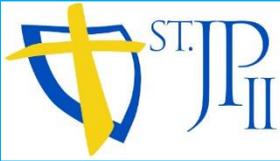


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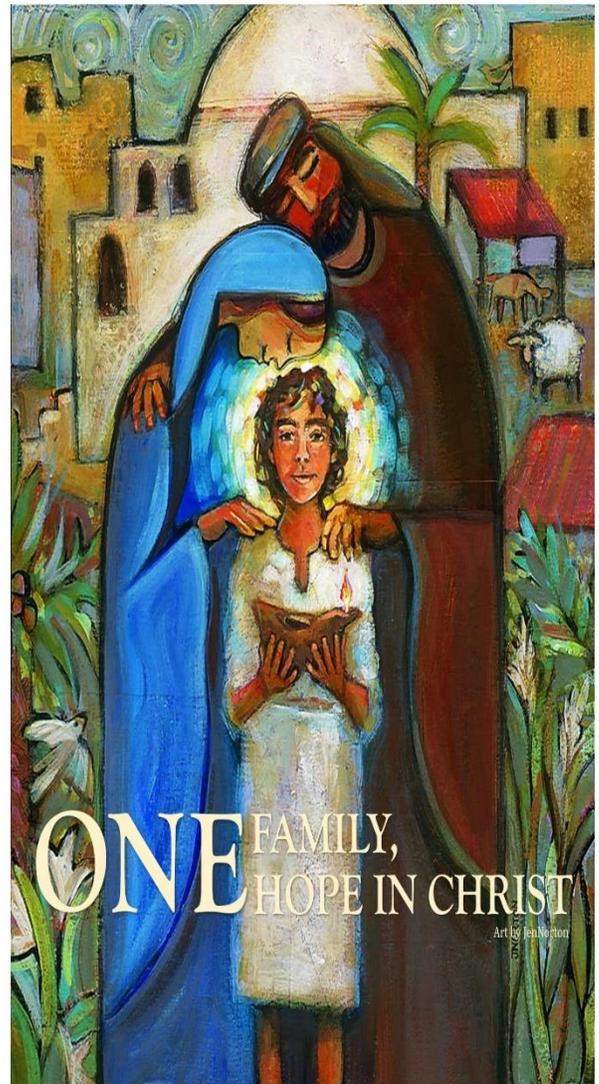
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Mission Statement

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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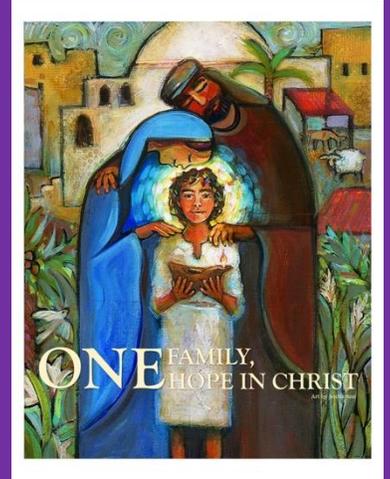
Principal's Message



Happy Spring Break!

May your time with family be fruitful, restful, and peaceful!

Thank you, students, for working so hard this term; you should be proud of your accomplishments. Thank you to staff for all you do to make this school a place where children learn, serve, lead and succeed.



Prayer for Lent



Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you into the desert of Lent so that we might confront the powers of evil and, with your help, overcome them. Give us the courage to face the truth about our lives, both the blessings we have received and the failures we have experienced. May these forty days of prayerful observance strengthen us in faith, renew us in hope and fill us with love to share with our brothers and sisters, especially those most in

need.

Amen

Together in Hope,
Mrs. Warman

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Celebrating birthdays this March are:
Jack, Ethan S., Manseerat, Madison, Elena,
Griffin, Dylan P., Trey, Emma, Annaka and
Mrs. Leyenaar.

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. Izabella, Emily P., Karston x2, Izabella, Oskar, Emma, Mason F., Kyle, Annaka, Elena, Avery, Bani x2, Isaiah, Griffin, Brady and Manjot. 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 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. The following have received Good News Certificates since our last newsletter: Madison and Ben M. Well Done!

