

JUNE 2023



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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



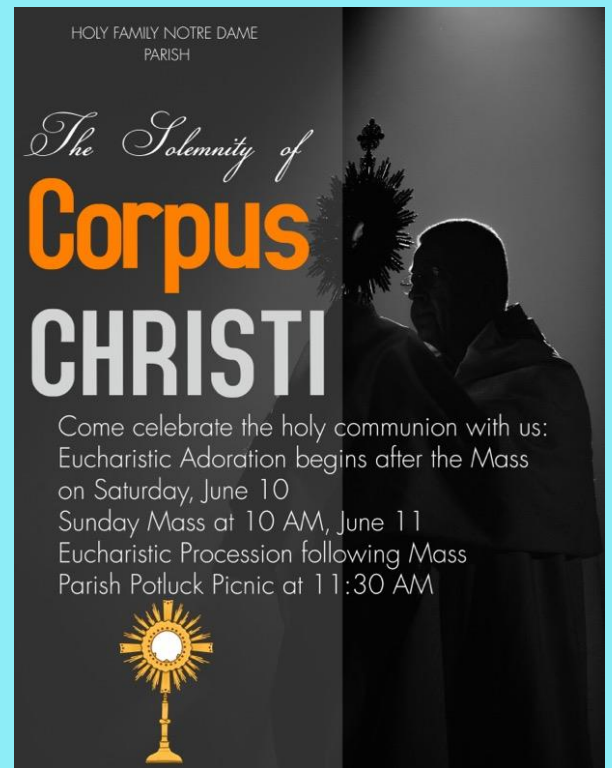
Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone is enjoying our early summer weather! The month of June is a very busy month. Be sure to check out the school calendar and your classroom newsletters so you don't miss out on any fun events planned.

As we wrap up the school year, I want to thank all those who have made this year one of the best ever! Thank you to our exceptional staff, our awesome students, our generous volunteers, our School Council and our dedicated Parent Support Group for always going way above and beyond to enhance the school community and support our staff and students. I feel so blessed to work with such a fantastic group of individuals. I look forward to the renovations to the front office and entrance way this summer – thank you!

A special thank you to our outgoing Council Chairperson, Marina Slusar. Your love for and dedication to our school community has been greatly appreciated over the years. May God continue to bless you in your new adventures at the High School!

I would like to invite all our families to Holy Family Notre Dame Church on Sunday, June 11 to attend a fun Corpus Christi Celebration after the 10:00 am service. I look forward to seeing you there!



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



GRADUATION SCHOOL MASS

“The Light Ceremony”

June 22nd at St. John Paul II

1:00—2:00 pm

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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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this June are: Veera, Savanna, Aimee, Ms. Gogo, Aryan, Foster, Mrs. Oosterhuis, Veer, Matthew M., Mr. Waldriff, Mason D., Haddie, & Taylor. 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., Thatcher x2, Azeen, Aradhya x2, Lea, Kaiden, Hailey, Parker, Danikah, Truen, Mason D. x2, Autumn, Aimee, Isha, Stella, Veer x2, Luc, Avery, Chelsea, Rachel, Cody, Paige, Ella, Emmrick, Elliott and Elias. 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 Atticus, Ben M, Emily L, Jake, Jameson, Laila, Malachi, Mason D, Olivia G, Olivia L, Makhan, Luke, Colt, and Mason F!

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**SCHOOL MASS &
GRADE 7 GRAD**
Thurs., Jun. 22, 2023
1:00 – 2:00 pm
at St. John Paul II

**Grade 7 Grad Dinner at
5:30 – 8:30 pm in the gym**

FUN DAY

Mon., Jun. 26, 2023

**Students are to come to
school in the Faith Team
Coloured Shirts and gym
shorts.**

BEACH DAY

Wed., Jun. 28, 2023
9:00 am – 2:30 pm

**We are asking for volunteer
parent drivers who have their
criminal records check and a
copy of your vehicle insurance
and drivers abstract.**

