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FEBRUARY 2023

February



Principal's Message

February is a unique month as it is but even more when you consider its importance from our Catholic school and faith perspective. In the upcoming weeks, we will celebrate Catholic Schools; a time to remember and appreciate the gift of our Catholic schools that have been serving the Archdiocese of Vancouver since 1861! We invite you to partake in as many parish/ school events as you can during this month. We kick off our celebrations with a **MASS on Sunday, Feb 12th at 11 am** followed by continental breakfast in the church basement. Students (in uniform) of every grade will take part in this mass and we ask their families to join us. We pray you can make it.

Because we love our faith, we want to share it with our friends.

Thus, for the first time, we have extended our volunteer opportunities to serve our parish. Because we share faith, we want to also share service. There are lots of opportunities to sign up for on the parent portal and be part of the faith community during the upcoming **Lenten** season.

Also, the PEC and school staff would like to personally invite all parents to **ESS PEC PARENT NIGHT Feb 23rd at 6 pm**. At this annual meeting, we will discuss the Healthy Growth and Development of your child, share clips of the Screenagers movie and discuss Seismic updates. We hope to see you all.

FEBRUARY

Feb 12: 11 am Mass (all students to attend with their families in full uniform to launch our Catholic School's Week Celebration)

Feb 13 - 17: Catholic Schools Week

Feb 14: Valentine's Day (students can wear **red, pink, and/or white**)

Feb 16 + 17: NO SCHOOL (Pro-D Catholic Educators Conference)

Feb 20: NO SCHOOL (Family Day)

Feb 21: Mardi Gras (Pancake Day) and CARNAVAL D'ESS (wear plaid)

Feb 22: Ash Wednesday (school mass at 9:00 am)

Feb 23: Pink Shirt Day

Feb 23: PEC Parent's Night 6 pm

Feb 24: Drop off items for the Silent Auction (at the kindergarten door with the donation form)

PEC & PARENTS

MEETING



When: Thursday Feb. 23rd

Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Where: church basement

Who: all parents and teachers

RSVP: sign up on the OnVoulnteers Portal
and receive 1.5h / family for attendance



Catholic Schools Month

We invite our students to always, but especially this month, come to school in their full uniform, including ties. Remember to be nice and tidy! No spirit wear this month (grad hoodies are okay).



*We are
proud to
wear our
uniform!*

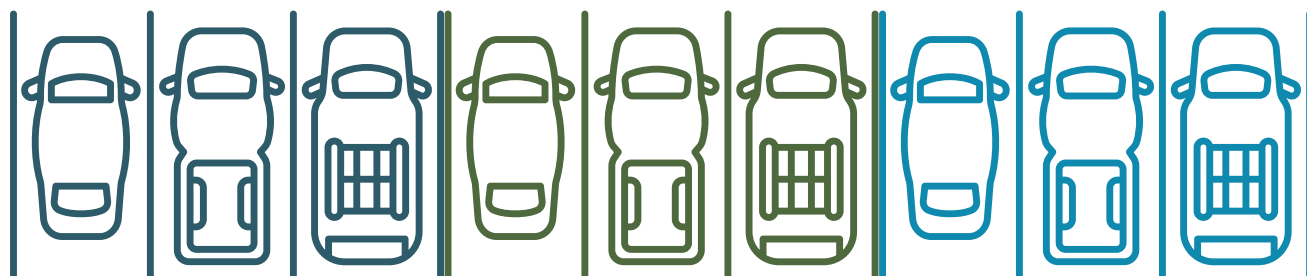


Important info:

Parish & Courtyard Parking

All day parking along the church wall is reserved for staff only. Please do not park in the staff parking spaces. Parents and parishioners can park in part of the courtyard until 10:00am.

NO PARKING IN FRONT OF THE GARBAGE BINS ANYTIME.



CHURCH WALL





Mardi Gras - Feb.21

Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday") marks the last day before Lent. This year we will be serving pancakes! We're **looking for a parent volunteer** to help coordinate the event - look for "Pancake Coordinator" on the portal.



Ash Wednesday - Feb.22

On February 22, we will begin the season of Lent together with Ash Wednesday mass at 9am. Parents are welcome to join.



Catholic Resources

Catholic Sprouts Podcast

Catholic Mom

Behold Vancouver

Formed

Looking Ahead to

MARCH

March 6: Scholastic Book Fair

March 7: Student Led Conferences

10:00am - 6:30pm (NO CLASSES) -

book your time-slot on the

OnVolunteers Portal (after Feb. 10th)

Scholastic Book Fair Continues

March 10:

- St. Patrick's Day (Green Shirt Day)
- Noon dismissal (no ASC)
- Last day before Spring Break!

March 27: school re-opens

EASTER - April 9, 2023

On **February 22**, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is supposed to be a season of a successful journey through the desert of penance to a new land and a new, deeper, intimacy with God. But often, we find ourselves going back to the same old pathways of past Lents and end up getting nowhere. Here are some Lenten ideas to help you approach the season in a new way so it can become for you the experience of lasting change that it is intended to be.

(source: Catholic Mom). Plus more ideas on how to celebrate the **Easter Triduum** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) with kids.





Purdy's Easter Chocolates

Our Purdy's Easter fundraiser is open! Order your chocolates by March 21st, just in time for Easter! Feel free to share the link with family, friends and coworkers!

