

## **Principal's Message, Mr. Benson**

Just like that, fall sports are almost over and winter sports are about to start. Thank you to all our supervisors, coaches and fans. It has been a great fall.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate our growing pains. Parent Student Teacher interviews went well despite some minor adjustments we made to accommodate extra teachers. Our portables are now in use which has removed the need to use the library as a classroom. Additionally, we are ready for our new format for awards day.

A big shout out to our CSCC who organized the Carol Acutis event this month.

## **Chaplain's Message, Ms. Berry**

Hello St. Joseph parents and guardians! Thank you so much to those of you who came to the Saint Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Event on October 21. It was a beautiful evening of prayer and community, our choir performed so well, and the fellowship throughout the evening was wonderful!

October was a full month with many exciting events. One that I am especially excited about is the installment of the Eucharist in our school chapel. On October 21 we also had a Eucharistic Procession to celebrate that the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will now live continually in our school in a physical way as the Eucharist stays in the tabernacle of our school chapel. Most schools do not have this great gift and we are happy to have the support of our Bishop and pastor at Holy Family Cathedral who made this possible. Students are welcome to visit the chapel in their free time to pray or spend a moment with Jesus.

Thank you for being a part of our faith community, God bless.

## **Athletics**

How exciting for our Senior soccer teams – both boys and girls captured provincial gold. Cross country saw the Intermediate Boys and Girls both place 2<sup>nd</sup> with a lot of individual success in all categories. Junior boys Volleyball captured 2<sup>nd</sup> and green girls' volleyball captured 1<sup>st</sup>. Good luck to our senior volleyball and football teams as they enter playoffs.

## **Breakfast Nook**

Thank you to the graduating class of 2024. They donated over \$3000 to help build our breakfast/lunch nook. As you know, many teens are rushed in the morning or forget to grab breakfast. We also have issues across the city with food security. With the weekly donation of bread from Cobbs on McOrmond Drive, we can provide bread or toast with peanut butter and jam to all who wish to partake. Look for the sign in the cafeteria:

***They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts – Acts 2:46***

**Donated by the graduating class of 2024**

We are working towards supporting lunches more regularly, but we need your support. That brings us to our fundraising opportunity, Schools Win Twice

## Schools Win Twice

*Did you know that ½ the proceeds from the Prize lottery goes directly to St. Joseph when you indicate support for our school when purchasing a ticket? The other half along with the 50/50 draw proceeds go to the foundation which schools receive through a grant process.*

Our goal is to raise \$20, 000. This would be a \$25 prize lottery purchase by every family. We recognize this is a lofty goal and not every family can purchase \$25 worth of tickets. Consider sharing this link with friends and family on social media. Ask them to choose St. Joseph as their school they support.

Our goal is to purchase a new Chromebook cart to support our growing population's needs AND support a lunch program. We will send out messages throughout the campaign.



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## Musical

Get ready for an unforgettable experience! This beloved Disney film, transformed into a Tony-winning Broadway sensation, inspires all to champion justice and embrace every moment. Join us at St. Joseph High School for an incredible production of Disney's Newsies the Musical, running **from November 26 to 29, 2025, at 7:30 PM**. Don't miss your chance to witness the magic!

## Awards Day

A reminder that students will receive their honor roll certificates in class on Monday and Tuesday next week. On Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, we will host a tea in our gym for the students who earned a spot on the **honor roll with distinction**. Parents are encouraged to attend. We will have a short program which will include the presentation of the school board scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to the student with the highest average in each grade based on our honor roll criteria.

## **Photo Packages**

If you have ordered photos for your child from Edge Imaging, they are in the office for pick up.

## **International Travel**

There are several community travel opportunities being advertised in the school and school notices. Although some staff are associated with the travel groups, they are not school activities. The Japan Yamate exchange is the only school board approved international travel activity.

## **Upcoming Events**

November 4 – pep rally (presentation of non-academic awards from 2025)

November 6 – Shortened Day, Awards Tea, 2:00

November 8 – Indigenous Veterans Day

November 10 – Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 11 – Remembrance Day (No school)

November 16 – Louis Riel Day

November 20 – Shortened day

November 24, 25 – Musical Dress Rehearsal (elementary school visits)

November 26 – Career Fair

November 26-29 – Musical

Perimeter lockdown practice TBD