

February 5, 2024

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the school year and that it is February. Students have had a very busy January and are now settling back into their regular school routine.

I would like to thank our fantastic staff for their dedication to our students and to Catholic Education. They help make our school a welcoming and caring learning environment, and recognize the importance of sharing God's love & Christian virtues with our students and our community.

I would also like to thank our parents/guardians, for supporting and recognizing the value in Catholic Education. Your faith in St. Joe's and your relationships with staff make it possible to provide educational opportunities, with a difference, for our students.

Finally, I would like to thank our student community, for being the best that they can be, and for their hard work so far this year. Thank you, parents, for participating in our Celebration of Learning last Friday, and allowing your children to share their accomplishments with you. Please contact the classroom teacher if you were not able to attend.

Catholic Schools Week was an extremely exciting time this year. Christian Leaders were awarded at our monthly assembly, Deacon Ferdinand visited all classes, Kathy Lethem got us singing and dancing on Tropical Day, the culinary students served a wonderful Chili Lunch to all students and staff, and the students performed in the Anything is Possible show at the Capitol Theatre! This memorable performance showcased our hardworking and talented St. Joseph students. We thank Rachel DeShon, Kozmo Sammartino, & Tim Noah for involving our school in this project. Please visit our website for more information: https://www.stjosephnelson.ca/the-arts.php.

Last month, students enjoyed our Epiphany Mass, Winter Activities, DARE, Volleyball at Hume School, & our Catholic Schools Week activities. This month we look forward to more Winter Activities, Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Family Day, & Pink Shirt Day. The Lenten Season begins on February 14th, and students will be participating in our Ash Wednesday Mass, Shrove Tuesday's Pancake lunch (thank you Knights of Columbus), and other Lent activities.

Best wishes to all of you for a productive and positive month ahead; may God be with you.

In Faith,

Michael Carere

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - "LIVING, CELEBRATING, & PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH"





Anything is Possible



Christian Leaders November & January

K: Crew Abbey & Noah Schaub

1: Kianna Zanussi & Sam Kesstler

2: Theo Leslie & Mei Tamblyn

3: Annabel Schaub & Ishmael McLaren

4: Marlo Hanna & Zoe Huscroft

5: Hudson Burgener & Marlowe Ramsay

6: Elliot Carere & Reuben Huscroft

7/8: Sawyer Palinka & Jumielle Yarmark

8/9: Linnea Durand & Lewis Hadfield









We will be hosting Ready, Set, Learn on Friday, February 22.

This is an invitation for families with preschoolers ages 3 – 5 to come to school for songs, stories, crafts, activities, and information to help prepare parents and children for school. **Please pass on the invitation** to anyone that may be interested. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet the teacher and learn about the readiness skills children need before Kindergarten. Our school will be open to families from 1-2:30pm on February 22, 2024. Please call the school to enroll your child today. Visit https://www.stjosephnelson.ca/ready-set-learn.php for more information.

