



St. John Paul II Catholic School

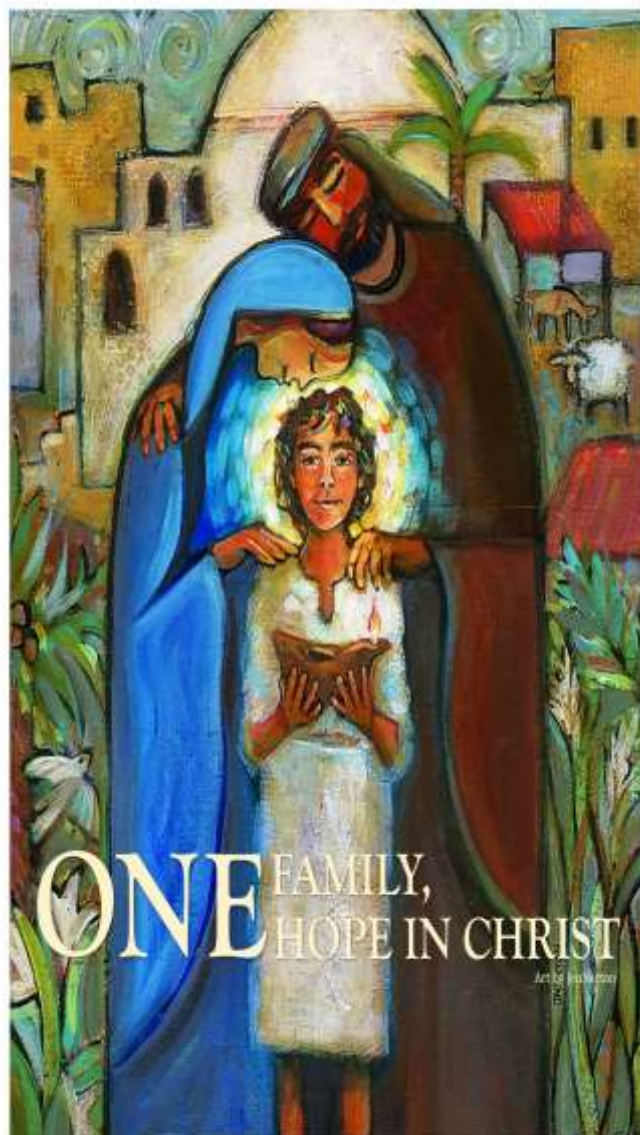
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Mission Statement

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.



Principals' Message



Hello Parents,

We give thanks for our school community, our families, and our churches. Without such a solid foundation, one could get lost in the chaos and the division around us.

I would like to reiterate what was shared by our Superintendent this past week regarding the changes to the Communicable Disease Prevention Plan. "With this ministry update, I want to echo Dr. Henry's message that we *must* be compassionate and kind to those who cannot wear a mask. Every child, every person is different, and we must respect those differences. The exemptions for masks while indoors or on a bus are quite clear – it is for very specific reasons and not simply 'because they don't want to.'"

There is no doubt that we are living in very challenging times and by demonstrating compassion, patience, and love towards one another we remain a unified and strong team. Thank you for continuing to keep children home when they are sick as this ensures we all remain healthy. I would like to end with our school wide prayer for this school year:

Loving Creator, unite us as one family in Christ.
You created each person unique and equal in your eyes.
Thank you for loving us so much.
Teach us to reach out to all your people in love and with compassion.
Lead us as we journey together as one human family.
Help us to be the light of Christ in the world.
We are One Family and we place our Hope in Jesus, your Son.
Amen

Together in Hope,
Mrs. Warman

One Family, One Hope in Christ.

WORLD FOOD DAY WALK

Fri., Oct. 15, 2021

Each class has been challenged to raise at least \$50.00 so please send a toonie or more to purchase grocery cards for St. Vincent De Paul. All proceeds go to supply grocery cards to families in need throughout our community.

