

ST. JOE'S NEWS

November 6, 2020

Remembrance Day

Dear Families,

As we approach Remembrance Day 2020, perhaps we can identify a little bit more with what Canadian soldiers, and citizens had to sacrifice during war time. Today I spoke with one of the Grade 6 classes and we compared what we are being asked to sacrifice during COVID times to what Canadians were asked to sacrifice during World War I and World War II. The students shared ideas about what they had to sacrifice at this time. These were some of their answers:

- Wearing a mask is not the much fun
- We have to sacrifice not touching our friends
- We can't be too close to our friends
- We have to wash or sanitize our hands more
- We can't play games where we touch each other too much
- There are more rules to follow

As adults we have a better concept of the sacrifices being made during COVID. Encouraging children to make sacrifices during this time, may give them a sense of the empowerment and control. Our children need to realize, no matter how small, that they have the power to be of service to each other, their country and most importantly to God our Father. This week-end, please find the time to pray for our soldiers, our front-line workers and for the community of St. Joseph School.

God bless,
Maddy Pedrette
Principal
St. Joseph School, Kelowna

Talking to your children about COVID:

<https://www.anxietycanada.com/covid-19/>

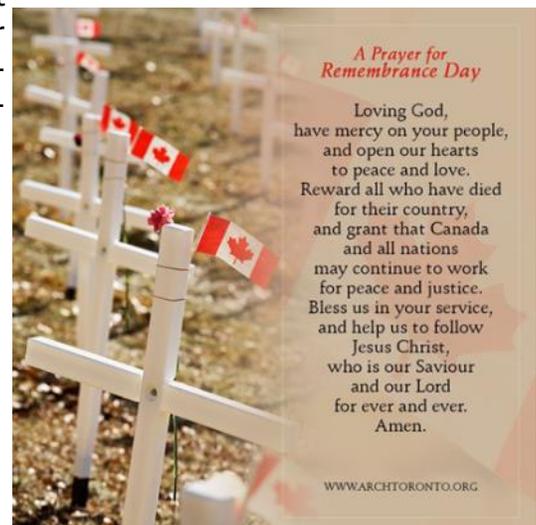
<https://childmind.org/article/anxiety-and-coping-with-coronavirus/>

Important Dates to Remember

November 9th: Virtual Book Fair ends

November 11th: No School/ Remembrance Day

November 27th: No School/ Spiritual Retreat



School News

The Virtue of the Month of November is

“Consideration”

Thank you Miss Nagy and her Grade 6 students for choosing the Virtue of **Consideration**.

Consideration is being thoughtful of other people and their feelings. You consider how your actions affect them. You pay careful attention to what others like and don't like, and do things that give them happiness. - The Virtues Project



Winter Uniforms

As we head into colder weather the winter dress code is now in effect.

Students must wear dress pants not shorts.

All jumpers, skorts and kilts must be worn with grey tights.

Leggings and socks are not permitted.

Last day to order books is Monday

Please support our library and get your orders in today. They are delivered right to your doorstep.



A graphic for a virtual book fair. It features a blue background with a light blue diagonal stripe pattern. At the top, it says "WE ARE HAVING A VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR!" in bold, orange and black text. Below this is a grey book-like shape containing the dates "October 26th to November 9th" and the word "DATES" in yellow. Underneath is the URL "https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5149614" and the word "LINK" in yellow. To the right of the book shape are several colorful gears (green, blue, yellow). At the bottom, it says "Virtual Book Fairs" in a stylized font. There are also some colorful dots and a small circular graphic on the left side of the book shape.

School News

Daily Health Check

From the COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings
UPDATED: September 11, 2020

This is a reminder that it is the parents' responsibility to screen their children daily for any symptoms of cold, flu, or other symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19.

A daily health check is a tool to reduce the likelihood of a person with COVID-19 coming to school when they are infectious.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can be mild and are similar to other respiratory infections. Most people in BC with these symptoms do not have COVID-19.

Appendix C: Daily Health Check Example

The following is an example of a daily health check to determine if you should attend school that day.

Daily Health Check			
1. Key Symptoms of Illness*	Do you have any of the following new key symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

If you answered "YES" to one of the questions included under 'Key Symptoms of Illness' (excluding fever), you should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started. If the symptom improves, you may return to school when you feel well enough. If the symptom persists or worsens, seek a health assessment.

If you answered "YES" to two or more of the questions included under 'Symptoms of Illness' or you have a fever, seek a health assessment. A health assessment includes calling 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner. If a health assessment is required, you should not return to school until COVID-19 has been excluded and your symptoms have improved.

When a COVID-19 test is recommended by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is positive, you should stay home until you are told by public health to end self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is negative, you can return to school once symptoms have improved and you feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless you develop a new illness.
- If a COVID-19 test is recommended but is not done because you choose not to have the test, or you do not seek a health assessment when recommended, and your symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, you should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then you may return if you are feeling well enough.

If a COVID-19 test is not recommended by the health assessment, you can return to school when symptoms improve and you feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should seek testing for COVID-19.

A health-care provider note (i.e. a doctor's note) should not be required to confirm the health status of any individual.



Ministry of Health



BC Centre for Disease Control

If you have fever, a new cough, or are having difficulty breathing, call 8-1-1.



School News

Cards for Kids Christmas Order

Christmas is just around the corner! Let us relieve some of your shopping stress with the Card for Kids Christmas order.

Who do you need to buy for this year?