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SAVE THE DATES

**STUDENT LED
CONFERENCES**
March 10, 2022

3:30 -7:30 pm
Each student is assigned 13
minutes with a 2-minute
transition time between
students.

SPRING BREAK
March 11 –28, 2028

NO SCHOOL
Have an enjoyable
Spring Break

SCHOOL MASS
April 7, 2022

9:00 – 10:00 am
The grade 1/2 class will
lead.

Wed., Mar. 9	Report Cards sent home
Thurs. Mar. 10	Student Led Conferences 3:30 – 7:30 pm
Fri., Mar. 11	Day in Lieu – NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK BEGINS
Mon., Mar. 28	School Re-Opens
Wed., Apr. 6	Early Dismissal at 2:00pm
Thurs., Apr. 7	School Mass – Grade 1/2 to lead
Thurs., Apr. 14	Holy Thursday
Fri., Apr. 15	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
Mon., Apr. 18	Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
Fri., Apr. 22	Love the Earth Day – (Hippie Day) – Hot Lunch
Wed., Apr. 27	Lifetouch Classroom Photos – 9:00 am
Fri., Apr. 29	Ready, Set, Learn Event 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Wed., May 4	Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm
Thurs., May 5	School Mass at 9:00 am – Grade 5/6 to lead
Fri., May 6	Pray the Rosary & Jeans for Grocery Cards

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**Holy Family/Notre Dame
Mass Times**

**Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 10:00 am**



Fr. Michael Tran



Joseph Yuson - Seminarian

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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SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tues., Mar. 1st, The Knights of Columbus members Mr. Tom, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Bernie and Mr. Fred made pancakes for the entire school! Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 46 days leading up to Easter. Shrove Tuesday is celebrated by eating pancakes in order to use up rich indulgent foods before the fasting season begins.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, Mar. 2nd we celebrated Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is an important holy day in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the forehead. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. The ashes are christened with Holy Water and are scented by exposure to incense. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts.



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LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Leadership Group would like to thank everyone who participated in their Candy-Gram Fundraiser. They raised \$764. which will go to support Leadership projects.

**Our next School Council Meeting is Wednesday,
April 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm**



Parent Support Group
**Our next meeting is Mon., April 11,
2022 at 6:30 pm**

**The PSG would like to say a huge
thank you to all our families for their
support in our on-going efforts to
fundraise for the needs of our school.**

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BASKETBALL

Our grade 6/7 team won their first and only inter-school game on Wed., Feb. 23rd against Maquinna Elementary. Well done Jaguars!!



RUGBY

Rugby Season is set to begin after Spring break.



VOLLEYBALL

Mrs. Benson will focus on Volleyball skills during P. E. time after Spring Break.



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St. John Paul II School 2022-2023 Kindergarten Registration

We are now accepting student registration for the upcoming 2022-2023 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 website www.jp2nd.ca under “Forms and Documents.” Please include a copy of his/her birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable) and health card number.

Practicing Catholic Tuition Rate Request School Year 2022-2023

Forms will be available on the school website and at the school office. This form was due by Feb. 28, 2022.

Family Payment Schedule Information

Family Payment Schedules will be available for signature after April 4th 2022. These **must be signed by April 22nd 2022**. Families requesting Financial Assistance will receive their payment schedule at the **end of April 2022 and must return it by May 10th, 2022**.

Financial Assistance

Island Catholic Schools provides financial assistance for families requiring help. Application forms are available through the school office or on our website. All financial assistance forms must be submitted to the school office by the **deadline date of May 1, 2022**.

Donation Tax Receipts

We offer religious education in our school, which enables parents to receive a charity tax receipts for the religious portion of the tuition fees paid. The consequent tax reduction can be significant and is not available in non-denominational independent schools. Please note that the amount of the receipt is dependent on the number of children, the tuition rate, and the actual amount of fee paid.

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Grocery Gift Cards Fundraiser

St John Paul II fundraising opportunity for all families.

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.

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

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 wet Spring 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 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.