ST. JOHN PAUL II FEAST DAY

Tues., Oct. 19, 2021

There will be a number of activities celebrating St. John Paul II from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

BLACK & ORANGE DAY

Fri., Oct. 29 2020

This is a Spirit Day so please remember to bring a toonie for our foster children Lidia and Phineas This is also a Hot Lunch Day with Hot Dogs on the menu.

SPECIAL CALENDAR DATES

Wed., Oct. 6	Early Dismissal @ 2:00 pm
Wed., Oct. 6	Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews 4:00—7:30 pm by ZOOM
Thurs., Oct. 7	Parent –Teacher-Student Interviews 3:30—7:30 pm by ZOOM
Fri. Oct. 8	Day In Leiu of Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews—No School
Mon., Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day—No School
Wed., Oct. 13	Lifetouch School Individual Photo Day
Fri., Oct. 15	World Food Day Walk
Mon., Oct. 18	Parent Support Group Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tues., Oct. 19	St. John Paul II Feast Day—Activities 10:30 am — 12:00 pm
Thurs., Oct. 21	Shake Out BC
Fri., Oct. 22	Provincial Pro D Day—No School
Wed., Oct. 27	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Fri., Oct. 29	Black & Orange Day—Hot Lunch
Mon., Nov. 1	All Saints Day—Dress as your favourite Saint
Wed., Nov. 3	Early Dismissal @ 2:00 pm
Mon., Nov. 8	Parent Support Group Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Wed., Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly
Thurs., Nov. 11	Remembrance Day—No School
Thurs., Nov. 18	School Mass @ St. John Paul II 9:00—10:00 am

Holy Family/Notre Dame Mass Times

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Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

Everyone is welcome.

Live Stream Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE1plbrjl1lp-p1WiQ38g9Q>



Fr. Michael Tran



SCHOOL MASS

November 18—Grade 3/4 leading the school mass at St. John Paul II.
9:00 am



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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this September are: Emily P., Elias, Laila, Hunter, Zoe, Mrs. Warman, Halle, Olivia, Caleb, Jericho, Danikah, Autumn, Estelle, Estrella and Quinn. May God Bless you on your special day!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating Birthdays this October are: Oskar, Ben M., Owen, Aradhya, Bryce, Manjot, Phoebe, Mrs. Salmon, Matteo, Mr. Brooks, Cody, Mrs. See Rajen and Gitanjali. May God Bless you on your special day!

HOLY MACKERELS

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. Owen, Lyla, Ethan E., Sophie x2, Aimee, Stella, Cody, and Brady. Well Done!



Good News Call of the Day!

This year we have begun a new program, where 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 I I . 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. The following have received Good News Certificates since our last newsletter: Aimee, Laila, Jericho, Kyle, Owen, Emma, Evan and Rachel. Well Done!

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Our School Council for 2021-2022 is:
Marina Slusar—Chair
Tenille Lindsay—Vice Chair/Finance
Christina Proteau—Secretary
Michelle Clarke—Human Resources
Heather Mollet—Fundraising
James Andersen—Marketing
Fr. Michael Tran—Pastor
Crystal Salmon—Teacher Rep
Rachelle Warman - Principal

Our next School Council meeting is
Wednesday, October 27th @ 6:30 pm

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our Parent Support Group works hard to coordinate community building events and fundraisers that make our school special. All parents are encouraged to be members of the PSG and are invited to the monthly meetings. The PSG needs you!

Our Parent Support Group
Council for this year is:
Robin Knudsen – Chair & Hot
Lunch
Ezit Nel - Vice Cahir
Chelsey Pulford – Secretary
Sarah Waldriff - Treasurer
Katrien Kitshoff - Member at
Large



Our next meeting is Monday, October 18th @ 6:30 pm.

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World Food Day

WORLD FOOD DAY WALK

On Oct. 16th, our school participated in an international event called “World Food Day”. Our students and staff walked through our school community with signs they made to bring attention to the millions of children around the world and some in our own community, who do not have enough to eat. This year we collected cash donations .

