



ST. JOSEPH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NELSON

EDUCATING THROUGH FAITH.....EXCELLING IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

January 6, 2024

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! I would like to congratulate our students for their wonderful work on the Christmas Concert. A copy of the finale song is available on our website: <https://www.stjosephnelson.ca/christmas-concert.php>. It was such a nice way to celebrate, as a St. Joseph Community, the birth of Christ in the Capitol Theatre. We hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas Break.

Students will be using this month's virtue of courage while attending our winter activities. The Grade 4-9s will participate in three lessons and downhill skiing/snowboarding days at Whitewater. Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 classes will be attending Nelson Nordic Ski Club for three or four cross country ski visits this month and next. The Grade 4-9 classes will also enjoy one day of Snowshoeing & Cross-Country Skiing at Apex & Busk locations at the Nordic Ski Club throughout the month or in February.

This month students will participate in our Epiphany Mass, the DARE program, & Confirmation classes. We will be holding two big fundraisers: a Bottle Drive (Friday, January 12th) to support the Gr 7-9s, and a Burger & Beverage Dinner at Finley's (Thursday, January 25th) to support Zillah Shulman's family ([see this Nelson Star Article](#)). St. Joseph will also hold Catholic School's Week from January 28 to February 3. The theme over the next three years is "Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming our Faith". We have planned some activities including our Christian Leadership Assembly, Tropical Day, a Chili Lunch provided by the school, the Anything is Possible Concert, and Student-Led Conferences on Friday, February 2rd, which will include a Bake Sale.

The big event for Catholic Schools Week will be the Anything is Possible Concert at the Capitol Theatre on February 1st at 6pm. Using the ArtsStart Grant, students will be working with Rachel DeShon, over the month of January, to prepare songs which will be performed in the concert. Please purchase the \$5 pre-sale tickets for Anything is Possible by Friday, January 12th. Tickets sales after this date, will only be available through the Capitol Theatre box office for \$15-\$25.

I will be starting to hold school tours for any new students interested in attending St. Joseph School, in Kindergarten or any other grade. Please contact the school or pass along our contact information to friends or family that you feel would be interested in attending our school.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school if you have any questions or concerns. We are always available to talk.

In faith,

Michael Carere



Duff & Tamblyn Families



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: JANUARY 28TH TO FEBRUARY 3RD

