



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

Wednesday, Feb. 4	Staff Meeting - EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 P.M.
Friday, Feb. 6	Deadline for tickets for "Dinner and a Show"
Sunday, Feb. 8	Parish Mass at 11:00 a.m
Monday, Feb. 9	Open House 9:00 - 3:00 Ready, Set, Learn 3:15 - 4:15
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Dinner and a Show - 5:00
Wednesday, Feb. 11	Staff vs Students Basketball Game 2:00 p.m
Thursday, Feb. 12	Quilts of Hope Project/School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 13	Red/Pink/White day/Visit to Redford house to perform and deliver valentines/Hot lunch day
Friday, Feb.13	Deadline for Re-Registration for the 2009/2010 School Year
Friday, Feb.13	Deadline for applying for Financial Assistance for the 2009/2010 School Year
Tuesday, Feb. 17	K of C Free Throw Competition
Thursday, Feb. 19	ICS Pro D Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, Feb. 20	ICS Pro D Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, Feb. 24	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday, Feb. 25	Ash Wednesday/Mass 2:00 p.m.

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Re-registration, Catholic Schools Week, Dinner & a Show, Information Night - lots of deadlines and important dates. Our students and staff are working hard with lots of wonderful results.

Come and join us for these special events during Catholic Schools Week. We are making a difference at JPPI and your kids are worth it!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Korman

RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Re-Registration forms were mailed to every home. Each year in early February schools begin budget and staffing preparations for the upcoming school year. Integral to the process is the re-registration of existing students. **The deadline for re-registration is February 13, 2009. (Please note that this is a change from the date listed in our School Calendar)** Re-registration forms received after this date will be subject to a \$50.00 application fee and their acceptance cannot be guaranteed.

February 13 Deadline for Re-Registration

February 13 - Deadline for applying for Financial Assistance

Catholic Schools Week

We are excited to be participating in the annual BC Provincial Catholic Schools celebrations which will take place **February 8th to 13th, 2009**. Through the years we have organized local activities to celebrate learning. This year, once again, we will join the other four dioceses of British Columbia in sharing the good news about what is happening in Catholic education.

This year's theme is: **Catholic Schools: Schools of Hope, Guided by Love**. Each school in BC has organized a variety of activities to showcase their school. Here is our schedule so far:

Sun., Feb. 8th Participation in the Parish Mass at 11:00 a.m. Students to wear their uniforms to church.

Mon., Feb. 9th Open House during the day at JPPI. Refreshments for visitors.
Photo contest begins.
Ready, Set, Learn activity at 3:15 for 3-5 year olds.

- Tues., Feb. 10th Dinner and a Show. Families are invited to a spaghetti dinner. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. They will be \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. An order form can be found at the end of this newsletter. **Each class will perform a number after supper.**
- Wed., Feb. 11th Staff vs Students Basketball game at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in playing on the staff team, please leave your name at the office.
- Thurs., Feb. 12th Quilts of Hope project. Each class will be building a lap quilt to be donated to a community nursery.
- Fri., Feb. 13th Assembly to announce photo contest winners.
Red/Pink/White day
Valentines will be shared with the nearby senior's facilities
Visit to Redford house to perform
Hot lunch day

The staff and students encourage you to mark these dates on your calendar and attend the events as time permits. We look forward to seeing you.

Notre Dame/Holy Family Mass

During Catholic School's Week, JP II will be helping with the readings and so on at the **11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 8th**. Several children will be asked to help with different parts of the Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend this service and we encourage all of the students to wear their uniforms. Let's show our parish community that our school is growing!

Hot Lunch - Fri., Feb. 13th

Hot lunch forms went home last week. Our next hot lunch will be held during Catholic Schools Week so the **deadline for returning order forms is this Thurs., Feb. 5th**. Please return these forms promptly.

Many thanks to the "Hot lunch" crew led by Deanna Castro. We appreciate these special healthy meals provided by the Parents' Auxiliary.

Charitable Donations

Many thanks to all of the families who contributed to the most recent "toiletry drive" for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Lots of people came through during this past week and we were able to send two large boxes of supplies to this organization. Our next service project will take place during Lent. Our focus will be on the Catholic organization called Development and Peace. More details to follow in a future newsletter.

Knights of Columbus Basketball Free-Throw Competition

Knights of Columbus are once again hosting a basketball free-throw competition. The top 4 girls and boys from each grade will be selected during gym class. Those students will compete in the Port Alberni shoot off on February 17 over the noon hour here in our gym.

Basketball Tournament

Our grade 6/7/8 basketball team has been invited to the annual tournament in Duncan again, and will be traveling there on Wednesday, February 4. We've had between 15 and 18 players taking part in the basketball program this year, showing a lot of enthusiasm and improvement in their skills..

FSA Testing

The BC Ministry of Education requires that students in grades 4, 7, and 10 participate in a provincial set of tests called Foundation Skills Assessments. The purpose of these tests is to determine how well students read, write, and perform math. Some of the tests are completed on line and some are written. This testing will start next week. The results of each individual child will be shared with the child and his/her family.

DINNER & A SHOW

Date: Tuesday, February 10th at 5:00 p.m. Show to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will consist of spaghetti, salad, a bun, and dessert. Tickets must be purchased beforehand as we will use these numbers to determine how much food to prepare. **The deadline for supper tickets is FRIDAY, FEB. 6TH**. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Please complete the order form on the last page of this newsletter, and your tickets will be sent home with your child. Payment for the tickets must accompany the order form. Tickets can also be purchased directly from the office.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 5:45 P.M. FOR THE AFTER DINNER SHOW. Each class is preparing a special presentation to share with the families after the spaghetti dinner. We hope to start the show at 6:00 p.m. See you there!

Information Night (and prizes!)

On Tues., February 17th we will be holding a special information night in the gym from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. We will be giving a short presentation outlining what JPII has to offer and then inviting the guests to tour our school facility. It is our hope to increase our school enrollment. We need your help to spread the word that we are holding this information evening. Please tell your neighbours and friends about JPII and encourage them to attend our information event. When people arrive in the gym, we will ask them who told them about our event. If they give us your name, we will enter your name in a draw. At the end of the evening, one name will be randomly selected. That family will win one student's tuition for one month. The more guests who mention your name, the more opportunities you will have to win the draw. We will also have some door prizes for the guests who attend the event. It's a win /win situation all round. Please spread the word! **(TUES., FEB. 17TH FROM 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.)**

Pro D Days in February

Feb. 19th has been set aside as an ICS wide day on technology. Our staff will be attending workshops in Chemainus and Duncan to update themselves on the latest computer programs practical for school use. On Feb. 20th, we will be back at JPII to participate in some other workshops focused on Special Education.

DINNER AND A SHOW - TICKET ORDER FORM

Family name: _____

of tickets required: _____ Phone number: _____

Cost: (\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Please include payment.) _____

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6