



# 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

Friday, Jan. 30	Pyjama Day/Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday, Feb. 4	Staff Meeting - <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 P.M.</b>
Sunday, Feb. 8 to Friday, Feb. 13	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>
Thursday, Feb. 12	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 17	K of C Free Throw Competition/Information Night
Thursday, Feb. 19	ICS Pro D Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Friday, Feb. 20	ICS Pro D Day - <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday, Feb. 24	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday, Feb. 25	Ash Wednesday/Mass 2:00 p.m.

### Principal's Message

Dear Families,

School life has been exceptionally busy these past couple of weeks. I have been attending Ministry of Education workshops to learn a special computer program that is gradually being implemented throughout all schools in BC. It will help our school become more efficient, we need it for writing IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) and hopefully report cards. Our entire staff will be participating in two workshops in February to this end.

It is now time to look at increasing our enrollment for next year as well. Our information night will have to be delayed until after Catholic Schools Week. Details to follow as soon as possible. There is a lot to do for Catholic Schools Week too. Please read the rest of the newsletter carefully and note the dates coming up for important events.

I would be glad to accept any positive comments that you would be willing to share for future advertising as well. A sample so far includes: "I am pleased with my son's progress in Kindergarten. John Paul II has a superior program." (Kindergarten parent)

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Korman*

### St. Vincent de Paul Donations

Some toiletry donations have been trickling in. Thank you to those who have generously donated so far. We are still hoping for some more contributions of toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars of soap, shampoo, combs, hairbrushes, and deodorant. Please keep those who are less fortunate in mind the next time that you go shopping. Your kindness is much appreciated.

### Catholic Schools Week

We are excited to be participating in the annual BC Provincial Catholic Schools celebrations which will take place **February 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Through the years we have organized local activities to celebrate learning. This year, once again, we 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:

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| Sun., Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Participation in the Parish Mass at 11:00 a.m. Students to wear their uniforms to church.  |
| Mon., Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Open House during the day at JP II. Refreshments for visitors.<br>Photo contest begins.<br>Ready, Set, Learn activity at 3:15 for 3-5 year olds.   |
| Tues., Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> | 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. 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 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. 12<sup>th</sup> Quilts of Hope project. Each class will be building a lap quilt to be donated to a community nursery.

Fri., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 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, JPII 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!

### Spelling Club

The Spelling Club finished up last week. A written test will be taken during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February to decide who will go to Victoria for the Vancouver Island finals.

### Floor Hockey

Our grade 4 and 5 students have concluded a very successful floor hockey season. They did well playing against grade 5 teams during the season and in the wind-up tournament this week at Glenwood Centre. Many thanks to Mr. Marling for coaching our team.

The grade 4 floor hockey season will be starting in a couple of weeks.

### 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 travelling 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. Mrs. de Bruijn would like to find a parent volunteer to help with the coaching for next year so we could have two teams and give all the players more opportunity to play. Call the office if you would like to help out.

### **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. Miss Wharton will be participating in a group session to mark tests written by Island Catholic Schools students. The tests will be written during February. The results of each individual child will be shared with the child and his/her family.

### **Thank you Assembly for Joe Dol and Marge Norell**

Yesterday we held a special presentation for two of our hard working volunteers. Joe and Marge have contributed tirelessly to paint, scrape, build, repair, and paint some more at JPPII. They have worked fulltime every summer for several weeks to help improve the school and prepare a comfortable environment for our students and staff. We are very grateful for their contribution to our school. At the assembly we watched a slideshow showing lots of the changes and improvements to our school, sang a special song for Joe and Marge, gave them a card with gifts of a T-shirt and a plant. Lastly, we all gave them a cheer. The staff shared a pot-luck luncheon with our guests as well. Afterwards, a student in grade two was overheard to say: "They did all that work for free?" Again - many thanks to Joe Dol and Marge Norell!

### **Photo Contest**

Students in grades 6-8 are asked to bring a baby photo of themselves when they are less than one year old. They should write their name on the back of the photo and leave it at the office or give it to Mrs. Korman. These photos will be scanned so that the original is not damaged in any way. The duplicate photo will be used in a contest to guess which baby is which student in those grades. Please have your photos to the office by Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Spaghetti Dinner Tickets

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

Dinner will consist of spaghetti, salad, a bun, and pie for dessert. Tickets must be purchased beforehand as we will use these numbers to determine how much food to prepare. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Please complete the order form below 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.

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets required: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

We hope  
you can  
join us!

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