

LE MESSENGER



ÉCOLE ST-SACREMENT BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

JUNE 2023



Chères familles d'ESS et communauté,

After 4 years, this past May we sent our grade 5-7 students and teachers to their First Loon Lake outdoor Education camp experience. Father Gilbert joined us on Friday to celebrate the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

We have now arrived to the last month of our 2022-2023 school year. This is one of my favourite months as we enter into a number of celebratory events such as Confirmation, Sports Day, 2nd Reconciliation, First Communion, track meets, awards ceremony, Father's Day, Powow workshops, Rocks and Rings activities, report cards, and a number of field trips. These are marking milestones for our students, staff and their families. At Pentecost, our community celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for most of our grade 7 students and their families. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and may they use the gifts received to make the world a better place for all.

God bless,
Mme Mykyte



JUNE/ JUIN

June 2: Sports Day (pizza provided - 1pm dismissal) (No After School Care)

June 3: Second Reconciliation for Gr.2's

June 5: ESS Book Swap

June 8: Step-up Day

June 9: ProD Day (no school)

June 11: First Holy Communion @BSP

June 12 & 15: Track & Field Championship (Abbotsford)

June 13: Awards Ceremony

June 14: Garden workshops

June 14 & 22: Rocks and Rings at ESS gym (curling activity during PE)

June 16: Father's Day school mass 9am (all dads and dad figures welcome! Fun dad-social to follow mass)

June 16: Grade 7 Farewell 5:30pm

June 19: First Nations -Powow workshops (9-2pm) and presentation (2pm in the gym)

June 20: Term 3 Report Cards released

June 23: Last day of school (noon dismissal)

June 26: School open for Lost & Found items pick up only

September 5: First day "Back to School" (noon dismissal, no ASC)



SPORTS DAY 2023



AGENDA FOR THE DAY

Arrive to school **8:30am**

Students attend Mass until 9:45am while volunteers set up at Douglas Park

Snack pre-sport day in class and get into teams

Students arrive to Douglas Park field for 10:20am

Sports day begins at 10:30am

Stations last 15-20 min (primary and intermediate activities with one or two crossover activities, one at the beginning and one at the end)

AWARDS AT 12:15PM

Sports Day ends at Douglas at 12:30pm

Back to the school for lunch (pizza and water/ juice/granola bar and freezies)

Dismissal at 1:00 PM

Dress in your assigned colour: Red, Blue, Yellow and Green (all day, to mass too)

Bring: snack, hat, cold water bottle, sunscreen

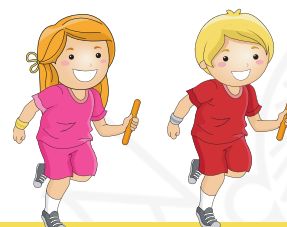
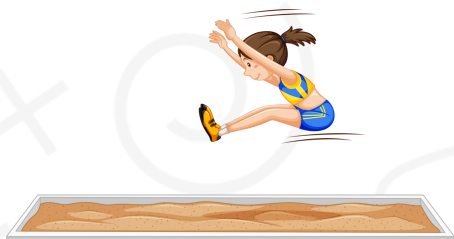
ATHLETICS AT ESS TRACK & FIELD

CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNE 12 + 15, 2023

Location: Abbotsford

Parent Drivers required, carpooling recommended. Merci!



ASC: Last day of ASC is Thursday, June 22nd!



LIBRARY

1. Library books: As the library closes June 7th and the year end inventory begins, students are asked to return all library books as soon as possible. Classroom teachers will have an updated list of overdue books. Please email Mme Desnica (desnica@ess.vancouver.bc.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

2. ESS Summer Book Swap June 6th: Students are invited to bring gently used books that they no longer want in both French and English by June 5th. If every student brings 1 or 2 books then all students can choose a new book to bring home to read over the summer!

