

NOVEMBER 2022



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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,

It is clear that our sunny summer has left us and that we have welcomed in our wet, dark Autumn. During the month of November, we celebrate the feasts of *All Saints* (November 1) and *All Souls* (November 2). As daylight lessens and the skies grow dark, these holy days provide us with a glimpse of light in the darkness.

"The saints are heroes of light and hope for every age. Their lives were marked by trust and hope in God. In one way or another, they were exemplars of hope, announcing by their works the God of love and mercy, revealed in the Creator's son, Jesus Christ. They most often gave their lives to the weak and wounded, to the vulnerable and marginal, seeking to liberate humanity from all afflictions, especially sin and death. Indeed, saints are the women and men of every time and age who see with the eyes of the Creator and act with the compassion of Jesus, always open to the Holy Spirit to guide and enlighten" (Bishop Gary).



November is a time to remember those who have gone before us to fight for our freedom and for peace! We will participate in our annual Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday, November 10 at 9:00 am. Please come join us as we pray, remember and honour.

Congratulations to all our cross-country runners for a race well run! You made our school proud! Good luck to our wrestlers who will compete in their final matches this Friday. I know with great confidence that you will also make our school proud.

Together in Christ,

Mrs. Warman



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Holy Family/Notre Dame Mass Times

Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 10:00 am
Everyone is welcome.

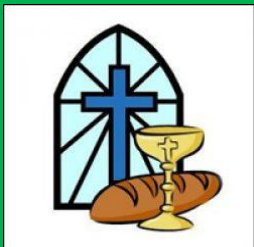


Fr. Michael Tran



SCHOOL MASS

November 4th school mass 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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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this November are:
River, Devasena, Kessler, Kartar, Makhan,
Hadden, Isabelle W., Mrs. Irg, Stella, Ariana,
Isabel D. and Annabel.

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 M., Lea, Joshua, Hailey, Luke, Jack x2, Drayden, Parker, Mason D., Haddie, Lyla, Foster, Emma, Ariana x2, Matthew M., Zoey W., Hadden x2, Kyle, Grady, Annaka and Cody. 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 Autumn!

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REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

Thurs., Nov. 10, 2022

Parents are welcome to join us
in the gym for our beautiful
Remembrance Day Assembly
from 9:00 - 10:00 am

SPIRIT DAY FAVOURITE ROBERT MUNCH CHARACTER

Fri., Nov. 18, 2022

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

ICS FAITH DAY NO SCHOOL

Fri., Nov. 25, 2022

Staff will travel to Duncan to
attend our Island Catholic
Schools Faith Day.

Tues., Nov. 1	All Saints Day
Wed., Nov. 2	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Fri., Nov. 4	School Mass at St. John Paul II
Fri., Nov. 4	District Wrestling Tournament at ADSS 2:30 – 6:00 pm
Sat., Nov 5	PSG Fundraiser – Gin Tasting Event
Thurs., Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 9:00 - 10:00 am
Mon., Nov. 14	Lifetouch Photography School Individual Re-Take Photo Day
Wed. Nov. 16	School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Fri., Nov. 18	Spirit Day – Favourite Robert Munch Character & Hot Lunch
Mon., Nov. 21	Parent Support Group Meeting at 5:30 pm
Fri., Nov. 25	Island Catholic Schools Faith Day – NO SCHOOL
Sat., Nov. 26	2022 Diocesan Faith Day – All are Welcome
Fri., Dec. 2	School Mass & Reconciliation at St. John Paul II 9:00 – 10:00 am
Fri., Dec. 2	Movie Day
Wed., Dec. 7	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm

2022 Diocesan Faith Day

JOIN US on Saturday, November 26th as we journey together “Seeking Truth, Healing & Reconciliation” featuring keynote speaker, Most Reverend Donald Bolen, Archbishop of Regina. We are a Church that is wounded and hurting, needing to search out our Pascal bearings and tell our story in a new way – to go deeper into the Pascal Mystery! How are we to be a Church (poor and for the poor) that reaches out in dialogue, seeking healing paths by walking together?

