



St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School

Newsletter October 28, 2016

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."
Pope Francis



Halloween



Students are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes on Monday to school. Please remember that absolutely no scary costumes or masks are allowed and absolutely no weapons (even if they are part of a costume) are to be sent to school at all. Costumes should be fun and positive.

*** We have a 2 treat/day policy after Halloween. Please only send a maximum of two treats with your child. **NO NUTS ALLOWED!**

Parking Lot

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Our parking lot rules have not changed. We are still under construction and construction vehicles are still coming and going. Please do not part in the parking lot and get out of your vehicle to bring your child in to school. Remember to park on the street and walk in. Thank you for your patience.

SAFE SCHOOLS



Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Policy workshop will be held on **Tuesday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.** at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. New volunteers who work with children, youth or vulnerable adults, people who are renewing their criminal record checks and anyone interested in learning more about this policy and how to protect vulnerable people is welcome to attend. Please read the policy before you arrive. It is available from the Safe Environment Office webpage (www.nelsondiocese.org) or from your parish office. Please RSVP to renee.burzuk@nelsondiocese.org (preferred) or 250-448-2725 ext 225.

Remembrance Day

Please mark your calendar and join us on Thursday, November 10th at 10:30am for our Remembrance Day Service.



I'm Dreaming of a 'Green' Christmas

When the seasons change ... it always involves organization! We are encouraging you to start collecting gently used items for our Green Sale in December. For our new families, the Green Sale is a Christmas shopping day for St. Joseph students to purchase gifts (**gently used and in good working order**) for their family. All gifts are priced under a dollar. Items that can be donated may include; jewelry, books, games, puzzles, toys, toques, scarves, belts, men's ties, purses, bags, household decorations, Christmas decorations, candles, pictures, frames, etc... All money raised will go towards purchasing livestock for families in Ghana and support Project G.R.O.W. **Ghana Rural Opportunities for Women** is a community development project, which aims to facilitate women's economic empowerment and community capacity building agenda in rural Ghana.



ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS MARKET – Saturday November 26, 10AM-2PM

Gather your friends and family for a Saturday of shopping, refreshments and friendship. Introducing the St. Joseph Elementary Christmas Market starting 10AM on Saturday, November 26th in the new wing – this year featuring more space for vendors, more room for shoppers!

Admission is by way of donation at the door of a non-perishable food item, for St. Vincent de Paul. A concession offering light lunch and refreshments will be available.

Table rental for vendors is \$35 (8' table provided) or \$40 for vendors supplying their own additional display tables or racks. We are kindly requesting vendors also donate a door prize. Special requests by vendors (AC power service) by way of first come, first serve, so please sign-up soon!

For Young Entrepreneurs that are St. Joseph Elementary students, a special program offering smaller table rentals for \$5 is available – please note parent/guardian supervision is required.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the SJE Christmas Market, please contact Ashley Pereira at ashleypereira3@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you!!

PURDYS CHOCOLATES & DEVRY POINSETTIAS FUNDRAISER



Order forms for Purdys and Poinsettias were included with your child’s agenda. Order forms are due back on Tuesday, November 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Pereira: ashleypereira3@gmail.com Thank you!!



PSG MEETING – Tuesday, November 8th 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30PM for the next PSG meeting. All parents welcome, we look forward to seeing you!!



DAD’S CLUB

Thank you to our Dads’ Club volunteers for hosting the hot dog lunch for students and staff on Tuesday. A very special thank you to the generous sponsorship from **Costco Kelowna** and **Nature’s Oven Foods!!**



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

ICC PARISH FALL BAZAAR



Immaculate Conception Parish Fall Bazaar ... SATURDAY, Nov. 12 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. **This year, 100 percent of the proceeds will be forwarded to the Catholic religious communities helping Syrian families who are living in refugee camps in the Middle East.** Come find some bargains in our fantastic booths ... White Elephant, Book Sale, Jewellery and Accessories, Silent Auction, Christmas Corner, Bake Sale, Religious Items and Kids Room, and don't leave without trying our amazing homemade soup and apple pie! We would love to see you join us for this great community event!

House Cleaning?

If you are doing any house cleaning, ICC will be gratefully accepting donations **Tuesday, Nov. 8 to Friday, Nov. 11** for their Bazaar.

ICC BAZAAR HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for **Tweens, Teens, Young Adults and Parents** to help on Friday, Nov. 11 and Saturday, Nov. 12 with our Fall Bazaar -- an event that our seniors SO look forward to each year! We are EXCITED because this **year 100% of the proceeds go to helping Syrian families** who are still 'stuck' in refugee camps. Plus, this is a great way to get some **FUN SERVICE HOURS!**

Sign up **by Oct. 30** in two EASY steps:

- 1) Click this link to see the time slots available: <http://signup.com/go/SxzHJ8>
- 2) Choose the spot(s) you like

You do NOT need to register an account or keep a password on signup.com, and it does NOT share your email address with anyone. **However, if you prefer the old fashioned way, please email david@icckelowna.ca with your preferences!**

St. Vincent de Paul - EXCITING NEWS

The Kelowna Conferences of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are in the planning stages of starting a Thrift Store.

We see this as not only an opportunity to make the Society more visible in the community, but also to provide all, young and old, with a chance to participate in the work of SSVP.

We are now looking for a commercial building in a suitable location, for rent. If anyone has information which may help, please contact either patlever81@gmail.com or delston@telus.net

Diocese of Nelson End of Year of Mercy Youth and Young Adults Event

NOV 15, 2016 at 5pm- 7:30pm

WHERE: IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL GYM, Kelowna

Ticket sale: Loaves and Fishes Kelowna

To parents:

The diocese through the office of youth and young adults is organizing the end of the year of Mercy youth event youth day on November 15, 2016 hosted at Immaculata Catholic High school in Kelowna starting at 5-7:30p.m.

This event will commence with reflections on Mercy by prominent youth ministers and will end with a concert by Fr Rob Galea and Psalm 98 Catholic band. Fr. Rob Galea is an ordained Catholic Priest and is currently serving in Sandhurst Diocese, Victoria after moving to Australia from Malta, his home country. He is a singer and songwriter with an international fan base. Apart from a series of recordings and CD releases, Fr Rob has also written a number of songs for various campaigns and international conferences. Fr Rob's passion is to draw others to the heart of God. He believes that music is an important instrument in helping people understanding the need for intimacy with God. Fr Rob has released seven music projects to date. In all this, whilst greatly appreciating his gift of music, he recognizes that before everything he is a follower of Christ.

If you not familiar with Fr. Galea check YouTube.

Office of Youth and Young adults:

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Rooted in Faith: Praying for our Catholic Schools

Join us Thursday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m. in the Immaculata High School Chapel. Prayer focus will be Ms. Daoust's 8B class.

Attachments

- Christmas Market
- Christmas Market letter

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.

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™"

