



# St. Jude Patriot

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## ANCHOR YOUR FAITH

**P**assing on the Catholic Faith to our children is becoming ever more demanding. Do you feel up to this challenge? Starting in January, St. Jude School will be offering a program to help parents meet this challenge. Anchor is an adult catechetical program that presents and explains the fundamental truths of the Catholic Faith, the Mass and the basic principles of our life in Christ, in a simple, straight-forward language. Anchor provides for a time of personal and common prayer to take place, using Scripture, thus introducing adults in a heart-to-heart relationship with Christ. As well, Anchor offers practical suggestions for parents who wish to root their families in the practice and love of the Faith. Kyle Neilson, father of Paula in Grade 3 and the RCIA Coordinator for our Archdiocese, will lead this six session program taking place on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars for the following dates: January 17, February 21, March 27, April 17, May 15, June 19.

## OFFICE REMINDERS

- ◆ *November 11th—Remembrance Day—No School.*
- ◆ *November 14th —Pro D Day (No School).*
- ◆ *The Family Resource Library is held every Monday Morning from 8:30am - 9:30am in front of the School Office. We have many Parenting Books, CDs and DVDs to choose from. Please stop by and see what we have to offer!*
- ◆ *November 18th—Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Field Trip for Intermediate grades.*
- ◆ *November 24th—Justice Theatre Performance. Early Dismissal at 12 noon. Colour Day.*
- ◆ *November 25 3 way Goal Setting Conference.*
- ◆ *November 28th—Advent Assembly at 11:30am.*
- ◆ *November 30th—Next School Mass at 9:30am.*

## THANK YOU

**A** great big thank you to all students of St. Jude School who displayed such generosity through the candy donations. We were able to send several boxes to the Agape Street Ministry. The Agape Street Ministry is a Catholic Christian Outreach organization run by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Paul's Province. Each night of the week, an Agape Street Ministry Team walks the streets of downtown Eastside

Vancouver to bring the Love that is Jesus, Himself, to more than a thousand women in the area. A special thanks to Mrs. Madeira who sorted through all the candy and delivered the boxes to the Mission. Your continued support to help this important ministry is appreciated.



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## SERVE WITH A JOYFUL HEART



Our Grade 5 class will be acknowledging a student each week who demonstrates living out their faith through service. Our class goal is to serve with joyful hearts through random acts of kindness, respect and compassion towards others. This week we acknowledge Anthony Siano who has sacrificed his time and energy playing with the Grade 1's on the swings. We hope to see other students dedicate their time towards random acts of service. Way to go Anthony! You inspire us all with your good deeds.

*Miss Maciuk*

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## GRADE 7 BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Friday at Saint Andrews the Grade 7 boys had a qualifying tournament. The first game started off well against St. Mary's, however our team could not pull it together resulting in a surprising loss 15-25 in a 1 set game. The second game was supposed to be against St Francis of Assisi, but they were a no show and we played against Vancouver College (VC). We lost 16-25 but Mile's special fist of fury spike (his invention) kept us in the game. The next game was against St Andrews. At the very beginning, Luca had had enough and spiked it down hard. Our star server Ferdinand put a couple great ones over the net. Marco and Anthony played a great one, two game. After losing 24-17 Jasmin served a perfect 5 to get us back in the game 22-24. After we lost 25-23 we packed up and went home.

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school next week. Students will have the opportunity to come to the fair with their class during the day and after school. We will also be open on Friday, November 25th during the Three Way Conference from 8:30am to 4:30pm. So come on in and enter our draw. You could win \$50 in books—\$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom. During the event, we also invite you to help build our classroom libraries by purchasing books and donating them to your child's teacher through the Classroom Wish List program. There will be more contests and giveaways so come on in to the book fair and support your school.

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## ST. JUDE'S CLOTHING DRIVE

We will be partnering with Big Brothers and the Grade 6 class to host our Second annual Clothing Drive in November. We are looking for gently used clothes, linens, blankets and shoes. The clothing drive will run from November 18 – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Please place your clothes in large garbage bags and bring them to the school in the morning. We will have parent helpers to take your bags into the school. The Grade 6 class will be collecting coats, mittens and scarves which will be donated to local catholic charities.

Place coats, mittens and scarves into a **white** garbage bag and write "Coats" on the front. Also include your child's grade on the front as we will have a special prize for the class who brings in the most bags of coats.

