



**St
Joseph's
School**

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Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith

New Items:

- Spring plant fundraiser
- Friday Breakfast Program back on!
- Pre K - space available
- Carnival!
- After school supervision

Upcoming dates:

April 10th - Library Book fair
April 14th - Pre K Ready, set, learn
April 15th - Plant orders due to office
April 18th & 21st - No school
April 24th - Student led conferences 12pm dismissal
April 25th - 2pm dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Pope Francis has declared that 2025 is a Jubilee year with the theme being Pilgrims of Hope. With so much going on in our world, there are many reasons to worry or despair. There are wars, there is economic turbulence, and there is climate change, to name a few. The real test of human character is what we are like when under strain. Sometimes stress brings out the worst of humanity and sometimes stress and uncertainty bring out the best, sometimes both! What does it mean to be a people of hope? For one thing, it means we can not be a people of hope on our own. We need God and we need each other. The truly inspiring moments come when we, as humans, transcend our circumstances, and, in defiance of everything that seems to deplete hope, choose hope anyway. When it doesn't make sense, when all that assaults our senses declares otherwise, we, nonetheless, resolutely choose hope. At St. Joseph's we want to shine brightly as a beacon of hope not just to each other but also in the larger community of which we are a part. Let those around us see hope and let us welcome those who want to journey in hope with us. Let's fix our eyes not on what takes away hope, but on Christ, the ultimate source of hope for us all. Have a good week.

LIBRARY BOOK FAIR: The spring library book fair will be held this **Thursday from 8:45-3:00 pm**. Students will be going with their classes on the time slots listed below. Parents are more than welcome to come with their child at this time. If we run out of a book or poster, we can always order them in. It takes about a week to arrive. We can accept cash or debit/credit for all book fair sales.

8:50 - 9:20 **Grade 7**

9:20 - 9:50 **Grade 5/6**

9:50 - 10:20 **Kindergarten**

Recess - closed

10:40 - 11:50 **Grade 4**

11:05 - 11:30 **Grade 5**

11:30 - 12:00 **Grade 3**

Lunch - closed

1:00 - 1:30 **Grade 2**

1:30 - 2:00 **Grade 1**

The bookfair will remain open until 3pm.

A STAFFING NOTE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL: We wanted to share a staffing update with you. Some of you may have noticed on the CISPG website that there was a posting for the principal position at St. Joseph's. This was because Monique Vanderwart's two year contract was scheduled to end as of July 31st. We are pleased to share that she expressed an interest in continuing and will continue to be our principal moving forward.

SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER: Today each student received a plant fundraiser form. If you are interested in participating in this fundraiser for the school, please fill out the form, receive the payment and return it to the office. Orders and payment are due on **April 15th**. Funds raised go towards student activities. The plates are a nice way to start the spring/summer season. Each participant will get their names entered into a draw for a prize. Student with the most sold will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate to a store of their choice. All participating students will get their names in a hat and the student drawn will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to a store of their choice. Parents are responsible for picking up and delivering the plants. Plant pick up is the afternoon of **May 8th** in the school gym.

AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION: This is just a reminder that after school supervision ends at 3:20 and we are no longer responsible for your child. Doors will be locked shortly thereafter. If your child has not been picked up, we will bring them inside to wait in the lobby for you to pick them up. If you want to give your children permission to play on the school playground after school ends, please stop by the school to sign a form releasing us of responsibility, so we can have that on file.

CARNIVAL: The St Joseph's Carnival will be [May 9th](#) from 6-8pm in the school gym. Admission is free, tickets for games will be available to purchase. Come for an evening of family fun: cake walk, fish pond, face painting, puck shoot, concession, and so much more. We are looking for donations for the Cake walk and also parent volunteers to help with running stations and clean up. A volunteer form was sent home yesterday with students, please return these to the office by Friday if you are able to run a station. If you are able to bake for the cake walk, please send an email to the office sti@cispg.ca

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES: Student Led conferences will be on April 24th. School will be dismissed at 12pm that day and 2pm the following day (Friday, April 25th). An email will be sent out to parents the week of April 7th to book a time slot.

