

ST. JOHN PAUL II ACADEMY

March 2025 Newsletter

Dear Families & Supporters,

As we enter into this Lent of prayer, fasting and almsgiving we are reminded that we are united with Christ during these 40 days. Our school community ended Ordinary Time today with a pancake breakfast for Shrove Tuesday. We will then begin Lent with our Ash Wednesday mass and fasting lunch. Our journey through Lent will include a weekly prayer service, Stations of the Cross and almsgiving and prayer. Uniting together in this journey is a powerful example of our personal and collective preparations for Holy Week. There are many helpful family resources including the following: theabbotscircle.com, <https://rcav.org/lent>

March will be a short month for us as we are off for spring break. The office will be closed for the entire two weeks. **Re-registration** forms will be sent home prior to March 14th. Completed packages are due back March 31st - April 4th. We thank you in advance for ensuring all forms are in on time.

As the weather continues to improve, we look forward to our spring sports seasons. Track & Field is already underway and we are encouraging every student to join! Ultimate also begins this week for our grade 9-12 students.

May God continue to bless you and your families,
Mrs. Andrea Prout-Bernett
Principal

Upcoming February Events

March 4th - Shrove Tuesday

- Breakfast from 8:00 am to 8:30 am in the gym

March 5th - Ash Wednesday

- 11 am mass - Star of the Sea Church
- Fasting Lunch for all students (\$2 donation to Door is Open)

March 6th - Student/parent/teacher conferences

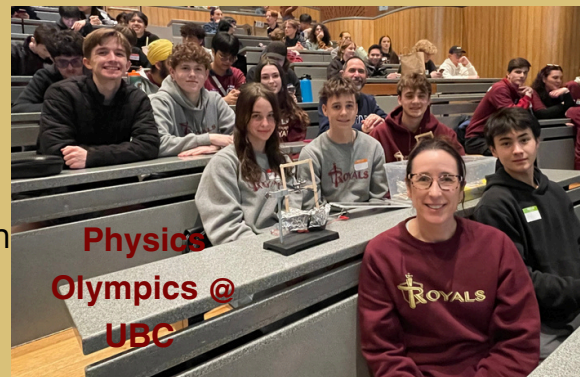
<https://sjp2academy.schoolappointments.com/?action=login-form>

March 12th -Expo for Life

March 13th - RCMP/Social Media Safety Presentation (grades 8/9)

March 14th - New student registrations due

Spring Break - School closed March 15th -March 30th, School reopens March 31st



**Please remember to bring in your refundables every Friday
to support our Grad Class**

Campus Ministry & Student Council

Campus Ministry

Students from Grades 10 to 12 took part in an overnight retreat on February 20th and 21st, centered around the theme Pilgrims of Hope in celebration of our Jubilee Year. We were honored to have Clay Imoo as our facilitator, who guided students through a series of meaningful and engaging activities. His leadership inspired active participation, making the retreat a memorable and enriching experience for all.



Outreach and Advocacy

Every Wednesday, our small but dedicated group of students at SJP2 Academy gathers to put faith into action through our Outreach & Advocacy Group. We come together to prepare and deliver sandwiches to those experiencing homelessness in our community. By consistently showing up each week, our students build connections, develop empathy, and gain a deeper understanding of the realities faced by the marginalized.

Student Council

On February 12, student Council organised a very successful Valentine's afternoon games in celebration of Valentine's day and Anti-bullying awareness.



Athletics

TRACK & FIELD !

We are starting our Track practices the week of March 3. We encourage ALL students to come out and join our track team and participate in the 4 mini-meets. This year, we will have 3 dedicated coaches! Mr Wilkie (head coach) will focus on distance events, hurdle, and conditioning. Mr Dela Cruz will coach our sprinters, and Mr Ramos will help out the throwers (think discus, shot put, javelin)!

Big thanks to Coach Wilkie for organizing our school for Track this year - we are looking forward to one of our best years yet!



ULTIMATE !

