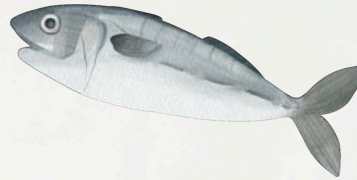


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Holy Mackerels

Holy Mackerels are certificates given to students "caught doing good." The original is sent home, and a copy is added to our fishing net. Each week, six names are drawn, and the winners choose a prize from the basket. It's a fun way to celebrate kindness. The following students received Holy Mackerels since our last newsletter: **Benjamin O., Kirsa, Josephine, Kora, Evelyn, Michael. M., Emily L., Phoebe, Kaiden, Autumn, Eva, Alley V., Sara L., Jameson, Leeland, Foster, & Ethan E.**

Happy Birthday



Birthdays

Celebrating a March Birthday: **Jack, Evelyn, Manseerat, Benjamin O., Jake, Madison, Emma S. & Mrs Leyenaar** Wishing you the best on your special day!



ST. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

Children born in 2020 are now eligible to register for Kindergarten for September 2025. Registration packages can be picked up at the office or online at stjp2school.ca



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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Feb. 25th

Pink Shirt Anti Bullying day

Friday, Feb. 28th

Early Dismissal 2pm

Tuesday, March 4th

Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday, March 5th

Ash Wednesday
School Mass 1pm

Friday, March 7th

Early Dismissal 2pm

Wednesday March 12th

PSG Meeting 6:30

Thursday March 13th

Student Led Conferences 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Friday March 14th

NO SCHOOL - Day in Lieu Student Led
Conferences

Monday March 17th

SPRING BREAK BEGINS



Spring
Break

Monday March 31st

School Reopens - Welcome Students
from Kobe, Japan!

Friday April 4th

Early Dismissal 2pm



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Meet the Teacher
Featuring Div 3



Mrs. Salmon

What's one fun fact about you that your students might not know? ***I used to sing the national anthem at local hockey games.***

What was your favorite subject in school growing up? ***I loved my high school drama class.***

If you could have any superpower to use in the classroom, what would it be? ***To make every child love learning and believe in themselves.***

What's the most memorable moment you've had with your students this year? ***The epic snowball fights on the last day before Christmas holidays.***

What's your secret talent or hobby that your students would be surprised to learn about? ***I was a competitive dancer with Mrs. Myrfield, and a mean floor hockey defenseman.***

If your classroom had a theme song, what would it be? ***Lean on me*** 🎵

Mrs. Myrfield

What's one fun fact about you that your students might not know?

I'm currently learning sign language with Mrs. Irg!

If you could create a new school holiday, what would it celebrate and how would everyone participate? ***Birthdays would be holidays, everyone would get their birthday off to spend however they choose.***

If you could have any animal as a class pet, what would it be and why?

Axolotl - the kids are obsessed with these little creatures!

If you could invite any historical figure to your classroom, who would it be and what would you ask them? ***Jesus. If I was able to even get my words together, I would ask him for blessings on my loved ones.***

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A Look Back at February



HAPPY
100TH
DAY
OF
SCHOOL



Div 1,2 & 3 celebrated the 100th Day of School. Students and teachers dressed up to show off how they will look when they are 100.



Valentines Day Bake sale hosted by the Leadership Team. Money raised will go towards the grade 6/7 trip to Camp Qwanoes.



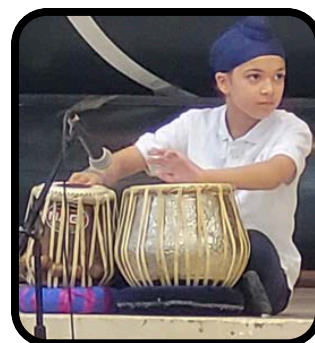
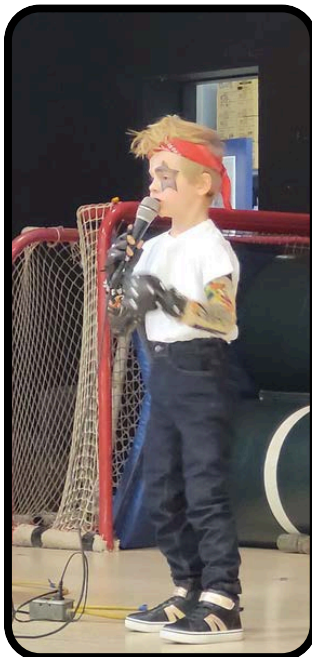


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Catholic Schools Week Featured Talent Show and other activities to celebrate Catholic education.



