

ST. JOSEPH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NELSON

EDUCATING THROUGH FAITH....EXCELLING IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

July 2, 2021

We hope you are enjoying the start of your summer break with family and friends. We wanted to send out one final newsletter to finish the 2020-2021 school year. It has been a very different, but successful and encouraging year at St. Joseph School. We have continued to grow and thrive as a school community blessed with many wonderful students, staff, and parents. We have much to be thankful for and many people to thank.

Last month students participated in yearend classroom field trips, Sandcastle Day, the Squeaky Wheel Bike Park and our final mass and classroom awards. Students and staff participated in Every Child Matters activities and prayed for all of those who have been affected by Residential Schools. We are deeply saddened by these tragedies.

Now that the school year has ended, our St. Joseph Staff would like to say how proud they are of all our students for the progress they have made. A year in a class creates a strong bond with teacher and student. Each connection is unique and leaves an imprint on both child and teacher. We thank our students, for having blessed us with their energy and spirit. As much as they have learned, they have also taught us. We have loved our time with these students and hope that the memories they take from their days in St. Joe's will be remembered with appreciation and fondness.

Our precious Kindergarten students will now move on to Grade One and we said goodbye to some students and staff. We look forward to seeing many of you again in September and welcoming some new staff members and a new Kindergarten class. We wish those staff, students, and families that are leaving St. Joseph School God's blessings always.

Have a safe, happy, and relaxing summer!

With gratitude,

Michael Carere
Principal

2021-2022 Staffing

Kindergarten: Mrs. Franziska Burrows

Grade 1: Mrs. Michelle Glover

Grade 2: Mrs. Marcia Adam

Grade 3: Mrs. Laura Luck

Grade 4: Mrs. Janice Melanson

Grade 5/6: Mrs. Jenifer Graham

Grade 6: Mrs. Justine McLean

Grade 7/8: Mr. Aaron Sumague

Grade 8/9: Mr. Tony Beutel

Educational Assistants: Bechah Burke, Flordeliza Corpuz, Stephanie Ferguson, Karen Jackson, Becky Lauriente, Nicole Mathieson, Teresa Segstro, Christina Varley

Joey's Out of School Care: Teresa Segstro, Stephanie Ferguson, Becky Lauriente, Erwin Mentz

Special Education / French: Sylvie Côté

Learning Assistance: Mrs. Hope Carere

Physical Education: Todd Manton

Music: Margaret Love Calladine

French: Michelle Montonen

Secretary: Yvonne Vulcano

Principal: Michael Carere

Custodians: Melissa Liwag & Dindo Villeneuve

Librarian: Nicole Mathieson



The **St. Joseph School Council** is an essential group of volunteers who manage the business end of the School. They spend many hours in meetings, deliberating the needs and challenges of keeping a Catholic Independent School running, and maintaining the facility and finances. They contribute to the loving spirit of the School and we are grateful for their commitment. Thank you very much for your support this year. It has been truly appreciated.

Parent Support Group:

We express our sincere gratitude to all of the parents that have contributed to the PSG this year. Along with a dedicated Executive we have many parents that volunteer in many ways. They help to provide extra funds for student enhancement and also support the school with their time and efforts. This year there have been many successful fundraisers and events.

Teachers and students have benefited from their endeavors; many items have been purchased to enrich our school environment and programs. The most significant recent contribution has been funds for bussing to transport students efficiently and safely to fieldtrips throughout the year including the many winter programs, and all our year end fieldtrips. We cannot express enough gratitude for all our parents who contribute to the work of the Parent Support Group!

Parent Volunteers: Thank you to our many parent volunteers this year. Your help as Crossing Guards, Hot lunch helpers, assistance with classroom field trips and our other school fundraisers has been greatly appreciated.

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 7th

8:45 to 12:00

All students will need **Non Marking gym runners** for the start of school.
School Supplies are included in fees.

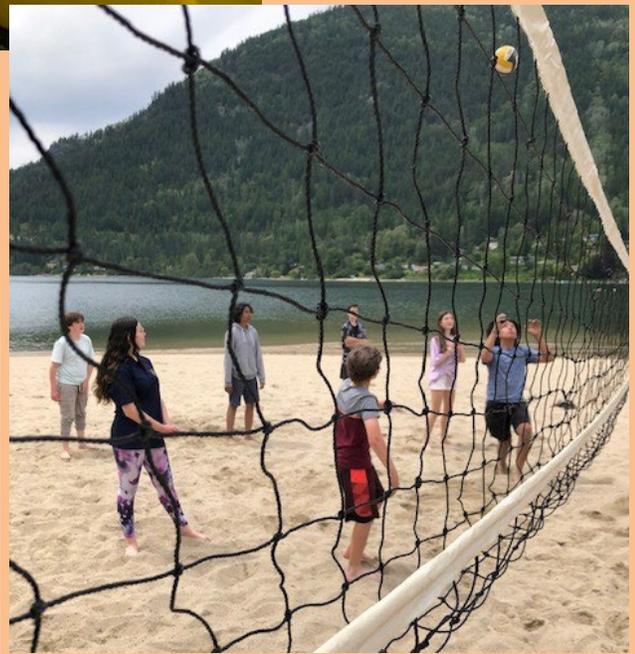
Kindergarten Families please note that a schedule for the first week of school will be sent out to you in the summer. Stay tuned!



Sandcastle Day



Year End Trips





Squeaky Wheel Bike Park





EVERY
CHILD
MATTERS



“We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa, the Syilx, and the Sinixt peoples, and is home to the Métis and many diverse Aboriginal persons. We honour their connection to the land and rivers and respect the importance of the environment to our strength as a community.”