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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,

Welcome back after a wonderful Spring Break! It looks like the sun has finally arrived.

Our exceptionally successful Spring Raffle Baskets have begun! Teachers will be sending home information about your child's class theme basket by the end of this week. The money raised for our school is used to support and provide students and staff with playground and school enhancements;



class field trips; extra equipment; Ricochet Pit turf; and much more. This year our hope is to raise the back fence in the areas that is lower. This will ensure the continued safety of our students by reducing the number of weekend and evening visitors on our playground who leave behind refuse and unwanted items. There are a number of ways you can help.

HOW CAN YOU HELP:

- donate items and/or cash to your child's class basket
- purchase raffle tickets
- promote and sell raffle tickets
- purchase grocery cards through our fundraiser
- donate money directly to the project

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
April 14th 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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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this April are:
Vina, Isha, Fisher, Abigail G., Isabelle G.,
Attie, Mrs. Knoll, Azeen, Cuan and Ella.
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. Priti, Karston, Manseerat, Makhan, Ikjot, Attie, Drayden, Emily L., Parker, Ariana, Matthew M. x2, Kyle x2, Matthew A., Abigail G., Griffin, and Ella. 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 Truen!

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**GOOD FRIDAY &
EASTER MONDAY**

**Fri., Apr. 7 &
Mon. Apr. 10, 2023**

NO SCHOOL

**SCHOOL MASS
Fri., Apr. 14, 2023**

9:00 – 10:00 am

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

**SPIRIT CRAZY HAIR &
CRAZY SOCKS DAY**

Fri., Apr. 28, 2023

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

Wed., Apr. 5	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Thurs., Apr. 6	Holy Thursday Assembly 9:00 am – Everyone welcome!
Fri., Apr. 7	GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL
Mon., Apr. 10	EASTER MONDAY – NO SCHOOL
Fri., Apr. 14	School Mass 9:00 – 10:00 am – Everyone welcome!
Mon. Apr. 17	Parent Support Group Meeting at 5:30 pm
Wed., Apr. 19	School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Fri., Apr. 28	Spirit Crazy Hair & Crazy Socks Day – Hot Lunch Day Mini Miracles Cupcake Sale
Mon., May 1	Annual General Meeting at 7:00 pm School Council is looking for new members. Please email Mrs. Warman if you are interested!
Wed., May 3	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Fri., May 5	Rosary Shirt & Jeans Day
Thurs., May 11	Div. 3 – Mr. Brooks class Swimming Lessons 10:00 – 10:30 am
Thurs., May 11	Div. 4 – Mr. Waldriff’s class Swimming Lessons 10:30 – 11:00 am
Fri., May 12	School Mass at 9:00 – 10:00 am Parents are Welcome
Fri., May 12	Rosary Shirt & Jeans Day
Thurs., May 18	Div. 3 – Mr. Brooks class Swimming Lessons 10:00 – 10:30 am
Thurs., May 18	Div. 4 – Mr. Waldriff’s class Swimming Lessons 10:30 – 11:00 am
Fri., May 19	DAY IN LIEU – NO SCHOOL
Mon., May 22	VICTORIA DAY – NO SCHOOL
Thurs., May 25	Div. 3 – Mr. Brooks class Swimming Lessons 10:00 – 10:30 am
Thurs., May 25	Div. 4 – Mr. Waldriff’s class Swimming Lesson 10:30 – 11:00 am

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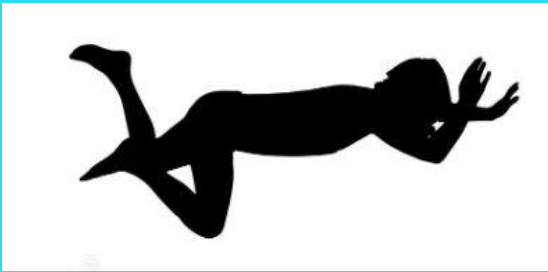
BADMINTON

Grade 6 & 7 Badminton program has begun, and practices will be on Tuesday & Thursdays at noon. A letter will be sent home regarding when and where the Badminton Jamboree will be.



RUGBY

Rugby season begins this month. An information letter will be sent home regarding practise times and play dates.



SWIMMING LESSONS

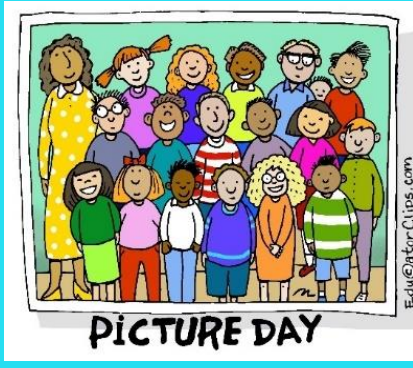
Mr. Brooks DIV. 3 class & Mr. Waldriff's DIV. 4 class will be on Thursday May 11, 18, 25, June 1 & 8, 2023.

Div. 3 lessons are from 10:00 – 10:30 am.

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An information letter will be sent home in May.

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Lifetouch Photography will be at St. John Paul II on Friday, April 21st. to take classroom photos.

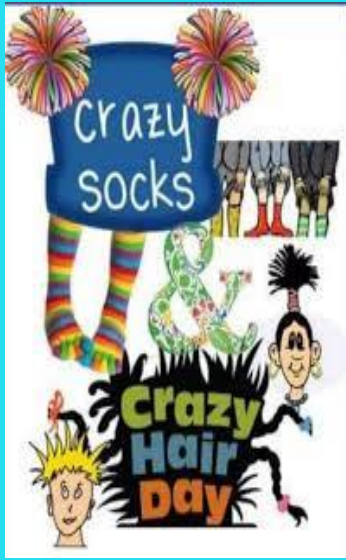
LASAGNA FUNDRAISER

Did you know, for the past 4 years Mrs. Gilda Baron-Toaldo has been selling her authentic home-made Italian Lasagna with the profits going to St. John Paul II to help families with tuition assistance. Her total donation as of December 31, 2022, is \$9350.00. We are so incredibly grateful to Gilda and all those who support her fundraising for our school. If you would like to support, her fundraiser please call and place an order with Gilda at 250-723-7840. Large Lasagna is \$ 38.00, and a small Lasagna is \$16.00. Thank you in advance for helping to support our school families. God Bless.



Our next School Council Meeting is on April 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

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Spirit “Crazy Socks & Crazy Hair Day” is Friday, April 28th. It is also a Hot Lunch Day and Hot Dogs are on the menu. Please remember to bring a toonie or more for our continued support of our Foster Children Lidia and Phineas.

**MINI MIRACLES
Cupcake Sale
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Cupcakes are \$2.00 each.**



**ST. JOHN PAUL II & MINI
MIRACLES PARENT SUPPORT
GROUP FUNDRAISER**

St. John Paul II & Mini Miracles Family Centre Raffle Baskets are back!!

Your child’s teacher sent home a letter last week regarding what their class raffle basket asking for families to contribute an item or a cash donation. Thank you in advance of supporting this major fundraiser. Our Raffle Baskets are a huge hit and much sought after in our community.



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Grocery Gift Cards Fundraiser TO HELP RAISE THE FENCE

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@cisdv.bc.ca

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.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
St. John Paul II's Parent Support
Group and School Council are
having our AGM on Monday, May
1st at 7:00 pm in the school gym.
Everyone is welcome to attend.**



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WEATHER

The Spring weather has arrived. Please be sure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately (Hat, a warm raincoat, 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.