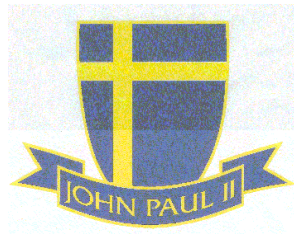


John Paul II Newsletter



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SECOND TO NONE!

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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, March 27	Lenten Rice Lunch; Reconciliation 1:00 p.m.; Mass 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 1	Staff Meeting - DISMISSAL AT 2:00 P.M.
Monday, April 6	Parents' Auxiliary Meeting 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 9	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 10	Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Sunday, April 12	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 13	Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday, April 14	Class Photos - 9:00 a.m.
Friday, April 24	Hot Lunch Day
Thursday, April 30	Jeans Day

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Today we continued our Lenten practices by having a fast day. We skipped our usual lunch and had a bowl of rice instead. The purpose of this was to have a greater awareness of what little other children have to eat in some developing countries. We were also attempting to develop some self-discipline.

Another shared activity was a school penitential service. This means that we took time to examine our behaviour and to prayerfully ask for forgiveness. Some children also chose to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. We ended the day with a school Mass.

I am proud of our students who have entered into these Lenten traditions with their whole hearts. The staff and I are privileged to witness their character growth and their honest effort to become more loving people. John Paul II continues to be "Second to None".

Sincerely,

Mrs. Korman

FINAL CALL for Lost and Found

Please check the table in the hall by the office for items your child may have lost. Any items unclaimed after March 31 will be donated to charity or discarded.

Gymnastics Grades 3 8

Gymnastics begins next week! Please note that our school calendar has gymnastics scheduled for Thursdays in April, but the lessons will be on WEDNESDAYS, starting Wednesday, April 1 and continuing every Wednesday up to and including April 29. If you haven't sent in the permission form and \$20.00, please do so right away.

We are desperately short of drivers, so if you are available to drive, please call the office at 723-0637. We will be leaving the school at 10:00 a.m. and returning by 11:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for the children to enhance the basic gymnastic skills that are taught in P.E. class.

Floor Hockey

This season we had grade 3 and 4 girls and boys playing in the "grade 4 boys" division with the local elementary schools. It was a busy season with 5 league games and a final tournament.

The improvement throughout the season was phenomenal, and the team placed SECOND (out of 7 teams) in the final tournament! Way to go, kids! A big THANK YOU to Mr. Doug Marling for his time and expertise in coaching!

Grade 4/5 Badminton

The season is well underway, and will end with tournaments in the 3rd week of April.

Telephone Book Recycling

We will once again be participating in the Telephone Book Recycling Campaign as a service to the community as well as a fundraising activity. Please bring all your old telephone books to the school before Wednesday, April 8, as they will be picked up here on April 9. We will receive 10 cents for each book collected (or 20 cents for the bigger Vancouver or Victoria phone books).

Parents' Auxiliary

Please attend the next meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday April 6th. The Parents' Auxiliary is an important part of our school community. We need parents to step forward to act on the executive next year. Please consider letting your name stand for the May election. Gaming funds, hot lunches, and a couple of fundraisers per year are all vital components of creating a successful school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Grocery Receipts

When we return grocery receipts to Buy Low, Fairways, and Quality Foods, these stores give us grocery certificates that can be used as cash in the store. Please stop by the office and purchase any denomination of certificate for the next time that you go shopping. We benefit from you purchasing the certificate because now we have cash to use for the school purchases. Its a win/win! Thanks for your help!

Family Payment Schedules

These important forms have been mailed to your homes. Please sign them and return them to the school office by April 3rd. Your anticipated cooperation is much appreciated.

Remembrance Day Photo/Essay Contest

Last Fall, we had several winners from the 5/6 and 7/8 classes in the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Contest. Three of our students entries have been selected to go on the provincial level for further competition. Congratulations to Aaran MacLeod and Tyssis Fontaine for their black & white posters and to Jairyynn Kurucz for her essay. These students were awarded a framed certificate and given another \$35.00 at a Legion ceremony during Spring Break. Well done!