



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

Monday, Jan. 12	Parents' Auxiliary Meeting 4:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16	School Mass 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 27	Information Night 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 30	Pyjama Day/Hot Lunch Day
Wednesday, Feb. 4	Staff Meeting - EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY 8 - 14	***** CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK *****

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to all of our families! It is wonderful to be back and it is wonderful that the snow is melting! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas holiday.

It was unfortunate that the Christmas concert had to be cancelled this year. We have some ideas for Catholic Schools Week that will involve a special evening meal and entertainment. This will give the students another opportunity to perform for you. More details to follow.

Our "Shopping Day" has also been rescheduled for closer to Valentine's Day.

Many thanks to our hardworking Parents' Auxiliary members. We had some very successful fundraising prior to Christmas. I am grateful for everyone's help.

There's lots of news to share so please pour yourself a cup of coffee or tea and read on!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Korman

Charitable Works

Our emphasis for the month of January will be to collect toiletries for St. Vincent de Paul. The children are invited to contribute bathroom items such as bars of soap, toothpaste, combs, Kleenex, toothpaste, deodorant, and so on.

School Mass

Please join us in the gym on Fri., Jan. 16th at 2:00 p.m. for our next school wide Mass. The Primary class will be preparing the readings and so on. See you there.

Information Night

Please note the date change for the Information Night. We are postponing this event until Tues., Jan. 27th. Our intent that night will be to tell prospective families about our school. It is our hope to once again increase our enrolment. Please encourage any families that you know to attend that evening. There will be door prizes for the attendees and **one month's free tuition for one student** will be awarded to one of our current families who sent a new family to the meeting. A short presentation will take place in the gym and then a school tour. Please spread the word that JPII is "second to none".

Marketing

We will be "blitzing" Port Alberni with advertising for a short while to attract people to our Information Night and/or to encourage more registrations. Often testimonials speak loudly to people about the quality of a product or organization. I invite you to contribute any comments about our school that could be used in our advertising. Please contact me at 723-0637 or by email: kkorman@cisdv.bc.ca with your input.

Spelling Club

This group of students will finish next Thurs., Jan. 15th. The two top spellers will compete at the Vancouver Island Regional level. Congratulations to the following participants: Kaden Tardif, Malaika Stone, Nicole Johnson, Alesha Sharma, Tatyanna Kurucz, Nico Somerville, Bronwyn Zodichi, Sam Zodichi, Austin Marling, Kirsten Tardif, Tianna Vertigan and Tatiana Somerville.

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas raffle winners were:

1st Prize - Christmas Quilt (donated by Mrs. Jill Zodichi) went to Leah Denis

2nd Prize - Handcrafted stool (made and donated by Mr. Ray Berry and Mrs. Jill Zodichi) went to Barb Thomas

3rd Prize - Afghan Blanket, (made and donated by Sandra Manning) went to Edielia Muehlenberg

4th Prize - Gift Basket went to Rowan Cassault

5th Prize - Gift Basket went to Chris Hines.

Student Winners for the Christmas Raffle

The winning sellers for each class are as follows:

K-2: Akshey Sharma

Grades 3-4: Sarah Bertolucci and Bronwyn Zodichi tied

Grades 5-6: Megan Mabley

Grades 7-8: Tatyanna Kurucz

Sports Update

Gr. 4 & 5 have several floor hockey games scheduled and will end the season on Jan. 20th with a tournament at Glenwood Centre.

Gr. 6-8 basketball team is also very busy with several games. Their season will end with a tournament in Duncan at Queen of Angels school in February.

Award Winners

Both of the senior classes participated in the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day contests recently. We contributed both essays and posters in two categories. Junior is for grades 4-6 and Intermediate is for grades 7-9. Our students were awarded the following:

Essay -

Junior:

1st Jairyynn Kurucz

Intermediate:

2nd Aine O'Dwyer

3rd Chloe Bernard

3rd Tatyanna Kurucz

HM Kaden Tardif

Black and White poster-	1 st Tyssis Fontaine	1 st Aaran MacLeod
	2 nd Nathaniel Wynans	2 nd Joel Mitchell
	HM Cody Loft	3 rd Josh Richmond-Sutton
	Julian Castro	
		3 rd Ashton Leboe
		HM Tatyanna Kurucz
		Colton Poirier
Colour poster	2 nd Monika Kalicki	1 st Aine O'Dwyer
	2 nd Sam Zodichi	2 nd Chloe Bernard
	3 rd Megan Mabley	3 rd Eric Mitchell
		HM Joseph McGuire