



John Paul II Newsletter

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Mission Statement

John Paul II Catholic School is a faith community rooted in Scripture and the Traditions of the Church. Our mission is to provide a safe and loving educational environment, which will enable each child to develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, intellectually, and artistically. We are committed to sharing the values Jesus modeled.

Upcoming Events

Thurs., May 1	Heritage Day
Sat., May 3	Confirmation & First Communion at the 5:00 p.m. Mass
Mon. May 5	Parents' Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
Wed., May 7	2:00 PM DISMISSAL for Staff Meeting
Thurs., May 8	School Council Annual Public Meeting 7:00 pm
Fri., May 9	Thank you Mass and reception 1:00 pm
Wed., May 14	Speech Contest - Victoria
Fri., May 16	Jeans Day
Mon., May 19	Victoria Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Tomorrow we celebrate World Catholic Education Day. Our Heritage Day activities dove-tail the world connection to others and to our faith in a very meaningful way. On May 1st, we will recognize our world connections through our heritage in art, music, dance, food, and families. The students have been working really hard. It's been fun too to hear how parents have gotten involved in finding recipes or old pictures of family members. Catholic means universal. Let us continue to honour and celebrate our connections to our past, to others around the world, and to our Christian faith.

The Staff and School Council are encouraged as our enrolment for next year continues to grow. Please continue to urge your friends and neighbours to check out JP II. We need a few more students to enable us to break into two grade splits. We are very close! I am hoping to interview for more staff before the end of the year. I am also looking for a band teacher. Spread the word!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Korman

Parents' Auxiliary Meeting

The next PA meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the school staffroom on **Monday, May 5th**. Please come!

Many thanks again to those who helped with the cookie dough and flower bulb sales. The PA raised approximately \$700.00. Bailey Thompson won the prize for the most sales - congratulations Bailey!

Nominations for School Council

John Paul II School is seeking nominations for local School Council members. In order to make our school the best possible place for all the children, we need dedicated, committed parents and parishioners as members of our School Council. To be eligible for Council, you must be:

- 19 years or older, AND
- a parent or legal guardian of a child at the school, OR
- a member of a Catholic parish in the diocese

Our School Council needs individuals with a variety of skills and backgrounds. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings, and serve as committee heads (e.g. marketing, buildings and grounds, finance). You may put your own name forward or you may nominate someone else to serve on Council (ask them first!). Nomination forms are available at the office.

If you have any questions or are interested in serving on Council, please contact Mrs. Korman. Come and join the Council and help make our school a great place for the children.

WE HELPED BREAK WORLD RECORD FOR THE WORLD'S BIGGEST LESSON!

On April 23, we joined more than 11,600 Canadians and 7.5 million children, adults, teachers and campaigners in over 100 countries around the world in an attempt to break a world record for the World's Biggest Lesson as part of the Global Campaign for Education's Global Action Week!

And, according to Natalie Poulson, National Coordinator for the Canadian Global Campaign for Education, the world record for the largest simultaneous lesson in history has been broken.

The World's Biggest Lesson focused on providing a quality basic education to everyone, especially the 72 million children and 774 million adults who are currently missing out.

Sports News

Our intermediate students have just finished their badminton season with tournaments last week at the Alberni Athletic Hall, competing against students from the public schools. Our students developed many new skills and enjoyed the season. We are playing by the new set of rules that have recently been adopted internationally. Our goal for next year is to have enough students to fill all the categories available. We are fortunate that with our small numbers, all students who want to participate can be a part of the competition. No students are eliminated. Special mention goes to Julian Castro and Jakob Leboe for their tie for 3rd place in the boys' doubles category. Well done!

Our Intermediate students (Grades 3-5) will be preparing for the Track & Field season through the month of May, with the Meet date set for **May 28th**.

Confirmation/First Communion

Our prayers and best wishes will be with the following candidates for Confirmation and First Communion: Kendrah Castro, Karlie Irg, Paul Graydon, and Jonah Wynans. These children and their families will be celebrating these sacraments of initiation on **Saturday, May 3rd**. Congratulations!

Heritage Day Reminders

The students will be presenting their Heritage projects for public display between 2:15 and 3:00 p.m. on **Thursday, May 1st**. They are expected to return back to school at 6:15 p.m. in full, clean uniform. We will be presenting our displays and performing a few short musical numbers again between 6:30 and 7:30. All children are expected to attend. Please bring your relatives and friends to share in our special Heritage Day activities.

Thank You Mass and Reception

The staff and students are currently preparing for a special liturgy and tea reception to say thank you to our school volunteers and supporters. Invitations will be sent in the mail shortly. Please RSVP by May 5.

Jeans Day

Each month, the staff and students participate in a school spirit day by dressing up (or down). It gives the students a break from wearing their daily uniforms and it is always a lot of fun. Our next "civvies" day will be on **Friday, May 16th**. The students will be asked to wear jeans on that day. We would also like the children make a small donation which we will collect and give to an orphanage in Haiti. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

Speech Arts

Congratulations to all our students who presented speeches and poetry recitations "In-Class." A special congratulations to the finalists who will be presenting "In-School" on **Tuesday, May 6 at 1:15 pm** in the school gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

The top two students from Intermediate and the top two students from Middle School will be traveling to Victoria on May 14 to participate in the Island Catholic Schools Speech Arts Competition.

From Primary, the top 6 finalists are:

K	Bailey Thompson	K	Nicolas Fernandez-Dennis
Grade 1	Akshey Kashel	Grade 1	Jorden Irg
Grade 2	Jonah Wynans	Grade 2	Sarah Bertolucci

From Intermediate, the top 6 finalists are:

Grade 3	Aleesha Kaushal	Grade 4	Laura Fernandez-Dennis
Grade 4	Jairyynn Kurucz	Grade 5	Samantha Irg
Grade 5	Monika Kalicki	Grade 5	Nathaniel Wynans

The finalists from Middle School are yet to be determined.

Please mark your calendars and come out to watch these wonderful presentations on **May 6**.