We have two Ultimate Teams this year:

JR Ultimate (grades 9/10) coached by Mr Tighe
SR Ultimate (grades 11/12) coached by Mrs Mallette

Practices start the week of March 3 - please read your emails for updates - all practices will be at the South Meridian field on Tuesdays.



permission forms due asap !

Please hand in those permission forms as soon as possible. Cost is \$30 for one sport or \$50 for both sports.

Practices are NOT on the same day
Let's get outside and have some fun!



Parent Association News

Thank you to everyone that joined us last Friday Feb 28th for our pub night, it was a fun filled wonderful night!

PURDY'S EASTER CHOCOLATES FOR SALE!

The PA has brought back delicious Purdy's chocolate for our Easter Fundraising! Get your Easter chocolates with us and help the PA raise funds for our various school needs . Delivery in April, date to be confirmed. Please buy your chocolates at the below link

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/1984549-126327>

HOT LUNCH ORDER

The Hot lunch portal is now open until March 14th. This is for the period of March 31st - May 9th. The website to order is: <https://www.munchalunch.com/>

Need to reach us?

You can email any of us with suggestions, requests, information, or whatever comes to mind!
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St. John Paul II Foundation News

Join us on May 15th!



TSAW/WASSEN SPRINGS



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We are thrilled to announce the inaugural 2025 SJPII Golf Tournament, hosted by the SJPII Alumni Association on Thursday, May 15th, 2025, at the esteemed Tsawwassen Springs. This exciting event is open to all alumni, parents, and friends of Saint John Paul II Academy.

The tournament presents a unique opportunity for sponsors to enjoy a memorable day of golf, network with distinguished guests, and indulge in a delightful reception dinner. We invite local businesses, whether they already have or are interested in building a relationship with our Academy, to participate as sponsors.

Proceeds from the event will support the Saint John Paul II Alumni financial assistance program and bursaries for students, as well as the enhancement of our athletic programs.

If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact silveria@sjp2foundation.com.

We look forward to your involvement and support in making our golf tournament a great success.

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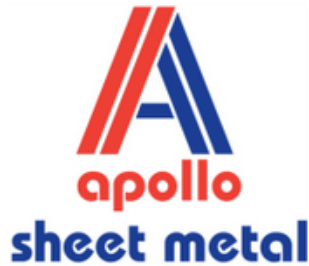


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St. John Paul II Society News

- The Society Board welcomes Daniel Roa Cole as Board member. Daniel fills a vacancy for one of the four parent representatives on the Society Board. Daniel and his wife Fern are longstanding active members of our growing school community, and parents of students Issa and Torin Cole.
- The Society Board is preparing the Vision, Mission, and Values statement for Saint John Paul II Academy. Inspired by Saint John Paul II, guided by Father Donnelly and with Board member Mark Watson facilitating the process, the mission statement will clearly define the school's purpose of providing an education rooted in Catholic values, with a focus on the spiritual, intellectual, and moral formation of students. The statement will be announced shortly by the Society Board.
- In response to interest from parents, the Society Board will be considering how elements of Catholic liberal education might become part of the educational focus at Saint John Paul II Academy:
<https://www.ncregister.com/news/rediscovering-catholic-liberal-education>
- In preparation for the 2025-26 school year with the anticipated growth in enrolment, Treasurer Theo Vanden Hoven is working on the budgeting process to include planning for several new staff positions. A subcommittee of the Society Board will be working closely with Principal Bernett through the hiring process.
- Board member Leslie Roque is in discussions with the Parent Association regarding implementing a future volunteer hour program.

Members of the SJP2 Academy Society Board of Directors: Archbishop's

Appointees: Stuart Donald, Father L. Donnelly, Leslie Roque, Jose Vargas

(Secretary); Parent Community: Daniel Cole, Julia Dee,, Joseph King (Chair),

Darren Watt (Vice Chair); School Supporters: Bill Regan, Theo Vandenhoven

(Treasurer), Mark Watson, David Wilkie; Ex Officio: Troy Van Vliet.