

JANUARY 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,

Happy New Year!



The new year brings a sense of hope and anticipation of things to come. I pray that you will be blessed with a year of great joy, peace and happiness.

Congratulations to all our students and staff who worked so hard to bring us a fantastic Christmas Musical. You made us all very proud. I am already looking forward to next year's show!

We have a lot happening in the next two months, with Catholic Schools Week, Face-to-Face, and much more. Please take the time to read through our calendar of events and see where you can get involved.

REMINDER: *In an attempt to be more environmentally responsible, we are asking parents to turn off their vehicles while waiting for their children at the beginning and end of the day. This will help eliminate unnecessary carbon emissions that are harmful to our earth. Thank you for your cooperation and your consideration.*

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
January 13th 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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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Celebrating birthdays this January are:
Ikjot, Michael C., Makayla, Lea, Mason F., Nathan, Sophie,
Arjun, Eugene, Ms. Langlois and Soha.
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. Azeen, Jaap, Karston, Sadie x2, Kartar, Emily L., Colt, Eugene, Ariana, Jake, Emma, Ethan, Mason F., Soha x2., River and Bani. 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.

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SCHOOL MASS
Fri., Jan. 13, 2023
9:00 – 10:00 am

**Parents are welcome to join us
in the gym for Mass.**

PRO D DAY
Mon., Jan. 16, 2023

NO SCHOOL TODAY

SPIRIT PAJAMA DAY
Fri., Jan. 27, 2023

**This is a Spirit Day so
please remember to bring
a toonie or more for our
foster children, Lidia and
Phineas. Thank you.**

Tues., Jan. 3	School reopens at 8:40 am – 3:00 pm
Wed., Jan. 4	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Mon., Jan. 9	Parent Support Group Meeting at 5:30 pm
Fri., Jan. 13	School Mass at St. John Paul II at 9:00 -10:00 am
Mon., Jan. 16	Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL
Wed., Jan. 18	School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Fri., Jan. 27	Spirit Pajama Day - Hot Lunch – Grilled Cheese and Chicken Noodle Soup
Sun., Jan. 29	Catholic Schools Week Begins
Wed., Feb. 1	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Mon., Feb. 6	Face to Face Ministries
Wed., Feb. 8	School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Mon., Feb. 13	Parent Support Group Meeting at 5:30 pm
Tues., Feb. 14	Red/White/Pink Day – Valentine’s Day
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

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BASKETBALL

Grade 6 & 7 Basketball program has begun. Students have the option to come early on Monday and Wednesday mornings before school to practice their shooting skills. Our practices are held on Tuesday & Thursday's at noon. Information on upcoming games was sent home. If you need any more information contact Mrs. Warman or Ms. Niemi



HOCKEY

Intermural Hockey will start next week on Mondays at noon for Grades 1-3. If you are interested please meet with Mr. Brooks in the gym at 11:55 am.



WRESTLING

Intermural Wrestling will start next week on Wednesdays at noon for Grades 1-3. If you are interested please meet with Mr. Brooks in the gym at 11:55 am.



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**ALBERNI VALLEY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
WINTER PROGRAM – SIGN UP NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED
Welcome Event February 5th, 2023**



For only **\$229** the **VANCOUVER CANUCKS** are excited to offer a program focused on fun and designed to help your child fall in love with hockey.

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January 29 – February 3, 2023
Catholic Schools Week 2023
Seeking Truth, Healing and Reconciliation

Monday, January 30th –
“St. JPII Olympics”
10:30 – 12:00

Tuesday, January 31st -
“Community – Outreach”
All Day

Wednesday, February 1st –
“Vocations”
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Thursday, February 2nd –
“Are You Smarter Than Your Teacher (K – 7)
10:30 – 12:00

Friday, February 3rd –
Talent Show (Grades 3 – 7)
1:30 – 3:00

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Our Parent Support Group would like to thank everyone who has volunteered in their on-going fundraising events and we are so grateful for the continuing support of our St. John Paul II Community!! Our next meeting is January 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Our next School Council Meeting is on January 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm.



St. John Paul II has teamed up with Mabel's Labels so you can easily label all of your child(ren)s belongings. This is a great way to make sure all of your child(ren)s valuables come home. By ordering through our school's page you pay the same price, but 20% of the value of your order goes to support our school!! These labels are fully customizable and are great for school clothing, sports gear, shoes, bags, water bottles and more! They have a new reusable clothing stamp too! Machine washable and Dishwasher safe. Fun designs and No Shipping Fees! To find our school's fundraising page click on the link here:

<http://campaigns.mabelslables.com> and find our School's name under the Select Your School/Organization Sign. Click on the Select v and scroll down to find John Paul II Catholic School PSG (Port Alberni).

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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://pmdms.com/st-john-paul-ii-grocery-card-order-form.pdf) and email it to the office 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. JPII 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. 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. JPII 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
Our School code is RCF965.



For more great pictures go check us out on our Facebook page. You can locate us at John Paul II Catholic School, Mini Miracles Family Centre.