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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,

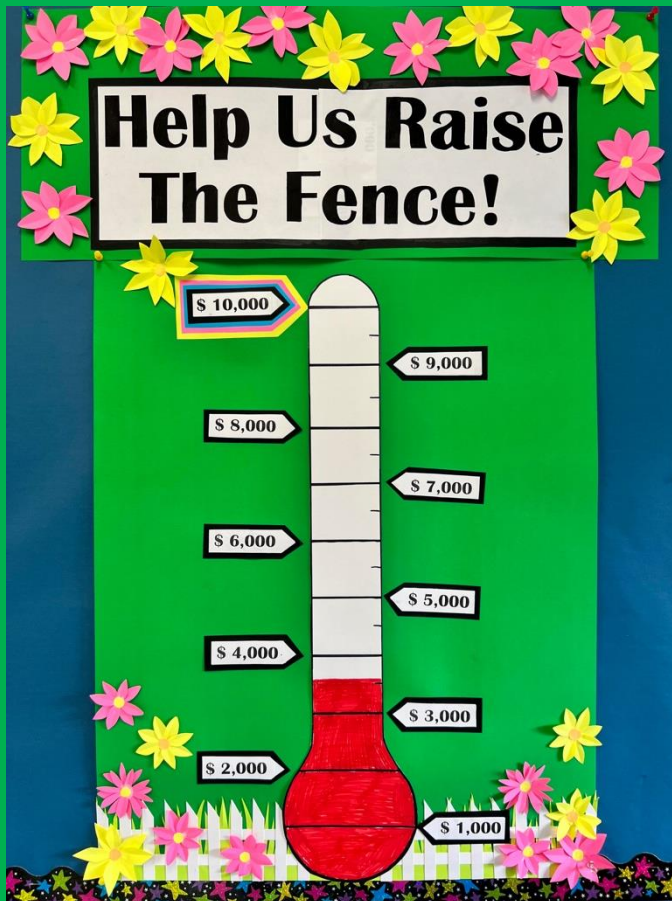


Our Parent Support Group, School Council and Staff have identified a great need to extend the height of our current back fence to ensure the continued safety of our students. We have found that with the lower fence, people can and often do enter our play yard and leave refuse and unwanted items on our property. By raising the height of the fence, we reduce the likelihood of this from happening.

Thank you in advance for considering to make a donation to this cause. God bless you.

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
March 3rd 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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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this March are:
Jack, Luc, Manseerat, Madison, Olivia O., Elena, Griffin,
Trey, Emma, Annaka and Mrs. Leyenaar.
May God Bless you on your special day!

Holy Mackerels are special certificates which are presented to students who “have been caught doing good.” The original certificate is sent home with the student to celebrate their act of kindness with their parents. The teacher also makes a copy of their certificate which is then entered into our special fishing net for a chance to win a prize. 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 Mackerel prizes since our last newsletter. Heidi, Kartar, Izabella x2, Manseerat, Kaiden, Domenic, Oskar, Luke, Parker, Eugene, Autumn, Benjamin A., Laila, Aryan, Rajen, Foster, Rose, Lenore, Vina, Bani, Abigail K., Avery and Fisher. 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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STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Thurs., March 9, 2023
3:30 – 8:00 pm

SPRING BREAK March 10 – 26, 2023

NO SCHOOL
Enjoy Spring Break!
School re-opens Monday,
March 27th - 8:40 – 3:00 pm

SPIRIT “ST. PATRICKS DAY THEME”

Fri., March 31, 2023
Please remember to bring a
toonie or more for our
Foster Children Phineas &
Lidia, thank you!
This also a Hot lunch day
and Chicken Nuggets are on
the menu.

Fri., Mar. 3	School Mass at St. John Paul II 9:00 – 10:00 am
Wed., Mar. 8	Report Cards Sent Home Grades 5-7 Horne Lake Caves Field Trip
Thurs., Mar. 9	STUDENT LED CONFERENCE 3:30 – 8:00 pm
Fri., Mar. 10	NO SCHOOL Day in Lieu – SPRING BREAK
Mon., Mar. 27	School Re-Opens 8:40 am – 3:00 pm Parent Support Group Meeting 5:30 pm
Wed., Mar. 29	School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
Fri., Mar. 31	St. Patrick’s Day Theme Spirit Day & Hot Lunch
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 at St. John Paul II - 9:00 – 10:00 am
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
Mon., May 1	Annual General Meeting at 7:00 pm
Wed., May 3	Early Dismissal Day at 2:00 pm
Fri., May 5	Rosary & Jeans for Grocery Gift Cards every Friday in May
Thurs., May 11	Swimming Lessons Grade 3 & 4 at 10:00 – 10:45 am
Fri., May 12	Rosary & Jeans for Grocery Gift Cards every Friday in May

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St. John Paul II Catholic School 2023-2024 Student Registration

We are now accepting Student Registration for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Please encourage your family and friends to consider our wonderful school for their children.

