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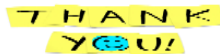


WOW!!! It is Track Meet time again!!!!



Thursday, May 11 is our annual track meet and that means we need **YOU!!!!!!** We will need at least **40 volunteers** to run our part of the track meet. This year we are again hosting and will be joined by Our Lady of Lourdes as well as welcoming L'Anse-aux-sable School. An information and volunteer letter was sent home with your child today as well as one is attached. Please consider volunteering. Because you will be running track stations, you are not required to have your Safe Environment completed but this is a good reminder (from me to you!!!) to get on that anyway if you have not!! Please return your completed Track & Field form as early as possible next week or call the office and have Mrs. Sehn add you to the list. If you sign up to volunteer, you will not receive confirmation, you **WILL** be needed. Thank you so much for your help.

THANK YOU Dads' Group



A big thank you to our Dad's Group who were out cleaning our parking lot today. What a lot of dust!! What a LOT of work!! We are so grateful for the wonderful things our community does for us!

MUD+MUD=FANTASTIC HANDS ON LEARNING!

Nature based learning is so much fun! Every week St. Joseph Kindergarten children visit the Farm for play, planting and loads of outdoor learning and fun! How blessed we are to be the for-runner in this fantastic program!



Chautauqua

A reminder to purchase your tickets now for "Chautauqua"- a musical history of Canada. Please see the link below. (Don't forget to print off your ticket). Tickets will be checked at the door. Tickets are selling fast to all three performances which is awesome!

For your information K-3 students will be watching a full dress rehearsal on May 30th so they will have an opportunity to see the show. If, however, you wish to bring them to an evening performance you will need to purchase a student ticket for them.



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/chautauqua-a-canadian-classic-tickets-33550855512>

Did you know???



Did you know that your St. Joseph School hosted two international students from Mexico this year in our grade seven class? Did you know that two of our great families served as home stay families for these girls?

We are hosting 3 international students in the 2017-18 school year and host families are needed. Please consider this great opportunity to immerse these students into our culture and into your family! Immaculata High School will be arranging the host family details. Please contact Blaine Melnyk (see below) as soon as possible for this fantastic opportunity!!!

Homestay families needed for 2017 and beyond!



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Have you ever considered hosting
an International Student?

Maybe the time is now!

NOW ACCEPTING 2017
HOMESTAY APPLICATIONS.

\$ 875/
month
2017



For information contact bmelnyk@cisnd.ca

Grade 7 Fun Friday Pizza Lunch Ordering



It's that time again to order for PIZZA Friday's!!! This order will run until the end of the school year.

The system will be open from **Friday, April 28 to Monday May 1st**. Please place your order through PayPal or cheque (payable to St. Joseph Elementary). Drop your cheque to the school office. The Grade 7s, their teachers and families thank everyone for your support in this fundraiser!

For any questions, please contact: Shelley Uzelman butterflies2@shaw.ca

Cambridge Uniform Fitting Day



Cambridge Uniforms will be here for uniform fittings on May 16th from 10:00am-6:00pm.

Don't forget to book your appointments. Please call the office to book your time. Thank you.

Yearbook Photo Contest



The 2016-2017 St. Joseph Yearbook is currently under construction. Please email or drop box pictures to dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca or send in a thumb drive or CD marked "yearbook" to the office of your favorite photos of your child at school. Please see attachment. For any questions contact Dawn Thalheimer dawnthalheimer@shaw.ca. Thank you for your help!

A funeral mass celebrating the life of Allan Southward, who was a former principal of St. Joseph Elementary, will be held at 10am on Saturday, April 29th at Corpus Christi (formerly St. Theresa's), 750 Rutland Road North. Reception to follow in the parish hall.

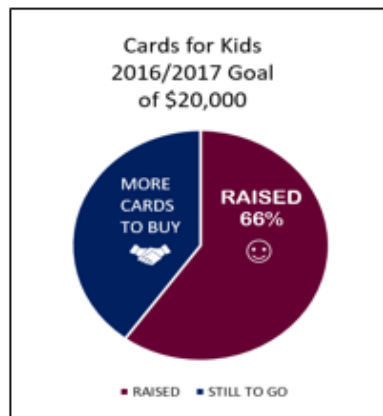
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Central Okanagan Hospice House, Canadian Cancer Society, or any charity of choice.



Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.valleyviewfuneralhome.com.



May gift Card Selling Challenge



This challenge is our last push to hit Cards for Kids annual goal of raising \$20,000 for St. Joseph's operating budget!
Please help St. Joe's hit our Goal!

The student with the highest gross sales (i.e. card value) sold in each class will win a \$10 iTunes or Chapters gift card!

The Challenge runs from May 1-18th

TO QUALIFY Card orders ...

- 1) MUST be on a May Challenge ORDER FORM
- 2) MUST be into the office by end of school day on MAY 18th

- Challenge Order forms will be in your child's backpack on April 28th
- Send your order forms with payment to school with your child or bring your form directly to the office or to PSG table with Jeff on Tuesday's.

Idea's to sell:

- Take order forms to family, friends, co-workers, and neighbours to get their shopping card order for the month of May.
- If you have out of town orders – the buyer can send you an e-transfer, and you can attach the money/cheque.

St. Pius X Volunteer Needed...

Thank you to Theresa Durante for doing a great job getting the card sales going at St. Pius X Parish. Unfortunately, her job schedule has changed, which means she can no longer do this important work. And so, we are looking for a volunteer to oversee the sales at St. Pius X. The job involves sending bulletin and pulpit announcements to the parish office and selling cards the second Sunday of each month or coordinating other volunteers to sell. This fundraising effort has raised an average of \$150 per selling weekend and a total of \$897 so far for St. Joseph School, so it is well worth it. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Renée at 250-763-8943 or cardsforkids@cisnd.ca.



GROWING SMILES PLANT FUNDRAISER



Your Plants have been ordered and will be ready for pickup on Tuesday, May 9th. Thank you! Questions: Contact Ashley Pereira @ [\(250\)808- 4144](tel:2508084144) or ashleypereira3@gmail.com

PSG MEETING



May meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th at 6:30pm in the new school wing. All parents welcome!

Thinking about volunteering with the PSG for the 2017-18 school year? Attending the May 9th meeting is the way to start. We look forward to seeing you there - thank you!



Rooted in Faith: Praying for our Catholic Schools

Join us Thursday, May 4th at 8:50 a.m. in the IRHS Chapel
Prayer focus will be Mrs. Basso 7B class.

Attachments

- Track Meet Letter
- Chautauqua – ticket information
- Cards for Kids – May Selling Challenge
- Cambridge Uniform Fitting
- St. Joseph Yearbook – Give Us Your Best Shot Photo Contest

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 May is Gentleness

How do we practise it:

- Acting and speaking in a kind, considerate way
 - Using self-control in order not to hurt or offend anyone
 - Moving wisely, touching softly, holding carefully, speaking quietly, thinking kindly
- “The Virtues Project™”