Thurs., Jun. 1	Div. 3 Mr. Brooks class Swimming Lessons 10:00 – 10:30 am
Thurs., Jun. 1	Div. 4 Mr. Waldriff's class Swimming Lessons 10:30 – 11:00 am
Jun. 6 - 8	West Coast Trail Hike
Wed., Jun. 7	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm and Staff Meeting
Thurs., Jun. 8	Div. 3 Mr. Brooks class Swimming Lessons 10:00 – 10:30 am
Thurs., Jun. 8	Div. 4 Mr. Waldriff's class Swimming Lessons 10:30 – 11:00 am Lockdown Drill – 9:10 am
Fri., Jun. 9	District Track Meet at Bob Dailey Stadium 9:00 – 2:30 pm
Mon., Jun. 12	Grades 6 & 7 leave for Camp Qwanoes
Wed., June 14	Grades 6 & 7 return from Camp Qwanoes
Thurs., June 22	Graduation Mass – “The Light Ceremony” - 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Thurs., June 22	Grade 7 Graduation Dinner 5:30 – 9:00 pm
Mon., June 26	Fun Day – Students come to school in their faith-coloured shirts
Mon., June 26	Raffle Basket Draw 2:30 pm
Tues., Jun. 27	Clean up Day
Wed., Jun. 28	Beach Day for the whole school
Thurs., Jun. 29	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS Early dismissal at noon
Thurs., Jun. 29	Report Cards sent home
Fri., Jun. 30	Admin. Day
Sat., July 1	Canada Day
Fri., July 7	Office Administration last day
Mon., Aug. 21	Office Administration return
Mon., Sept. 4	Labour Day
Tues., Sept. 5	Administration Day – NO STUDENTS
Wed., Sept. 6	First Day of School for students 8:40 am – 3:00 pm

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

**Bountiful Baking Basket
Ultimate Organization Basket
Super Slumber Party Basket
Planters Paradise Basket
Glamping Getaway Basket**



Tickets were sent home with each student.

If you would like more tickets, please email cgogo@cisdv.bc.ca or call 250-723-0637 opt. 1 and Ms. Gogo will get your extra tickets ready for you to pick up. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser for our school. All tickets sold and unsold must be returned to the school by June 16th (this is a government licensing requirement) Our draw date is Monday, June 26th at 2:30 pm.



**Our next School Council Meeting is
on June 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm.**

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TRACK & FIELD

Beginning in early May

Mr. Waldriff began training our students in the following sports:

100 – meter dash

600 – meter dash

1000 – meter dash

Relay Race

Softball Throw

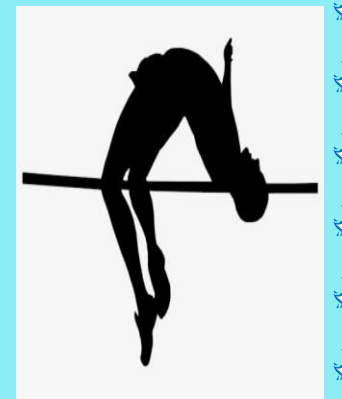
High Jump

Long Jump

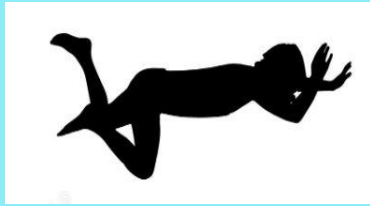
Shot Put

Our District Track Meet will be held on Friday, June 9th from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm at Bob Dailey Stadium. Mr. Waldriff is looking for 4 parent volunteers to help manage the Shot -Put event. The concession stand will be open.

Thank you!



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SWIMMING LESSONS

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

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

Div. 4 lessons are from 10:30 – 11:00 am.

Payment was due by May 30, 2023.

ST. JOHN PAUL II AWARDS

Principal Awards

A special St.JPII pin will be awarded to the student(s) in each class who consistently demonstrate that they:

- are respectful, polite, and helpful to fellow students and staff
- can follow directions and turn their homework and projects in on time
- consistently strive to do their best in all of their school work
- are self-motivated and can work with a minimum of supervision
- wear their school uniform with pride

Bishop's Award

This award will be presented to the graduating student who most personifies the Christian spirit of the school and will be one who is recognized as holding strong Christian ideals and is an example to his/her peers. The recipient of the Bishop's Award is chosen by his/her peers through secret ballot.



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Academic Awards

Criteria:

- a) outstanding academic achievement
- b) homework is completed on time on a regular basis
- c) effort is demonstrated
- d) quality work is completed on a regular basis

Athletic Awards

Sportsmanship is very important. To receive this award, the student must:

- demonstrate effort
- display sportsmanship or athletic citizenship
- have a confident and positive attitude

Athletic Awards

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- outstanding achievement
- participates in intermurals
- joins team sports
- displays sportsmanship
- demonstrates excellence in athletics

Fine Arts Awards

It is also important to celebrate the arts. These awards are given according to the following criteria:

- outstanding achievement
- positive participation
- displays effort
- talent is demonstrated

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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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WEATHER

The Warm/Hot Spring weather has arrived. Please be sure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately (Hat, sunscreen, water bottle) for weather conditions. We do go outside to play. 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.