OPENINGS FOR 2025-2026: We have a few spaces left in our Kindergarten class for next year. We also have spaces in most of our other grades for next year. If you know anyone interested in those classes for next year please encourage them to contact the school. We are happy to offer a tour and answer any questions! Knowing who plans on coming helps us with our planning for next year.

WE'RE HIRING!:

It's that time of year again where we start planning for next year. Based on what we know so far, St. Joseph's is looking to hire for the following teaching positions:

1.0 FTE Intermediate grades. Specific grade level dependent on the candidate and internal staffing re-arrangements.

1.0 FTE French/Music This can be a full-time position, or French and Music can be broken apart into two part time positions, or French and Music can be broken apart and paired with a classroom assignment. Specific assignment dependent on the candidate's strengths and internal staffing re-arrangements.

0.2-0.4 FTE intermediate grade: specific grade dependent on the candidate and internal staffing re-arrangements.

Update: We also anticipate the need to hire two full time support staff.

Applications are open to practicing Catholics and non-Catholics willing to be respectful of the Catholic faith and programs. You can find out more information about the job postings here: <https://cispg.ca/careers/> . There is an online application to fill out.

Also, you can contact Monique Vanderwart, Principal, at mvdervart@cispg.ca or call the school at **250-847-9414** to find out more about the positions and how to apply. I'd love to hear from you. If you know of anyone suitable, please encourage them to reach out to me.

FRIDAY BREAKFAST PROGRAM: We have a few grandparents that are willing to come in and have toast /yogourt etc. for breakfast. If you are willing to come in and help out, every once in a while, that would be great. Thanks.

PRE K REGISTRATION: We have a few spaces available in our Wed/Fri Pre K class. If you are interested please contact the school or stop by. Due to the high interest level in preschool, we are considering adding an afternoon program. If you are interested in that please let us know and we'll start a list!

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY: In the event of a emergency before school starts, we will communicate via email and Facebook if school is to be cancelled or important information needs to be communicated. We will also have staff on site (if safe) to assist students who have walked to school or families who have missed any communications. In the event we need to evacuate the school and dismiss students, students will be taken to the church and families will be called at that time.

CHURCH NEWS:

Mass: 5pm on Saturday, 9am on Sunday, 5:30 on Tuesday, 9am on Wednesday & Fridays

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Fridays 5pm -6pm

Chapel of the Divine Mercy: Fridays at 1pm

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

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

Confessions: are 15 mins before every Mass or by appointment

Sunday School: is offered during the 9am Sunday Mass for children 2 years old until 1st Communion.

DYC - "Pilgrims of Hope" Youth Conference - see pg 5 for more info

PSG:

Chair - Tanya Flynn

Vice Chair - Carly Rosger

Treasurer - Paula Perestrelo

Secretary - Taryn Opel

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Hot Dogs 	8	9	10 Library Book Fair!	11 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5/6 Reading Grilled Cheese 
14 Hot Dogs  Pre K Ready, set, learn.	15	16	17 Pizza 	18 Good Friday No School
21 Easter Monday No School	22	23	24 Student led Conferences 12pm dismissal	25 All School Mass Gr 3 Reading Burgers  Early dismissal 2pm
28 Hot Dogs 	29	30	1	2 Gr 3-7 Mass Gr 5 Reading Pasta 



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE



MAY
23 - 25

For
Youth
Gr.7-12

Prince George, BC

GUEST PRESENTERS:

*Benedictines
of Westminster
Abbey*

*Dominican Sisters
of
St. Cecilia*

Registration Deadline - MAY 15th



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Scan for Registration



REGISTER AT WWW.PGDIOCESE.BC.CA/DIOCESAN-YOUTH-CONFERENCE

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL US- DYC@PGDIOCESE.CA

**SMITHERS CHILDREN TO CHILDREN OF
UKRAINE FUNDRAISER**



EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY
APRIL 19TH
11:00AM TO 1:00PM**

**RANGER PARK,
SMITHERS BC**

\$15 per child

Each child gets a prize.

**Bring your own basket and
dress for the weather.**

Refreshments & Games

Fun for the whole family!.



Tickets available at Starlynx Communications
and UFO Cafe. Cash only.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!