, including Amazon, Starbucks, Walmart, Old Navy/Gap, SportChek, Lululemon, Indigo, Staples, Home Depot, Sephora, as well as the opportunity to purchase gift cards. There is no cost, it's simply allowing us the opportunity to receive a donation to our St. JP II team.

## TILL RECEIPTS FUNDRAISER

Buy Low, Save On Foods and Quality Foods  
Buy Groceries, Keep Receipts, Hand them into the school.



Every year we collect grocery receipts from these special grocery stores. The receipts are counted and returned to these stores. In return, the stores give us grocery certificates that can be used to buy groceries. These certificates are used for our hot lunch program, emergency student lunch basket and various other student and family functions throughout the year. It's a win/win because you support the school when you buy groceries; the school benefits with an easy fundraiser, and the stores get your business. Thank you to all of our wonderful counting volunteers!

## RECYCLING BOTTLES & CANS

Another easy fundraiser is the driverless bottle drive program. Bring your recyclable bottles and cans to the school. Mr. Ryan faithfully sorts and counts these and then take them to the bottle depot. You can also drop them off at the depot yourself and notify the employees that your return is to be donated to St. John Paul II. Please note that tin cans, milk cartons and glass jars are not accepted at the bottle depot. We would like to thank Mr. Tom Ryan and all those who donate their bottles and cans for their continued support for our school.





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## WEATHER

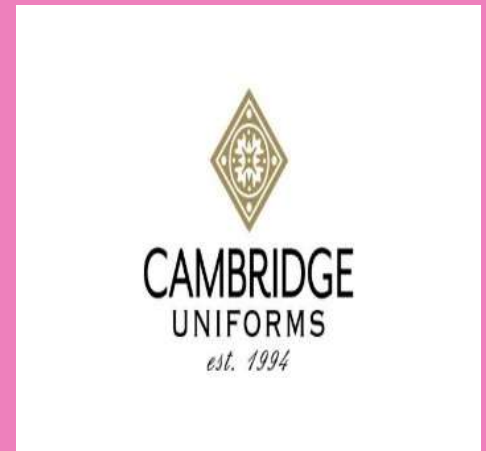
The cold and wet winter weather has arrived. Please be sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately (Hat, a warm winter coat, boots and umbrella) for weather conditions. We do go outside to play. Also, an extra pair or dry socks and pants in your child(ren)'s backpack is a good idea! In case of inclement weather, severe power outage or a possible school closure, please listen to 93.3 FM (The Peak) before 7:30 am. We have an automated phone-messaging program called the Bright Arrow System in place and we will do our best to contact you if the school is closed.

Please be sure that our secretary, Ms. Gogo, has your most current email, phone and cell numbers. Thank you!



## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School Uniforms are ordered through Cambridge Uniforms. To order please go to [www.cambridgeuniforms.com](http://www.cambridgeuniforms.com)  
Our School code is RCF965.



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