Registration packages are available at the school office, or you can find an application on our school website <https://stjp2school.ca> under Admissions or scroll to the bottom of the Home page to find “Forms and Documents”. Please include a copy of your child’s birth certificate, baptismal certificate (is applicable) and health card number.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FORMS are available at the school office. The deadline for financial assistance is May 1, 2023. All financial assistance forms must be accompanied with a copy of your 2022 income tax notice of assessment statement.

FAMILY PAYMENT SCHEDULES will be emailed to you by the second week of April. You can simply reply that you agree to all terms and send the family payment schedule back or you can print and sign it and return it by email or drop it office at the office. Please note that families applying for financial assistance will receive their family payment schedule once their forms are completed.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST WINNERS



Boys aged 9 – 1st place – Aryan P.
2nd place – Jake H.

Girls aged 9 – 1st place – Ariana S.
2nd place – Olivia G.

Boys aged 10 – 1st place – Grady W.
2nd place – Hadden K.

Girls aged 10 – 1st place – Zoey W.

Boys aged 11 – 1st place – Trey B.
2nd place – Easton P.

Girls aged 11 – 1st – Elena V.
2nd -place – Bani S.

Boys aged 12 – 1st place – Elliott W.
2nd place – Isaiah S.

Congratulations to all our students!!



BADMINTON

**Badminton season will begin after Spring Break.
Days and times to be determined after the break.**



RUGBY

**Rugby season will begin after Spring Break. Days
and times to be determined after the break.**



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Mini-Miracles Family Centre
4006 - 8th Avenue, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 4S4
Tel: 250-723-0637 Fax: 250-720-0379



Spring Break Camp!
March 13th-17th
8:00am-5:00pm

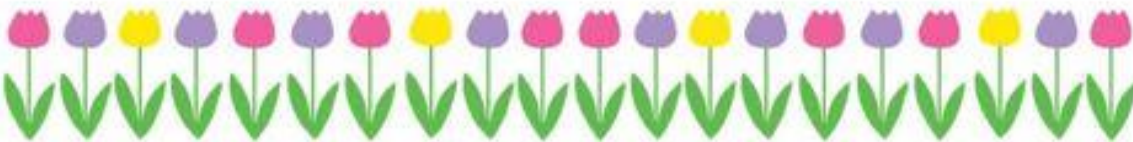
Monday 13th, - Rock Day
Tuesday 14th, - Tail Tuesday
Wednesday 15th, - Wacky Wednesday
Thursday 16th, - Trivia Thursday
Friday 17th, - Fun Friday

Join St. John Paul II OSC Spring Break fun!
Only 5 spaces left!

Daily Schedule:

8:00- 9:30 – Free Play
9:30- 10 – Snack
10:00 – 12:00 – Group activities (Games, puzzles, drawing, building)
12:00 – 12:30 – Lunch
12:30- 2:00 – outside play / walk
2:00 – 3:00 – Art/ sensory play/ Quite and Calm play
3:00 -4:00 - Group activities (Games, puzzles, drawing, building)
4:00- 5:00 Free play

If you are interested, please contact Karlie Irg at kirg@cisdv.bc.ca or
(250)723-0637 ext. 3



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ST. PATRICKS SPIRIT DAY

Friday, March 31st is our St. St. Patrick's Spirit Day! Time to get our GREEN on. Remember to bring a toonie or more for our Foster Children Phineas and Lidia. Thank you.

Interesting Fact: While trying to convert the Irish into Christians, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity with each leaf representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The three leaves of a shamrock are also said to stand for Faith, Hope and Love. A fourth leaf is where we get the luck from.



Hot Lunch will be served on our St. Patrick's Spirit Day. Chicken nuggets are on the menu.

Our next School Council Meeting is on March 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm.



Our next Parent Support Group Meeting is on March 27, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

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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://www.pmdms.com/st-john-paul-ii-grocery-card-order-form.pdf) and email it to the office egogo@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.



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

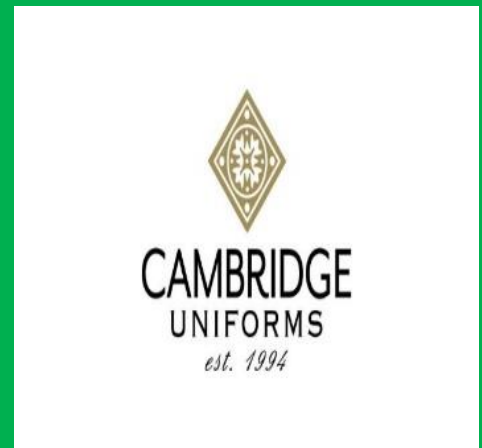
The cold and wet weather is still hanging on. Please be sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately (Hat, a warm winter coat, boots and umbrella) for weather conditions. We do go outside to play. Also, an extra pair or dry socks and pants in your child(ren)'s backpack is a good idea! In case of inclement 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.