



St. Joseph's Catholic School



Reminder: Gr 3-7: Please send \$12 for your child's Homework Book 😊

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, 20 September 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Dear families,

After one week of sending out this newsletter on Mondays, I guess the past unexpected long weekend has thrown a wrench into that plan! We had our first whole school mass last Friday! It was great to come together as a whole school with parishioners too, which we couldn't do last year at this time.

This week will have our Terry Fox run to raise awareness for cancer and funds for cancer research. I look forward to this very important and meaningful event on Thursday. Please join us if you can :)

Blessings, Hayden

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP:

The next Parent Support Group (PSG) meeting will be held **Wednesday, 21 September** at 7pm in the kitchen.

Parents are Welcome!

Chair: Julie Chaplin | **VP:** vacant

| **Treasurer:** Seonaid Davis |

Secretary: Leanne Helkenberg | **Hot**

Lunch Coordinator: Melissa Bennett & Brett Wilson

For more info, please contact Julie Chaplin @ 250 877 8271 or any of the other members.



CHURCH:

Mass: 5pm on Saturdays, 9am on Sundays, 5.30pm on Tues, 9am Wednesday to Friday.

Flocknote: To get on Flocknote text SMITHERS to 514-900-0130

Private adoration is welcome at St Joseph's during office hours (Wednesday - Friday 10am -2pm)

Confessions are 15 minutes before every Mass or by appointment

The Search is a 7 week series exploring some of life's most foundational questions, as we seek to grow in our faith lives beginning September 27/29. We will watch a 25-30 min video with discussion afterwards at the church. Sessions are Tues at 9am OR Thurs at 7pm. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Register for free [here!](#)

Contact us: 250 847 9414 | <http://stjosephsschool.ca/> | stj@cispg.ca | [Facebook](#)

2022-2023 school theme: seeking truth, healing and reconciliation.



We thank God that we are blessed to be working, playing and learning in beautiful Smithers, BC on the unceded traditional territory of the Gitdumden clan of the Wet'suwet'en.

NEW THIS WEEK

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: is accepting registrations. Please see page 4 for more information.

TERRY FOX RUN DONATIONS: We will be taking donations from students until Friday this week.

PRESCHOOL: is looking for a set of curtains. If anyone has an old set of curtains around 8ft (2.5 metres) long that they would like to get rid of, please let us know.

TURKEY LUNCH: We are looking for volunteers so we can have a turkey lunch on October 7th for Thanksgiving. Please contact the office if you are able to coordinate help with this event.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: The Chocolates have arrived! Come on in and get your box, there are lots to sell! Thank you for your support.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY: For everyone's safety and comfort, please remember to walk your wheels (e.g. bikes) on school grounds at drop off and pick up and keep dogs outside of the fenced school years from 8.15am to 3.22pm. Thank you for your support reminding kids it is not safe to climb on the chain link fences.

LOST AND FOUND: The lost and found will be sorted and cleaned out with on a weekly basis. All items will be on display during the week and will be donated to New to You on Friday!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: St Joseph's School is striving to exceed your expectations, strengthen community and we need parent help to do that -- many hands make light work. Various opportunities are needed throughout the year and if you sign up you are not required to participate in everything. Please sign up by emailing or visiting the office and someone from our school's community engagement committee will be in touch with you about your volunteer options. ~ Cait McMillan, Carlene Dingwall, Nicki Twigge

REMINDERS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept 21 - PSG meeting at 7pm in the kitchen

Sept 22 - Terry Fox run at 1pm starting in the gym. Parents are welcome to join the walk.

Sept 23 - Mass for grades 3-7 (all welcome)

Sept 28 - Picture day

Sept 29 - Please wear an orange shirt

Sept 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - **no school**

HOT LUNCH: The first Hot Lunch of the year will be Oct 7th. Hot lunch cards are available in the office for \$60.

Have a question about Hot Lunch or want to Volunteer? You can now email stjoes.smithers.hotlunch@gmail.com

Also see the message from our Hot Lunch Volunteers and the schedule on page. 3.

PIZZA LUNCH: The first Pizza lunch of the year is Sept 29th. This is a Grade 7 fundraiser, one slice is \$3 and two are \$5. Pizza cards are available in the office for \$30/\$50.

ABSENTEE NOTES: Please email the school at stj@cispg.ca for all absences or lates. All Students must check in with the office if late. If leaving during the school any time before 3:07 dismissal all Students must check out at the office.