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Fundraising



Grocery receipts



We collect grocery till receipts from, **Buy-Low Foods, Quality Foods, Save on Foods.** We count them, and return them for grocery certificates. These certificates support our hot lunch program, emergency lunch baskets, and other student and family events. It's a win-win: your grocery purchases help the school, and the stores benefit from your business. Thank you to our wonderful counting volunteers!



Bottle Depot returns

Help our fundraising efforts by bringing your bottles and cans in a clear bag to the Bottle depot express drop off. Pick up labels in the office or they can be printed at the depot kiosk by entering the school phone number **250-723-0637**



Grocery gift cards

No additional cost to you! Purchase the store cards at face value in denominations of \$50 or \$100 from the office.

Buy grocery cards directly from St. John Paul II for **Save-On-Foods Buy-Low-Foods and No Frills.** This helps us generate thousands of dollars for our school.

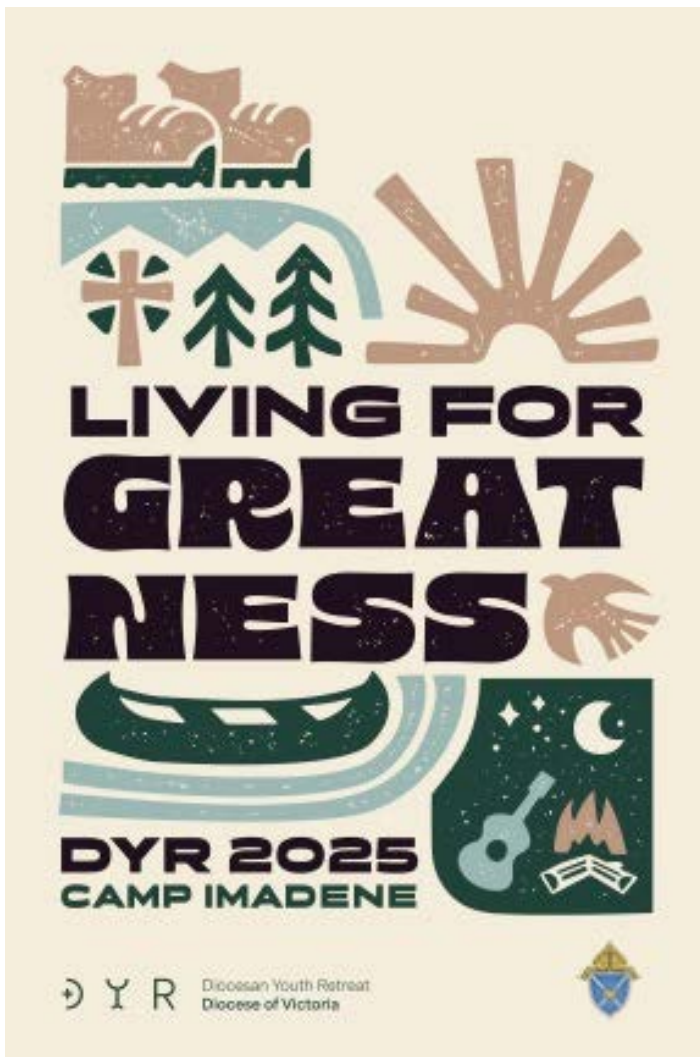
No Frills – 4%

Save-On-Foods – 6%

Buy-Low-Foods – 10%

Anyone can participate: Families, grandparents parishioners, friends and relatives.

2025 Diocesan Youth Retreat: Living for Greatness



We invite youth in Grades 7-12 to join us for the 2025 Diocesan Youth Retreat (Dyr)!

This transformative weekend will help deepen their faith, build community, and encounter Jesus. This year's theme, Living for Greatness, promises an unforgettable experience.

Event Details:

- Dates: May 9-11, 2025 at Camp Imadene, Mesachie Lake, BC
- Cost: \$199 (includes meals, activities, accommodations, and t-shirt)
- Speakers: NET Ministries
- Transportation: Complimentary bus from St. Andrew's High School and Langford
- Mother's Day Brunch: Complimentary for families on Sunday at 11:15 am

To Register: Complete the Google Form by April 15: [Google Form Link](#)

To Pay: [Eventbrite Link](#)

For questions, contact Joelle Dressler at (250) 479-1331 or jdressler@rcdvictoria.org.

We hope your child can join us for this life-changing retreat!