ORDER TODAY 

Mid-year Check-in:

PARENT

PARTICIPATION

HOURS (PP HOURS)

Check your PP Hours progress. Visit **OnVolunteers** for new postings & opportunities to volunteer!



PBS

In February, we celebrate love and friendship and also the family on Family Day. This month for our PBS theme we have chosen the orca to symbolize the values of friendship and compassion. The orca inspires us to take care of one another since orcas live in large family groups and work together to look after all members of their pod. This month, please help us to remind the children that we are all children of God and each person deserves compassion, kindness and respect.

January Chouettes:

Kindergarten: Ronin, Clara, Rebecca

Grade 1: Elise, Xavier, Erik

Grade 2: Elaine, Stella, Brady

Grade 3: Leah, Gabrielle, Alena

Grade 4: Ryo, Evan, Brenna

Grade 5: Adrianna, Marko, Kaiah

Grade 6: Sophia, Jacob, Vivienne

Grade 7: Sebastian, Pablo, Isla



MORNING TRAFFIC PATROL

Morning traffic patrol is open to parents in all grades. Please sign up on our **OnVolunteers Portal**. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe and the morning traffic flowing.

FROM THE HEART SILENT AUCTION



Class Collections:

Each class has begun collecting donations for their class baskets.

Donation letters and forms have been emailed to you.

Please Contact Becky Greenhalgh or Sarah Paqueo if you have questions.

Drop off items at
the office on
February 24
by the kinder door





Dear parents,

We will run an exclusive Blessed Sacrament's Summer camp.

Please ensure that you carefully read through the following notice and return the attached Informed Consent/Permission form to Mrs. Daccache or the school office. If you have any questions, please contact me before signing the Informed Consent/Permission form.

Vision and values:

Teamwork: We believe in working as a group to achieve a common goal with all members

Respect : We respect ourselves and each other while encouraging and embracing our differences.

Integrity: We have a high regard for truth, play according to the rules, strive to act in ethical ways and are sincere in our actions.

Commitment: We are committed to the school and community we serve, and we will work hard to achieve our goals and objectives.

Mission Statement

- To teach life skills using and empowering young children.
- To offer professional coaching and have fun.
- To support **Blessed Sacrament** parents during the summer break.

Values: Integrity - Satisfaction - Have fun - Achievement

What are values?

Values are the things we hold important. They define our identity. They also define the operating qualities used to improve performance.

Our core strategy is based on the following:

- focusing on our core objective of developing young students starting at an early age.

Focus areas

- Safety performance
- Skills
- Physical health & Sportsmanship/team building.

The program is going to be for 3 weeks. You **can sign up for one week or for two or for all three.**

The program is going to be as the follows:

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Week one: July 3th to July 7th from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm

Week two: July 10th to July 14th from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm

Week three: July 17th to July 21st from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm

The schedule will be as below:

From 9:00 am to 10:00 am sports skills every morning which will include different sports (soccer, basketball, dance, gymnastics, and volleyball)

From 10:00 am to 11:00am arts and crafts (students will make arts and crafts workshops) there will be a new activity each day.

From 11:00 am to 11:30 break and snacks. The students will have the time to eat and play on the playground. Students must bring their own snacks (nut free).

From 11:30 am to 12:00 pm French learning activity, while students will work on improving their French language skills.

From 12:00 pm to 2:00pm Team Building games which will include sports games (like capture the flag, jump and reach..) and board games (like risk, monopoly, katan, scrabble...).

Fees per week are: \$225.00

Amount can be paid with cash or via E-transfer to: oleigue@gmail.com.

Please note that although this Summer Camp is being held in Blessed Sacrament school and parish, and is being led by CISVA Employees, the Summer camp is separated from the regular school programming, any concerns are directed to me, Mrs. Daccache at oleigue@gmail.com and not to the school.

INFORMED CONSENT/PERMISSION FORM

I would like to register my Child _____ in Grade _____ to be a member of the **Summer' Camp**, to attend all scheduled

activities. I am aware that:

- 1) As in any camp, certain inherent risks are present. I understand that risk.
- 2) I am not aware of any medical conditions which would affect my child's participation.
- 3) Accidents can be the result of the nature of any activity or can occur without any fault on either the part of the students, the teachers, the facility where the activity is taking place, or by the parent driver. By allowing my child to participate in this Summer's Camp, I accept the risk of an accident occurring, and agree that this activity is suitable for my child.
- 4) I acknowledge that there are risks associated with participating in the Blessed Sacrament Summer Camp programs and that the measures taken by Teachers and participants, including those set out in the BC Plan and this agreement, will not entirely eliminate those risks.

Number of weeks participant will attend:

- ☐ **Week one: July 3th to July 7th from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm**
- ☐ **Week two: July 10th to July 14th from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm**
- ☐ **Week Three: July 17th to July 21^{rst} from 9:00 am till 2:00 pm**

Any medical concerns or allergies: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Any medical concerns: _____

(Parent's/Guardian's Signature)

(Date)

Kindly send the completed forms (addressed to: Mrs. Daccache) no later than **Wednesday June 22/2023**. Forms can be given to Blessed Sacrament office or email to oleigue@gmail.com