

October 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,

October is a time to reflect and give gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father. When I think about our school community there are so many things to be grateful for. I give thanks for our committed parents, our exceptional students, and our remarkable staff! Together we make St. John Paul II to best place to learn, serve, lead and succeed! Being a part of this school community for the past 5 years has been a true blessing. Thank you!

In light of giving thanks, I would like to share an Iroquois Prayer of Thanksgiving with you.

**TO ALL CREATION, WE GIVE THANKS**

*May we forever remember the interconnectedness and equality of all Creation and our place in the Great Cycle of Life. With gentleness and unity in body, mind, and spirit becoming one in harmony and balance with the universe.*

*We give thanks.*

**Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!**

See you on Tuesday, October 11.

Together in Christ,

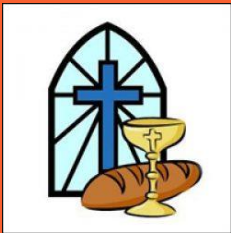
*Mrs. Warman*



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### Holy Family/Notre Dame Mass Times

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



### SCHOOL MASS

October 14th 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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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this September are:

Olivia G., Emily P., Elias, Laila, Atticus,  
Hunter, Zoe, Mrs. Warman, Olivia L.,  
Danikah, Autumn, Estelle, Estrella and Quinn.  
May God Bless you on your special day!

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating Birthdays this October are: Oskar, Easton, Ari, Ben M., Owen,  
Aradhya, Manjot, Phoebe, Mrs. Salmon, Domenic, Thatcher, Mr. Brooks,  
Olivia A., Cody, Mrs. See and Rajen.

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. Devasena, Olivia A., Alexander, Aliviah, Emily P., Attie, Ava, Benjamin A., Annabel, Zoe, Paige and Rachel. 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 Aliviah and Lea!

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## SAVE THE DATES

### WORLD FOOD DAY WALK

**Fri., Oct. 14, 2022**

Each class has been challenged to raise as much money as possible to help those in our community. Please send a toonie or more to purchase grocery cards for St. Vincent De Paul. The class who raises the most \$ will enjoy a pizza lunch!

### ST. JOHN PAUL II FEAST DAY

**Thurs., Oct. 20, 2022**

There will be a number of activities celebrating St. John Paul II from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

### BLACK & ORANGE DAY

**Mon., Oct. 31 2022**

This is a Spirit Day so please remember to bring a toonie for our foster children Lidia and Phineas. This is also a Hot Lunch Day.

Wed., Oct. 5	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Thurs., Oct. 6	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 3:30 – 7:45 pm
Fri., Oct. 7	Day in Lieu of Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – NO SCHOOL
Mon., Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day – NO SCHOOL
Thurs., Oct. 13	Lifetouch Photography School Individual Photo Day
Fri. Oct. 14	School Mass at St. John Paul II 9:00 – 10:00 am World Food Day Walk
Mon., Oct. 17	Parent Support Group Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Tues., Oct. 18	1 Million Children Say the Rosary for Peace
Wed., Oct. 19	School Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Thurs., Oct. 20	SHAKE OUT BC DAY St. John Paul II feast Day – Activities 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Fri., Oct. 21	Provincial Pro D Day – NO SCHOOL
Wed., Oct. 27	Parent Support Group Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Mon., Oct. 31	Black & Orange Day – Hot Lunch
Tues., Nov. 1	All Saints Day – buddy activities!
Wed., Nov. 2	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Fri., Nov. 4	School Mass at St. John Paul II 9:00 – 10:00 am
Sat., Nov. 5	PSG Adult Fundraiser – Gin Tasting Event 6:00 pm

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**Our School Council for 2022-2023 is:**

**Marina Slusar—Chair**

**Tenille Lindsay—Vice Chair**

**Jodi Thorp—Secretary**

**Michelle Clarke—Human Resources**

**Tyne Siermachesky—Finance**

**Grace McGeragle—Member at Large**

**Fr. Michael Tran—Pastor**

**Crystal Salmon—Teacher Rep**

**Rachelle Warman - Principal**



**Our next School Council meeting is Wed., October 19th @ 6:00 pm**

## **PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**Our Parent Support Group works hard to coordinate community building events and fundraisers that make our school special. All parents are encouraged to be members of the PSG and are invited to the monthly meetings. The PSG needs you!**

**Our Parent Support Group Council for this year is:**

**Robin Knudsen – Chair & Hot Lunch**

**Ezit Nel - Vice Chair**

**Katrien Kitshoff– Secretary**

**Sarah Waldriff - Treasurer**

**Chelsey Pulford- Member at Large**



**Our next meeting is Monday, October 17th @ 5:30 pm.**

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**Our Parent Support Groups 1<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser of the year is an adult only event. Please join us for a fun, adults' night out! 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**

## **WORLD FOOD DAY WALK**

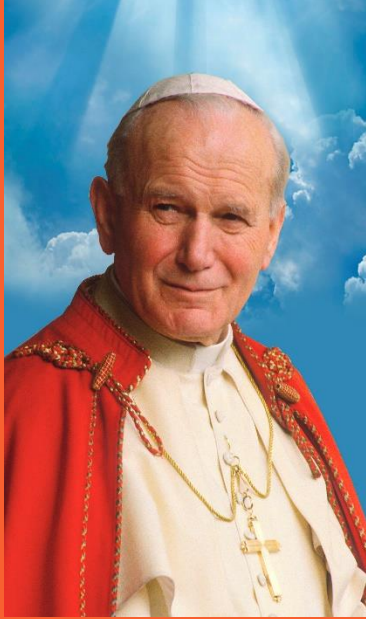
**On Oct. 14th, our school will participate in an international event called “World Food Day”. Our students and staff will walk through our school’s community with signs they made to bring attention to the millions of children around the world and some in our own community, who do not have enough to eat. We are hoping to surpass our last year’s total of \$1100.00 in cash donations. 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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## **ST. JOHN PAUL II FEAST DAY**



**On Thursday, October 20th the student and staff of St. John Paul II Catholic School will be celebrating St. John Paul II's Feast Day.**

**Did you know?**

**Feast Day: October 22**

**St. John Paul II is the Co-Patron of World Youth Day.**

**Born: 1920**

**Died: 2005**

**Canonized: April 27, 2014 Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope Francis.**

## **SHAKE OUT BC**

**On Thursday, Oct. 20th, there will be a provincial earthquake drill. Emergency procedures for dealing with an earthquake will be discussed and practiced in the classrooms prior to the Shake Out Day event. The actual drill will take place sometime early in the day. We are in the process of updating our emergency supplies. We encourage you to return the "comfort" kits to your child's classroom teacher if you have not done so already.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**



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## **SPORTS**

**Our Cross-Country Running program is in full swing and will wrap up with a District wide Cross-Country Run-on Nov. 2, 2022. More information regarding the District Cross-Country Run will be sent to those students who are in the running program.**



**Our Wrestling program has begun and our practice days are Tuesday & Thursday during the lunch hour. Our first matches will be held at E J. Dunn Elementary on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2022.**



**Grade 4 & 5 Basketball program begins in November 2022.**



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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

### **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 beautiful Autumn weather is still with us but rains will arrive at some point so, 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](http://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.