

ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY

January 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year to you and your families! This newsletter is a shortened version and we would like to ensure you are aware of some important dates and school events in the next few weeks. Our February newsletter will be in our full format and we look forward to sharing the exciting events from January with everyone at that time.

As the new year presents opportunities for us to reflect on ways in which we can begin anew, I encourage parents to reflect upon and have conversations with our children regarding the use of social media. This includes safeguarding against inappropriate conversations/images and who they can speak to when they encounter anything that is inappropriate (parents, teachers, trusted adults). We are currently working on presentations for our student and parent community to inform, educate and empower us as we navigate the digital world.

We ask that parents continue to ensure that children are respecting their school commitments and our school day by being on time in the morning. There are a number of students arriving late daily.

Students need to be at school **no later than 8:25 am**. Students who are late disrupt the learning of others and do not have the time to settle before entering into a learning mindset. This puts all students at a disadvantage. Those students who continue to be late on a regular basis will be required to remain at school on Friday afternoons to participate in community service as a way to make up the missed time.

The next page includes information regarding the upcoming Assessment Week and information regarding Hot Lunches and parent learning opportunities.

May God Bless you & your families,
Mrs. Andrea Prout-Bernett, Principal

Upcoming January Events

January 17th - Grade 6 Boys Basketball Tournament

January 23rd - Grade 9 immunizations

January 24th - Grade 6 Girls Basketball Tournament

January 27th - 31st - Assessment Week*



We welcome Star of the Sea, Sacred Heart, Cloverdale Catholic, OLG & St. Catherine's to our school January 17th & 24th. There will be a full concession both days.

Please remember to bring in your refundables every Friday to support our Grad Class (don't forget to save up your holiday containers)

January Events/Reminders

Assessment Week: Jan 27th -31st

As we prepare our students for our upcoming assessment week, please review this schedule and expectations. This will be reviewed in advisory classes tomorrow and again next week. All students created a study schedule in their advisory class. Please ask your child to review this with you. Our **PE classes** will be attending off site activities and permission forms will be sent home next week. The PE activities are mandatory as they satisfy curriculum and are a fantastic way to utilize this alternate schedule.

Exams, assessments and activities will be as follows:

AM blocks - 8:30 am to 11:15am

PM blocks - 12:00 pm to 2:45 pm

Students with academic study blocks, learning support blocks or any “spare” blocks are expected to be at school during these hours and should be studying. Mrs. Perez will be working with students to ensure they have work to do or have a plan for this time.

Friday is a non-instructional day reserved for students who for any reason missed an exam or assessment session. All other students will be at home on this day.

	AM BLOCK	PM BLOCK
Monday	A	B
Tuesday	C	D
Wednesday	E	F
Thursday	G	H

Hot Lunches - Winter Term

Ordering of hot lunches for the Term 3 (Feb 2nd to March 14th 2025) is now open. We are pleased to offer great menu selection from White Spot, Ojas and Subway.

Hot Lunches Assistance - Feeding Futures Program

Our school participates in the provincially funded Feeding Futures program that provides discreet assistance to the families that would like to order hot lunches and receive this assistance. We encourage participation and ensure confidentiality. To participate in the hot lunches program with this subsidy please create a hot lunch account at <https://munchalunch.com/> and email MunchALunch account details to our school principal at principal@sjp2academy.com . Subsidy amount will be credited to your hot lunch account and automatically applied to the payment during the checkout. This process is easy and fully confidential.

Any technical issues with the new account registration - please reach out to: patreasurer@sjp2academy.com

Parent Education Opportunity

On behalf of the Parent Association the following opportunity is shared.

This is a very affordable course being offered through RCAV for \$25 called "Making Sense of Adolescence". It's Tuesday evenings on Zoom 7:30-9pm starting January 21. Please see the link to register: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/making-sense-of-adolescence>