Our total was \$1100.00 The cash donations will go to St. Vincent de Paul Society’s to purchase grocery gift cards to help the poor in our immediate community. Thank you for your continued support with this important school service project.

St. Vincent de Paul Society would also like to extend their gratitude for the generosity shown for the less fortunate in our community.

God Bless you all!

ST. JOHN PAUL II FEAST DAY

On Tuesday, October 19th the student and staff of St. John Paul II Catholic School will be celebrating St. John Paul II's Feast Day.

Did you know?

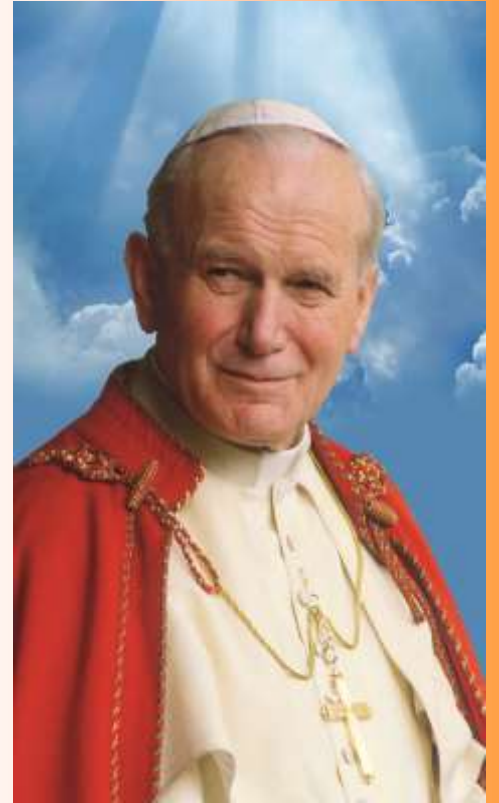
Feast Day: October 22

St. John Paul II is the Co-Patron of World Youth Day.

Born: 1920

Died: 2005

Canonized: April 27, 2014 Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope Francis.



SHAKE OUT BC

On Thursday, Oct. 21st, there will be a provincial earthquake drill. Emergency procedures for dealing with an earthquake will be discussed and practiced in the classrooms prior to the Shake Out Day event. The actual drill will take place sometime early in the day. We are in the process of updating our emergency supplies. We encourage you to return the “comfort” kits to your child's classroom teacher if you have not done so already. Thank you for your cooperation.



GROCERY CARD FUNDRAISER

St John Paul II fundraising opportunity for all families.
Buying grocery cards directly from St. John Paul II from Save-On,
Buy-Low and No Frills helps us generate thousands of \$ for our school.

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, \$100



BUY LOW FOODS

HOW IT BENEFITS OUR SCHOOL

No Frills – 4% - \$4.00 for every \$100 spent

Save-On-Foods – 6% - \$6.00 for every \$100 spent

Buy-Low Foods – 10% - \$10.00 for every \$100 spent



SAVE ON FOODS



NO FRILLS

TILL RECEIPT 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 sort and count 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.



mabel's labels

St. John Paul II has teamed up with Mabel's Labels so you can easily label all of your child(ren)s belongings. This is a great way to make sure all of your child(ren)s valuables come home. By ordering through our school's page you pay the same price, but 20% of the value of your order goes to support our school!! These labels are fully customizable and are great for school clothing, sports gear, shoes, bags, water bottles and more! They have a new reusable clothing stamp too! Machine washable and Dishwasher safe. Fun designs and No Shipping Fees! To find our school's fundraising page click on the link here: <http://campaigns.mabelslables.com> and find our School's name under the Select Your School/Organization Sign. Click on the Select v and scroll down to find John Paul II Catholic School PAC (Port Alberni).

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WEATHER



The Fall weather is here Please be sure your child(ren) are dressed appropriately (Hat, a rain coat, gloves, 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 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!

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.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

School Uniforms are ordered through Cambridge Uniforms. To order please go to www.cambridgeuniforms.com Our School code is RCF965.