E-TRANSFERS: E-transfers can be sent to stjetransfers@cispg.ca

HOMEWORK BOOKS: Each student from grades 3-7 received a homework book. The cost for each book is \$12.00 and payment is due by Sept. 23rd. Payment can be made by cash or cheques to the office but not e-transfers.

RECONCILIATION READING CLUB CALL OF INTEREST

This fall all are warmly invited to join a book club about residential schools. This connects well with our school's theme of seeking, truth, and reconciliation. The selected book is: "A Knock on the Door: The Essential History of Residential Schools from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada". We will meet twice a month from 7-8pm on a weekday (TBD). Books can be ordered as a group. Contact Ben Laurie to sign up 842-3383 benjaminlauriemsw@gmail.com

HOT LUNCH

Hello parents! Thank you so much to those who signed up for Hot Lunch teams at the Meet the Teacher night last Wednesday. We have 4 out of 6 teams filled but are still in need of a Mac n Cheese team and a Chili team. Attached is the Hot Lunch Flyer and Hot Lunch Handbook giving a general overview of what is required, including the dates scheduled for these hot lunches to be served. Our goal is to offer Hot Lunch the last day of each week throughout the school year for your kiddos. If you are able to put a Mac n Cheese team or Chili team together (or if you would like to cook up something else!), please let Brett and I know by emailing stjoes.smithers.hotlunch@gmail.com Thank you very much for your consideration. Your Hot Lunch Coordinators, Brett Wilson + Melissa Bennett

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It's time to sign up for the St. Joseph's School Hot Lunch Program! This is the PSG's biggest fundraiser. It's a great way to contribute, meet other parents & staff, and be part of the community of St. Joe's!

Your child gets a kid-friendly hot meal and dessert each Friday.

When you sign up to prepare a meal, you will make it **four** times over the course of the school year. We recommend at least three people per team. If you would like to join a team, we can match you up with other volunteers!

Here are the fun options for this year!

Burgers

October 7, April 28, May 26, June 16

Grilled Cheese

October 14, December 2, February 10, April 21

Mac & Cheese

October 28, December 9, February 3, May 5

Poutine

November 4, January 27, March 3, May 12

Penne

November 18, January 13, March 10, June 2

Chili

November 25, January 20, February 24, March 17

How to sign up!

Please email us with your menu choice, if you have one, and let us know if you're a single or a team. If you're signing up as a team, please add their names and `cc` them in the email. We'll send you a confirmation email. First come, first serve!



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2022-2023 after school care
programme registration

St Joseph's School after school care programme welcomes children from kindergarten up. Our programme offers a variety of fun, interactive and engaging. The programme is open to children from all schools. The purpose of our programme is to provide a welcoming and caring environment for children whose parents work.

Some things that make our after school care shine:

- ✓ A Christian environment
- ✓ A culture that encourages learners to be safe, helpful, accountable, respectful and positive
- ✓ A convenient location
- ✓ Access to school facilities
- ✓ Spacious school grounds and a variety of playground equipment

Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 3:00pm to 6:00pm,
Thursday: 2:00 pm to 6:00pm

** The program runs from September to June. The after school care programme will not operate during pro-d days or school holidays.

Fees:

Mon. to Wed. and Fri. → 3:00 – 4:30pm: \$16.00 | 3:00 – 6:00pm: \$20.00
Thursday → 2:00 – 3:30 - \$16.00 | 2:00 – 5:00 - \$20.00 | 2:00 – 6:00 - \$24.00

Registration process:

Registration is open but spaces are limited; complete the form online <http://stjosephsschool.ca/after-school-program/> or stop by the office.

September/October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19	20	21 Volleyball practice gr 5-7 3:20 - 4:15	22 Terry Fox Run	23 Mass @ 9am Gr 3-7
26	27 The Search 9am Session	28 Picture Day! Volleyball practice gr 5-7 3:20 - 4:15	29 Orange Shirt Day The Search 7pm Session Pizza Hot Lunch	30 No School
3	4 No Busses The Search 9am Session	5 Volleyball practice gr 5-7 from 3.20-4.15	6 The search 7pm session	7 Thanksgiving Mass (K-7) Turkey Lunch
10 No School	11 The Search 9am Session	12 Volleyball practice gr 5-7 from 3.20-4.15	13 Cross Country Run The Search 7pm Session	14 Mass @ 9am Gr 3-7 Grilled Cheese
17	18 The Search 9am Session	19 PT Interviews 2 pm Dismissal	20 PT Interviews 12 pm Dismissal	21 No School