



John Paul II Newsletter

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October 15, 2008

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

Thursday, October 16	St. Vincent de Paul World Food Day Prayer Service and Walk 10:30
Friday, October 24	SCHOOL CLOSED - Pro D Day/Harvest Dinner and Dance
Friday, October 31	Orange & Black Spirit Day/Hot Lunch Day
Monday, November 3	All Saints Day
Tuesday, November 4	School Picture Day
Wednesday, November 5	Staff Meeting EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00 pm
Friday, November 7	Remembrance Day Assembly
Monday, November 10	SCHOOL CLOSED - Staff Retreat/PA Meeting 4:00 pm

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

In 1945 the United Nations declared Oct. 16th as World Food Day. The purpose of this day is to become more aware of hunger around the world. All of the Island Catholic schools are working with the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to collect non-perishable food items for the needy people in our respective communities. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a group of lay people dedicated to alleviating suffering through justice, charity, and person to person contact. They do many good works for the poor in our area.

We are so blessed here in the Alberni Valley. Please help your children to learn the gift of generosity as we gather food items for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Our goal is to collect as much food as possible by Thursday, October 16th, but donations at any time will always be accepted. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has a room downstairs in our school for meetings and organizing food hampers.

Thank you for your anticipated kindness

Kathy Korman

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have started for students in Kindergarten to grade 6. Don't forget to send bathing suits and towels to school with your children on Fridays! There will be no swimming lesson when school is closed on October 24 for Professional Development Day.

Sports

Cross country for grades 3 to 8 and the grades 4 and 5 basketball team are well into their seasons. We will be playing a basketball game here at 3:00 on Tuesday, October 21 against John Howitt school and one here on Wednesday, October 22 at 3:00 against Wood School. Please come out and cheer the team on.

The Cross Country Meet at Bob Dailey Stadium will be after school on Tuesday, November 4. The final Basketball Tournament will be at ADSS after school on Wednesday, November 5.

It has been nice to see so many students involved, and parents coming out to help. The enthusiasm shown by everyone has been really great.

Terry Fox Day

Our Terry Fox Day Run was a success, raising over \$100.00. Thank you to everyone for remembering to bring a loonie or a toonie for cancer research. The draw for the Terry Fox t-shirt was won by Maria Marling.

St. Vincent de Paul World Food Day Walk

Thursday, October 16th 2008 has been designated as World Food Day. The Church has a long and powerful mission of proclaiming the Gospel, and in recognition of this, Island Catholic Schools have joined together with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to host an awareness walk at each Catholic elementary school to show solidarity, support and awareness of the plight of the poor.

We will be having a prayer service starting at 10:30, and the walk will follow. Families are invited to join us. Children are encouraged to bring a donation for the food bank or a cash donation for global food projects on this day. Help us as we try to "become a little better and do a little good". (Words from Frederic Ozanam founder of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul)

Parents' Auxiliary Meeting

Please come out and show your support. We are in need of some more people to accept some executive positions. We have money in the bank but can't spend it because we do not have a treasurer to sign the cheques! So far we have donated a micro-wave in each of the 5/6 and 7/8 classrooms. We are also purchasing some quality board games for rainy days in all of the classrooms. Some PE equipment, including scooter boards, has been ordered for the gym. Note that our next meeting will take place at **4:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10th**. Hope to see you there!

Volleyball Game vs the Staff

The grade 7/8 class challenged the staff to an exciting volleyball game last Tuesday afternoon. The score was close, but the staff won. It must have been due to our lovely hairdos (ask your kids!). Another game was also held with mixed teams of gr. 6, 7, 8, and staff members.

Lots of cheering and team spirit from the spectators. Photos will be put up on the photo board soon.

School Photo Day

Tuesday, November 4 is School Photo Day. Order forms are being sent home today - one for each child. They are to be completed and returned to the classroom teacher on November 4,

2008. If you have any questions about the forms or the photos, please contact the photographer, Lifetouch Canada, at 1-866-443-9646.

**CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
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**NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR
2008 - 2011**

**POSITION OF DIRECTOR, CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, DIOCESE
OF VICTORIA**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society an election will be held for the two positions of Director for the Catholic Independent Schools, Diocese of Victoria. These positions are for a 3 year term. Nomination forms are available at the school office and must be completed, mailed or faxed to:

Nomination Committee
1-4044 Nelthorpe Street
Victoria, BC V8A 2X1

727-6893 Fax: 479-5423

no later than Friday, November 7th, 2008. The form must be signed by two sponsors and the parish priest of the nominee.

Nominees should submit a one paragraph summary outlining details of their background relevant to the position. This will be included in the election package at the A.G.M.