

MAY 2023



**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,

Spring has definitely sprung! Today, we are celebrating our musical talents by presenting to our



school community our Musical Showcase. Every class has prepared a special performance and our Grade 6/7 Band will be sharing a number of different musical compilations. We are excited to share with one another our God-given talents! Thank you to Mrs. Manerikar for your love of music and your ability to share that joy with the students. You are amazing!

**RAFFLE BASKETS!** A special thank you to our families for their donations and a HUGE thank you to our PSG for all you do to make our school remarkable...we are blessed to have you!

### MAY - The Month of Our Mother, Mary.

Our school takes part in a wonderful experience each and every May. It is the time when we honour and show our respect to the mother of our Lord, Jesus. We reflect on the life of Mary and her deep devotion to her Son. We meditate on important parts of her life with Jesus and we ask her to pray for us. We do this by praying the Rosary with our buddy classes on Fridays. We also wear our "I Pray the Rosary" shirts and jeans. Students are reminded to bring a cash donation to help support the good work of St. Vincent De Paul. All our money goes to helping those in our community in need of food. Thank you in advance and may God bless you!



Together in Christ,  
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**

**We will NOT BE having a school mass this month  
as Father Stephen will be away.**



**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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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this May are:  
Hailey, Michael M., Sehaj, Zoey W., Isaiah, Alexander,  
Chelsea, Hannah, Mrs. Manerikar, Ms. Niemi,  
Benjamin B., Truen, Malachi, Paige and Priti.  
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. Sehaj, Michael M., Aradhya, Lea, Heidi, Danikah, Autumn, Mason D., Haddie, Olivia L., Owen, Ariana, Jake x2, Grady, Hadden x2, River, Zoey x2, Cody, Isaiah, and Manjot x2. 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 Hannah and Benjamin!

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## SCHOOL MASS

**CANCELLED this month.**  
Sorry for the  
inconvenience. See you  
next month.

## Day in Lieu & VICTORIA DAY

**Fri., May. 19 &  
Mon. May. 22, 2023**

**NO SCHOOL**

## DRESS IN YOUR FAVOURITE HOLIDAY ATTIRE

**Fri., May. 26, 2023**  
This is a Spirit Day so please  
remember to bring a toonie or  
more for our foster children,  
**Lidia and Phineas.**  
Thank you.

<b>Mon., May 1</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting at 7:00</b>
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	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
Thurs., May 18	ICS Speech Competition in Duncan
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
Fri., May 26	Spirit Dress in your Favourite Holiday Attire & Hot Lunch Day
Mon., May 29	Parent Support Group Meeting at 5:30 pm
Tues., May 30	Living Rosary Assembly 9:00 am – Everyone Welcome!
Wed., May 31	School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
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
Fri., Jun. 2	District Track Meet at Bob Dailey, Gr.'s 3-7 at 9:00am – 2:30 pm
Wed., Jun. 7	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm

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

- Mini Miracles: Bountiful Baking Basket**
- Div. 1 – All Fired Up Basket**
- Div. 2 – Organize Your Life Basket**
- Div. 3 – Super Slumber Party Basket**
- Div. 4 – Planters Paradise Basket**
- Div. 5 – Glorious Getaway Basket**

A letter was sent home to parents in April asking for donations items or cash for their Classroom Basket. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser for our school.



**Our next School Council Meeting is  
on May 31, 2023, at 6:00 pm.**

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## **RUGBY**

**Rugby season has begun our next training session is May 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 4/5 train from 3:00 – 4:00 pm and Grade 6/8 train from 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the Black Sheep Rugby Club. Each team has 1 game remaining. Grade 4/5's game is May 10<sup>th</sup> Flag Only from 3:30 – 4:45 pm and Grade 6/7's game is May 17<sup>th</sup> Flag and Contact from 3:30 – 4:45 pm. Both games will be played at the Black Sheep Rugby Club. Please feel free to come watch and cheer on our teams.**



## **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.**

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

**An information letter will be sent home in May.**

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**Spirit “Dress in your Favourite Holiday Attire Day” is Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**It is also a Hot Lunch Day and Pizza is on the menu. Please remember to bring a toonie or more for our continued support of our Foster Children Lidia and Phineas.**

## **THE LIVING ROSARY**

**Please join us on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am as we gather in our school gym to pray the Rosary. Everyone is welcome!**





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## **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 April 2023, is \$10,050.00. 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.**



## **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!**

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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](mailto: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 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](http://www.cambridgeuniforms.com)  
Our School code is RCF965.



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