Family

Friends

Stocking stuffers

Teens

Grandparents

Teachers

Coaches

Babysitters

Staff

Or buy cards to do your Christmas shopping!

With every gift card you order, the school could earn as much as 15 percent back. What a great way to ease your Christmas shopping and help your school at the same time. Share this form with friends and family to help our profits grow even more!

[Order form is attached to this email.](#)

All forms are due in the office by November 18, 2020 or emailed to cards4kidsstjoes@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please call Christine at 778-788-8483

St. Joe's PSG News

What is the Parent Support Group (PSG)?

The PSG is an open and social group made up of a volunteer executive, staff advisors, and **YOU** - the parents. Meetings are held just once per month.

Our next meeting is

Monday, November 16th at 5:30pm - please meet at the courtyard fence along the alley.

All parents welcome. We look forward to seeing you!

If you are interested in being involved and would like to learn more please contact the PSG president, Dawn Thalheimer (email: dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca).

We are in desperate need of a treasurer.

Many hands make light work!

Purdys and Poinsettias

This year, the PSG is running the Purdys Chocolates and deVry Poinsettias alongside one another as a dual Christmas campaign. An order information brochure should have gone home with your "youngest/only" child. All orders will be placed ONLINE this year. Please invite your family and friends to join our campaign. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley @ ashleypereira3@gmail.com -OR- text/call (250)808-4144.

Order Due Date: Sunday, November 22, 2020

Order Pickup Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020

Purdys ONLINE ordering

1. Go to www.purdysgpp.com
2. Click "Register" or "Login"
3. Join our group by typing in: 32168
4. Payment via: Credit Card



Poinsettia ONLINE ordering

1. Go to <http://stjosephelem.growingsmilesfundraising.com>
2. Payment via: Credit Card -OR- e-Transfer



St. Joe's PSG News

2020 Winter Order Form

Online Ordering ONLY



\$13

6.5" Premium Poinsettias
A holiday favourite! Brighten up any room this winter with a vibrant poinsettia. Available in red, white, and pink, the 6.5" poinsettias are perfect for your home, hotels, restaurants and banks over the holidays.



\$35

Tropical Indoor Planter
Add a festive look to your table with a mixed tropical planter. There are four different, live plant varieties included with holiday decor in a rectangular tin. Planter container designs do vary and cannot be requested.



\$35

Holiday Wreath
The popular wreath is getting an upgrade! The popular wreath is getting an upgrade! A large, plaid bow is featured in the middle of fresh noble, cedar and juniper. Frosted pinecones and red berries complete the new look - ready to welcome guests at your door!



\$25

Table Top Trio
Add a touch of festivity anywhere in your home with this holiday pack! The decorative pot covers, and decorations included. There are three different 4" plants in this tray: Gaultheria, Frosty Fern, and Mini Cypress.



\$35

Hanging Greenery Bough
Celebrate with a merry bough of greenery! A fun, vintage, burlap bag holds premium greens, red illex berry branches and an array of novelty decorations. This hangs outside on your front door or leans on the patio.



\$45

Outdoor Greenery Arrangement
Welcome guests to your home in-style with a deluxe greenery arrangement. This large, outdoor planter stands over 2 feet tall with beautiful, premium holiday greens, red illex berry branches and decorations.

* All Items may not be exactly as shown. We have a variety of plant/greenery mixes, containers, and holiday features. *

Other Catholic School News

Immaculate Conception First Communion & Confirmation Registration Meetings

For ICC families with children wishing to celebrate 1st Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation this year ...



1st Reconciliation & Holy Communion Parent Meeting

- Thursday, Nov. 12 7:00 – 8:15 pm ICC Parish Center
- Only one parent need attend (kids have the night off!)
- Please bring copy of baptism certificate and registration (go to <https://www.icckelowna.ca/notices>)

Sacrament of Confirmation Candidate and Parent Meeting

- Thursday, Nov. 26 7:00 – 7:45 pm ICC Parish Center
- Only one parent needs to accompany your son/daughter
- Please bring copy of baptism certificate and registration (go to <https://www.icckelowna.ca/notices>)

Community News



About COBSS

The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) is a charitable foundation with local **volunteers** coordinating financial assistance for our high school graduates for their post-secondary education.

We collect and administer money from area **donors** including community and school groups, businesses, and individuals. Through COBSS, local Grade 12 **students** can apply for over 550 awards. Criteria is set by the donor to recognize student achievement (such as citizenship, scholastic or athletic achievement) and/or to assist with financial need for further education.

New donors and volunteers are welcome!

Email us at COBSS@shaw.ca and visit our website at COBSS.sd23.bc.ca



Donor comments

As a recent University grad, I know the financial pressures on students are REAL! I donate to COBSS because I was given lots of help - and it's time for me to pay it forward.

GEM Miller Family Scholarship

At Strut, our loyal customers value education and round up on each of their purchases. As a result we are proud to allocate 4 awards to Central Okanagan graduates.

Shandi, Strut Footwear and Apparel



Important dates

November 25, 2020	donor deadline for 2021 awards
December 1, 2020	student online applications open
January 11, 2021	student applications due*
March 29, 2021	awards selection begins
June 2021	awards presented to grads

*ask your school counselor for details



Remembrance Day

A reminder that there is **no** school on November 11th





Don't Forget

You can always find school information on our

[Website](#),

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#) and

[Instagram](#)

Other links

[PSG Meeting Minutes](#)

[Rooted in Faith](#)

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M-F 8:30-3:00

Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body.

Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.