For more information and to register go to <https://Diocesanfaithday2022.eventbrite.com>

Call 250-479-1331 ext. 230 OR email gjahelka@rcdvictoria.org

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ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA



**with Most Reverend Donald Bolen
Archbishop of Regina**



Saturday, November 26, 2022

8:30am- 3:30pm

St. Edward the Confessor, Duncan

www.Diocesanfaithday2022.eventbrite.com

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Remembrance Day Assembly is on Thursday, November 10th at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend our assembly. There will be prayers, poems and songs by all of our students. Mr. Bruce Proudfoot from the Royal Canadian Legion #239 and members of the Knights of Columbus will be our special guests. Please send a toonie or more for a poppy, that helps support our Canadian Veterans. Thank you. All students in Cadets, Girl Guides, or Boy Scouts you are welcome to come to school in your service uniform.



The Lifetouch Photographer will be here on Monday, November 14th to do retakes. If you missed our October 13th Photo Day or would like a retake photo of your child/ren please return the package you received and give it to the photographer. Thank you.

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Join us November 5th, 2022 for Our Parent Support Groups 1st Fundraiser of the year. This is an adult only event. This is going to be a popular event. Get your tickets soon!



St. John Paul II invites you to an elegant fun-filled evening of

Gin Tasting

Learn all about gin from distilling expert, Nilo Du Plessis, while tasting some of the best gins and enjoying a gourmet charcuterie box

**NOVEMBER 5TH
6PM
CHERRY CREEK HALL**

\$75/ticket:
jp2-psg@cisdv.bc.ca /
250-735-0529
Cash bar
Non-alcoholic drinks available
Put on your dancing shoes!

Must be 19 yrs or older to attend

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WORLD FOOD DAY WALK

On Oct. 14th, our school participated in an international event called “World Food Day”. Our students and staff will walk through our school’s community with signs they made to bring attention to the millions of children around the world and some in our own community, who do not have enough to eat. We raised \$700.00 in cash donations this year! Well Done Everyone!! The cash donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul Society’s to purchase grocery gift cards to help the poor in our immediate community. Thank you for your continued support with this important school service project.

St. Vincent de Paul Society would also like to extend their gratitude for the generosity shown for the less fortunate in our community. God Bless you all!

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SPORTS

Our Cross-Country Running program will wrap up with a District wide Cross-Country Run-on Nov. 2, 2022.



On Friday, Nov. 4th we will wrap up our wrestling season with a District Tournament at ADSS from 2:30 – 6:00 pm. If you are a volunteer driver, please be sure to have all your forms up to date with Ms. Gogo. We will be leaving the school at 2:15 pm. Parents are asked to please ensure pick up of their own child at ADSS at 6:00 pm. Thank you.



Grade 4 & 5 Basketball program begins on Monday, November 7, 2022. Practice days will be on Mondays at 12 – 12:30 pm and Games will be on Wednesdays. Schedule to be sent home to those students who are on the team.



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DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RUN RESULTS NOV. 2, 2022

Congratulations to our St. John Paul II Cross Country runners who ran their hearts out! Our little school came in second overall in team placement with many students placing in the top 10 of their divisions. The whole school is so very proud of all of you! Bravo!!

Div. 2 Boys – Joshua 19th & Colt 25th

Div. 3. Girls – Olivia G. 11th & Haddie 22nd

Div. 3 Boys – Quinn 11th, Aryan 22nd & Atticus 23rd

Div. 4 Girls – Isabel G. 8th, Olivia O. 16th & Bani 23rd

Div. 4 Boys – Grady 8th

Div. 5 Girls – Elena 2nd, Aimee 3rd & Zoe 24th

Div. 5 Boys – Elliott 5th, Manjot 7th & Hunter 8th

Thank you, Mrs. Salmon and Mr. Waldriff for helping our young athletes train for this race and having fun while they run!

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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 \(pmdms.com\)](#) and email it to the office cgogo@cisdy.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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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 Autumn weather has finally arrived. Please be sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately (Hat, a rain 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.