

April 19, 2026

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

We hope you and your families had a joyful Easter. We celebrated our Easter Mass as a school community on April 14. Father Greg reflected on the example of Saint Barnabas, known as “the Son of encouragement.” Students were invited to consider what it means to be a Barnabas in our school – someone who lifts others up, shows kindness, offers support, and brings out the best in people around them. I can’t help but brag that we do this already!!

We have had a busy and exciting month, with our senior band trip, hosting our Japan exchange students, and the completion of junior badminton. We look forward to creating more opportunities for friendship and growth as we continue into our track & field season. Watch for upcoming practices and meets shared in school notices.

The BJM community always shows up. In addition to our weekly peanut butter and jam sandwiches (shout out to Cobbs for the bread), we now have a pantry located in student services. We have shelves stocked with soups, granola bars, juice boxes and quick lunch items. Please don’t be shy to grab a snack when you need it!

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, April 23

BJM SRG presents “BJM AFTER HOURS”

7 – 10 pm, Social Dance Event with Glow mini golf, music, prizes, photo booth and treat vendors! Wear all black!

\$5 Tickets on sale during lunch hours

Thursday, April 30

School Lockdown Practice Drill 1:40 pm

Tuesday, May 5

BJM will recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day (MMIWG) by inviting students and staff to wear red. This is an important opportunity to honour and remember Indigenous women whose lives have been lost or impacted by violence.

Thursday, May 7

Shortened day Thursday, early dismissal of 12:25 pm

Monday, May 18

No school for students or staff

Thursday, May 21

Host of the GSCS Olympics (formerly called Special Olympics)

Over 400+ elementary student athletes from across 4 school divisions

Our grade 11 and 12 students take an active role in running activities, leading groups, and organizing craft and tattoo stations.

The absolute BEST day for our school community!

Friday, May 22

Staff Retreat

No school for students.

Monday, May 25

Indigenous Graduation Honour Night

6:30 – 8:30, St Joseph High School

This night will recognize graduates from the following schools: BJM, ST. Joe's, Holy Cross, & Bethlehem

Please sign up on this [Poster](#).

Thursday, May 28

Shortened day Thursday, early dismissal of 12:25 pm

The weeks are flying by – somehow it is already this point in the semester where calendars are full, and Spring/Summer is around the corner. I hope!

Take care,

Cheryl Fenrich