



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, May 11	Parents' Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12	Celebrating Literacy - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 13	Speech Contest in Victoria
Thursday, May 14	Local School Council Annual Public Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 15	Special Assembly Commemorating Pope John Paul II
Monday, May 18	SCHOOL CLOSED - Victoria Day
Friday, May 22	Appreciation Mass and Tea - 1:15 p.m.

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

The academic focus for this year has been literacy. Throughout the year we have been collecting samples of writing to share with you. We have also gathered samples of projects connected to reading. The students are currently presenting speeches for a ICS speech contest and of course, we are always promoting active listening. Next Tuesday night, from 6:30 - 7:30, all students are expected to be in our school gym to "show off" their best. Each class will present something orally during the evening. Please join us. The students will be wearing their uniforms for this special event. We will be accepting canned food donations or "silver" at the door to further help the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Korman

P.S. Happy Mother's Day! Have a wonderful weekend.

Welcome!

A big welcome to Jakub Pesik, who has joined Mrs. Scheunhage's grade 2 class.

Vancouver Children's Hospital Jeans Day

Last Thursday we held our Jeans Day Spirit Day the same day as the Vancouver Children's Hospital Jeans Day, and raised approximately \$165.00. Thank you for your generosity!

Gymnastics

We've just finished 5 weeks of gymnastics lessons at the Port Alberni Gymnastics Academy. It was so much fun! What a great opportunity for the students in Grades 3-8. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who drove for us. Without your help we couldn't have done this activity. THANK YOU!

Move For Health Day

The World Health Organization has promoted Move For Health Day (Sunday, May 10th) around the world as a global day of physical activity. This year's goal across BC is to have over 70,000 people getting active this weekend. Communities and schools across the province have organized special activities to raise the awareness of the health benefits and importance of being active. John Paul II School will be participating this Friday (May 8th) with schoolwide activities that are fun and physically challenging. The students will move through a variety of stations with multi-age teams, performing a number of physical activities, obstacle courses and games. (If it's raining, we'll do it indoors). Parents and visitors are welcome to come and join us! We plan to begin at about 2:00.

Nominations for School Council

John Paul II School is seeking nominations for local School Council members. In order to make our school the best possible place for all the children, we need dedicated, committed parents and parishioners as members of our School Council. To be eligible for Council, you must be:

- 19 years or older, AND
- a parent or legal guardian of a child at the school, OR
- a member of a Catholic parish in the diocese

Our School Council needs individuals with a variety of skills and backgrounds. Members are expected to attend monthly meetings, and serve as committee heads (e.g. marketing, buildings and grounds, finance). You may put your own name forward or you may nominate someone else to

serve on Council (ask them first!). Nomination forms are available at the school office.
Deadline for nominations is May 11, 2009.

If you have any questions or are interested in serving on Council, please contact Mrs. Korman. Come and join the Council and help make our school a great place for our children.

Annual Public Meeting

On May 14th at 7:00 p.m., the School Council will be holding their annual public meeting. Reports as to the year's activities and accomplishments will be given by the School Council Chairperson, the Principal, and the Finance Chair. You are invited to attend this short presentation and then remain for refreshments.

Parents' Auxiliary Meeting

Please note the time change for the next meeting. We will meet in the staffroom at 7:00 p.m. on Mon., May 11th. We will be deciding on next year's executive at this meeting as well as determining where some of this year's fundraising funds will go. Please attend and show your support for the students at JP II. Together, we are making a difference!

End of Year Awards

We have started a tradition of recognizing excellence in all subject areas and citizenship at JP II. We will be holding our Awards Assembly in June. The following is an outline of criteria that we use to determine who receives these awards:

1. **Principal's Award**

This award is selected by the classroom teacher and approved by the rest of the staff. It can be given to one or more students at the end of the year. Each student will receive a special pin. The student must demonstrate that they are:

- respectful, polite, and helpful to fellow students and staff
- follow directions and turn their homework and projects in on time
- consistently strive to do their best in all of their schoolwork
- self-motivated and can work with a minimum of supervision
- wear their school uniform with pride

2. **Sports awards** are to be given at appropriate times throughout the year at assemblies. They would/could include a ribbon from the school hosting the tournament, and/or a certificate for participation that we would make up. Sports include: volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, badminton, track, cross-country, softball, floor hockey, and dance. Students must be involved in some way that is more than the regular classroom participation.

3. CISDV Bishop Award

Students are to elect a candidate from each graduating class to receive the CISDV Bishop Award. The following criteria applies:

“The award will be presented to the graduating student who most personifies the Christian Spirit of the school and will be one who is recognized as holding strong Christian ideals and is an example to his/her peers.” Note: This will be done by secret ballot.

4. Academic Awards

A certificate will be given for academic achievement in Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science to anyone who meets the criteria in gr. 4-8. A plaque will be presented to the top student in gr. 5/6 and in gr. 7/8. This will have the winner’s name inscribed on it. This plaque will be kept in the trophy case. A medallion will be given to the top student (gr. 4-8) in each of the four academic areas.

Criteria:

- a) 86% average or better
- b) homework is completed on time on a regular basis
- c) effort is demonstrated
- d) quality work is completed on a regular basis.

5. French award (same criteria as above)

6. Fine Arts award

If the occasion arises (musical, speech arts festival, etc.), certificates and/or ribbons will be given for achievement in drama and speech. These certificates would be presented at a weekly assembly. (Similar to the sports awards.) The top three students in 5/6 and 7/8 will be selected for a Music award and a Visual Arts award. Two of these students will receive a certificate with the top student receiving a school plaque and a medallion. The top gr. 4 student will also receive a medallion.

The criteria is as follows:

- a) outstanding achievement
- b) positive participation
- c) displays effort
- d) talent is demonstrated

7. Athlete of the Year

A trophy will be awarded to one student in gr. 4-8 who meets the following criteria:

- a) achievement during classtime
- b) participates in intermurals
- c) joins team sports
- d) displays sportsmanship
- e) demonstrates effort

8. Sportsmanship Award

A trophy will be awarded to one student in gr. 4-8 who meets the following criteria:

- a) demonstrates effort
- b) displays sportsmanship (athletic citizenship)
- c) has a confident and positive attitude

9. **Most Improved** certificate

A certificate will awarded at each grade level for the student who has demonstrated the most improvement. The area(s) of improvement will be currently at the discretion of the teacher. It could be academic, attitude, behaviour, and so on.

Royal Canadian Legion Update

The following students received recognition at the provincial level for their posters and essays:

Jairynn Kurczc	2 nd place, Junior Essay
Tyssis Fontaine	2 nd place, Junior Black and White Poster
Aaran MacLeod	3 rd place, Intermediate Black and White Poster

Congratulations!

Attention all fans of Cat. Chat!

All the CD's are on sale in the parish office for \$20.00 each.

Make sure you get yours before they all sell out!

Perfect for birthdays, feast days, and First Holy Communion gifts.

Did you miss the concert? Wish you could do it all again?

The DVD ~ Cat. Chat LIVE! is also on sale for \$20.00

VBS REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED NOW!



MARVELOUS MYSTERY
The Miss Comes Alive

July 20-24th 9 am – 12 noon in the parish hall

Ages: 3 -10

Cost \$25 per child; \$15.00 each additional child

Call Marnie Wynans @ 723 3263 or 723 8912