3. Summer Reading: Students are invited to participate in the ESS Summer Reading Challenge and ESS Summer Photo Contest which both begin June 15th and run until September 15th. Great prizes to be won! Please encourage your child to continue reading throughout the summer in both French and English. A reading log will be sent home with your child the week of June 12th. For more information visit the library website <http://esslibrary.weebly.com/summer-reading1.html>

4. Parent volunteers are needed to help organize all the library books before summer break. Please contact Mme Desnica (desnica@ess.vancouver.bc.ca) if you would like to help out.

5. Vancouver Public Library Summer Reading Club is another great motivator to keep kids reading over the summer. They offer many fun activities virtually and in-person this summer. For more information visit <https://www.vpl.ca/program/summer-reading-club-2023-journey-through-time>

PARENT VOLUNTEERS



Last day to complete Parent Participation Hours is June 16

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered this year. Many hands make light work. ESS is a better school thanks to you. Please reach out or check out our [Parent OnVolunteers Portal](#) as positions are still available. Outstanding accounts will be debited on June 19th.



PBS FOR JUNE

This month, our theme is patience and gentleness symbolized by the heron. We will celebrate our efforts with a school wide picnic in the courtyard at the end of June.

MAY'S PBS REWARD: CRAZY HAIR DAY



GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER 2023!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Order deadline is July 30th!

We are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase your school supplies through School Start for the 2023-2024 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

1. The lists have a Starter Package (base package) as well as Additional Items Required
2. **The additional items are also required** by each teacher! However, you may already have these items at home. Remember to put them in your child's School Start bag along with all the items you ordered!

HOW TO ORDER:

GO TO <https://schoolstart.ca/>

Then please click on the following:

- Parents Shop Here
- Purchase School Supply Kits
- Select Province, then City, then School
- Click Here to Purchase
- Lastly, click on your child's grade

All supplies will be shipped to home



LABELS

Please label EVERYTHING! We have 200 students wearing identical uniforms. Please put your child's name on all of their belongings. Unlabeled uniforms and other items will end up in the used uniforms. Order from **Mabel's Labels and support our school fundraiser!**

DEADLINE TO ORDER: JULY 30TH

Students must bring their school supplies to school on the first day back, September 5th. Order early to avoid late shipments!

SUMMER EVENTS + CAMPS

AT ESS

SUMMER CAMP at ESS

A few spots are still available in the summer camp at ESS! [Sign up today!](#)



FOR STUDENTS



TideRider Adventure Camps

TideRider Adventures offer experiential summer camps for kids, aged 8 to 12, that incorporate fun, education, self-awareness, skill development, and meaningful connections to nature.

Your child will:

- ▶ Learn to stand-up paddle (SUP) or improve paddling skills; obtain Paddle Canada certification
- ▶ Explore and learn about the ecology of the shoreline and ocean with our marine biologist
- ▶ Have lots of time to play on the water and at the beach each day
- ▶ Make several reusable household items to replace single-use plastic ones
- ▶ Develop communication and leadership skills and a love for our ocean — become an Ocean Ambassador!

Registration

Programs have ratios of 1 instructor to 6 participants, and are based at Hollyburn Sailing Club at Ambleside Beach in West Vancouver or at Royal Van Yacht Club in Vancouver.

Cost: \$350



Register here



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FOR FAMILIES



The Eucharist: the Summit of our lives

We unite our hearts with His. He makes us whole and new.

Family Eucharistic Summit

1:00 PM | SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH, BURNABY

The Family Eucharistic Summit is a one-day event for families to enter into the wonder and awe of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Eucharistic Adoration and Procession
Mass with Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB
Host Making
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit
BBQ Dinner

FOR THE CHILDREN

Catechism of the Good Shepherd experience
Arts and crafts

FOR THE YOUTH

Presentation on setting the table for dinner and Mass

FOR THE ADULTS

Presentation by Fr. Mark McGuckin



Scan the QR code for more information



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