



St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School

Newsletter October 14, 2016

"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."
Pope Francis



Thank you

Our continued thanks to all of you who help us make drop off and pick up times as smooth and safe as possible. This last few days has been especially busy with the "Friends of the Library" annual sale. Your patience with those who do not know, understand, or follow parking lot directions has been most appreciated.



"Hundreds for Haiti"

As many of you know, much of Haiti was devastated by Hurricane Matthew just a few weeks ago. But what many of you might not know is that one of our own families has a more than personal connection with Haiti. As a young child, John White in grade six, was adopted from an orphanage in Haiti. He has been part of our school community since he moved here before kindergarten. John and his family were very worried about the orphanage after the devastation of the hurricane, but thankfully, although it was damaged quite badly, there was no loss of life.

On Wednesday, October 19th, we are having a twoonie drive to raise funds to send to Haiti for hurricane relief. Our event is called **"Hundreds for Haiti"** because our goal is to raise several hundred dollars to send.

It works like this:

Students and staff can wear their jeans (or other 'bottoms') with their uniform shirt on Wednesday but must bring a twoonie donation to do so (otherwise they wear full uniform). If anyone wishes to send a larger donation please feel free! If all 257 students and 34 staff members bring a twoonie, we will gather \$582!!!! Parents, please feel free to wear your jeans that day and drop off a twoonie at the office!

Thank you for your support!

Dressing for the Weather



As the weather begins to cool off, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for outside play. It is time to put shorts and knee socks away and pull out the long pants and tights. Jackets, hats and mitts are recommended as well.

Uniforms

Please ensure that ALL uniform pieces are clearly marked with your child's name. We are still finding that many students do not have their names in their uniforms. Thank you.

Next Friday is a Pro-d day for staff



Staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day on Friday, October 21. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel to Vernon to meet with schools from the Kamloops and Nelson Dioceses on the new BC Education Plan. There is no school for students that day.



Picture Day is Coming!

Monday, October 24th is set for our individual school pictures. We need 2 parents to help on this day. This is a great way to use some of your volunteer hours! Please call the office ASAP if you can help.

IT'S OKTOBERFEST TIME!!

Please see the attached information about the Masterpiece Campaign Dinner Series OKTOBERFEST! What a great "excuse" to gather and celebrate, and to support our school building project at the same time!! We hope to see you there. Thank you for your continued support!

ST. Joseph Cards for Kids



Cardsforkids is a great way to get involved...watch this video to find out more about this fundraising program.

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintJosephCatholicElementarySchool/videos/1537069142974093>

Our email address is cardsforkids@cisnd.ca if you have any questions!



PSG MEETING

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30PM for the next PSG meeting. All parents welcome, we look forward to seeing you in the new wing!! Please find minutes for the September meeting enclosed.



MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISER

Here's a great way to ensure back-to-school items and other important possessions are always labelled with your family name. Mabel's Labels are the perfect solution. Dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe personalized labels – visit the following web address for details; <http://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser>

Look for "St. Joseph Elementary, Kelowna" in the drop-box. Place your order, before Wednesday, November 30th and Mabel's Labels will return an amazing 20% rebate as a donation to support our school! Thank you!!

BREAKFAST FOR SJE STAFF Thursday October 20th

The PSG is hosting a breakfast for SJE staff next Thursday, October 20th. We are seeking help from parent volunteers to pitch-in a prepared dish for this shared breakfast event. If you are able to assist, please contact Ingrid Uhrich at miuhrich@shaw.ca

DADS' CLUB HOT DOG LUNCH Tuesday October 25th

A reminder the St. Joseph Elementary Dads' Club is hosting a hot dog lunch for students and staff on Tuesday October 25th. Please mark it on your calendar (no need to pack a lunch for your child that day). Thank you Dad's!!

GET READY FOR HALLOWEEN @ HALLOWEEN ALLEY



Halloween Alley (#216 West Kelowna, near the Landmark Cinemas 8 Xtreme) donates 10% of all pre-tax purchases by our St Joseph Elementary School community! If you are shopping for Halloween costumes or decorations, you can find it at Halloween Alley. Please drop the original cash register receipt in the Halloween box at the school office before November 4th. Thank you!!

Virtue for October is
Thankfulness

How do we practise it: appreciating the things you have and the people you care about. Focus on the good things about your life and count your blessing often. We also keep a positive outlook on life.
"The Virtues Project TM"

Attachments

- PSG Meeting Minutes
- OKTOBERFEST
- Cards4Kids order form
- Ski Swap Ad

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.

