



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

Fri., Apr. 4	Pyjama Day
Mon., Apr. 7	Parents' Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
Wed., Apr. 9	Gymnastics start for Intermediate and Middle School
Wed., Apr. 9	Rescheduled early dismissal - 2:00 pm for Staff Meeting
Thurs., Apr. 10	Local School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Wed., Apr. 16	Cupcake Sale
Wed., Apr. 16	Cat.Chat Live! Concert 6:30 pm
Thurs., Apr. 17	Queen of Angels Band Concert 10:50 am
Fri., Apr. 18	School Liturgy 11:00 am
Mon., Apr. 21	PRO D DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri., Apr. 25	Class photos

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Happy Easter and welcome back! I trust that everyone had a wonderful Easter week and restful holiday. Our school liturgy to celebrate Easter will be held on Fri., April 18th.

During our break, a team of gentlemen from the Knights of Columbus, led by Mr. Chris Wynans, installed a flag pole at the front of the school. Chris built the pole himself and the Knights donated the flag. Many thanks to Chris and his team of helpers. While they were here with a cement mixer, the men also installed a base for our new tetherball. Again - thank you.

School is back in full swing. Many activities and special events are planned for the next three months. We look forward to a busy, productive, and successful third term.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Korman

Pyjama Day

Our spirit "civvies" day will be held on Friday, April 4th. It was so much fun wearing our pyjamas last year that we would like to try it again. If it is rainy or cold, the students should bring some extra clothes to wear over their pyjamas so that they can still play outside. Don't forget a housecoat and slippers! Curlers and a night cap are optional.

Parents' Auxiliary Meeting

Parents' Auxiliary Meeting: All are welcome to attend the Parents' Auxiliary meeting on Mon., April 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the staffroom.

Gymnastics

Students in grades 3 to 8 are scheduled to start gymnastics at the Port Alberni Gymnastics Academy on **Wednesday, April 9**. There will be four successive classes during April and the cost is \$16.00. Permission forms will be sent home soon.

Rescheduled Staff Meeting - Wednesday, April 9th

Please note that we have had to change the staff meeting date and early dismissal to **Wednesday, April 9th**. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Queen of Angels Band Concert

A group of band students from Queen of Angels School in Duncan is coming to perform on Thurs., April 17th. All parents and parishioners are welcome to join us for this short presentation.

Class Photos

Lifetouch School Portraits will be taking class photos on Friday, April 25th. All students are expected to be in clean uniform for these special pictures.

Heritage Day

Our school will be hosting a Heritage Day. The purpose of this event will be to celebrate each family's background and their heritage. Families and parishioners will be invited to view our presentations on Thurs., May 1st. Each classroom teacher will be sending home information soon regarding this activity.

Financial Assistance

A reminder that any financial assistance forms for the 2008/09 school year must be submitted by April 30th. Late applications will not be accepted. If you need assistance with these forms please call the school office at 723-0637.

Katy Hutchison author of **Walking After Midnight:**

One Woman's Journey Through Murder, Justice and Forgiveness

"The Story of Bob"

Thursday, April 10, 2008

At 7:00 pm

ADSS Auditorium

For Parents & Public ~ "No Charge"

Few will forget the tragedy that took place in Squamish, B.C. on New Year's Eve, 1997. A young lawyer, concerned that his neighbour was vacationing out of the country with their adult son home alone, went to his neighbour's home to investigate a house party that apparently was being attended by well over 100 youth. He was confronted, punched and kicked. Bob McIntosh died later in Squamish hospital.

Katy Hutchison is his widow. Now remarried and living in Victoria, B.C., her courageous journey towards healing has included the unprecedented move ~ meeting face-to-face with the offenders to share the harm that was created not only in the murder of her husband, but also it's impact on her and her very young children. She has encouraged the offenders to repair their lives and, as Bob would want, to make their lives "happy and productive". More amazingly, Katy, through principle-centered beliefs, has assisted one of the offenders in recovery.

Today, she travels to schools and communities to inform young people, their parents and the community of the risks arising from using alcohol and other drugs in unsupervised settings, and to empower youth to make healthier choices so similar tragedies can be prevented.

Come listen to her story of recovery and forgiveness!

It's a message for everyone!

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