Thank you for your support.

*St. Jude Fundraising Team*

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## CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

In British Columbia, changes to the Criminal Records Review Act were recently enacted. Under the Criminal Records Review Act, anyone who works with children or who has unsupervised access to children must submit to a Criminal Record Check (CRC). The act helps protect children from individuals whose criminal record indicates they pose a risk of physical or sexual abuse. Please refer to the following link: <http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/criminal-records-review/> for more information.

Our school authority, The Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese, also approved a new policy for volunteers who work in schools. The policy states, "Volunteers are an integral part of our school community as they provide important services including, but not limited to, curricular and extracurricular program support, supervision, fundraising, maintenance, and special events. The Board of Directors supports the use of volunteers in schools, in a manner that enhances and promotes the safety of students and the quality of student learning." This policy outlines procedures for volunteers who work with students in an unsupervised capacity.

Based on the current programs offered at St. Jude School, this policy would be applicable to the following volunteer opportunities and parent participation categories :

Library

Playground/Parking Lot Supervision

Chaperone field trips

Driving students to and from sporting events and field trips.

If you plan to volunteer for the school in 2011-2012 in the capacities outlined above or your parent participation involves any of the above, you will need to complete a Criminal Record Check. Complete information and instructions to do this are available at the school office.

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## 3 WAY CONFERENCES

On Friday November 25 we will have our Three Way Goal-Setting conferences from 8:30 – 4:30. We cordially invite you to come on this day with your child to meet with the teacher and discuss past accomplishments, present challenges and future goals. If you have any concerns about your child's progress, this is a suitable time to raise them with the teacher. Students come to school for their conference time only on this day. Each conference will be scheduled for 10 minutes, at which time student, teacher and parents will meet to set goals for the second term. Forms went home with last week's newsletter for this conference.

Your child will bring you an invitation, which will include the exact time of your conference, on Thursday, November 17.

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## PARTICIPATION

The Parent Participation program is in full swing. Because parents contribute in this way, we are able to charge much lower tuition fees. We thank you for your efforts and willingness to work for the common good. We would like to remind those who are not on track to have 25 hours completed by January 31st that it is your responsibility to do so. If there is some good reason you cannot make your commitment, you must contact the Participation Coordinator, Mrs. Siniscalchi, immediately. If you take no action and do not complete 25 hours by January 31, your \$400 cheque will be cashed on February 1st.

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## HOT LUNCH

Nova Food Lunch Dates: November 16, 23, 30 & December 7, 14

Instructions for online ordering:

1. Browse [www.novafood.ca](http://www.novafood.ca) and go to CUSTOMER LOGIN and sign in with your user id and password.
2. Purchase Credits using your Credit Card. The minimum purchased credit is \$20
3. Click on ORDER NOW to bring you to the page of Delivery Location (All Hot Lunch Dates are available for pre ordering)
4. Click on child's name, and select CONTINUE, which will direct you to a CALENDAR page
5. Click on the Date you want to place hot lunch, which will direct you to the LUNCH ORDER menu
6. Click on SUBMIT once you made your selection.
7. Do the same for your other child

St Jude will not be able to arrange or cancel orders on your behalf. Please contact Nova Food at 604-274-6682 or email at [info@novafood.ca](mailto:info@novafood.ca) directly.

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## VICE PRINCIPAL

The Parish Education Committee has appointed Ms. Rita Corea, our Grade 6 Teacher, to the role of Vice Principal. Ms. Corea has been the Teacher in Charge in Mr. Perry's absence for many years. In this new role, in addition to being "in charge" when Mr. Perry is away, Ms. Corea will be organizing and coordinating the Emergency Planning (fire, earthquake, critical incident) for our school, taking on some of the organizational aspects of the maintenance department and taking a leading role in school professional growth initiatives. Ms. Corea brings excellent organizational skills to these critical areas and we look forward to her contributions to the good of our school.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Students at St. Jude School are well in the swing of preparing this year's Advent/Christmas concert, "Christmas Around the World". The concert, which will be performed on Monday, December 5th at 7 p.m. and Tuesday December 6th at 1:30 p.m., will take us on a musical trip around the world, discovering different Christmas and winter traditions all along the way. We encourage you to join us for this celebration!

