



ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL NEWS



OCTOBER 2020

It's great to be back in the building *WITH* students once again at SJB! Despite the new Covid-related protocols, staggered schedules, rearranged classrooms and cohort designations (and the challenges that come along with all of that) we have had a fantastic September and start to the year! Our staff enjoyed our annual faith development day at the start of the month, as we explored this year's CISVA theme "Walk with Jesus, our Living Hope", a theme inspired by Pope Francis' Easter Vigil 2020 homily, that serves to remind us that through Jesus we always have hope and that God is greater than all our fears and worries- perhaps the most fitting theme we've ever had!

Just a few days before school started, Archbishop Miller visited our school to give his blessing for the ceremonial groundbreaking of phase three of our expansion project. (See pictures on page 2). We are so excited to be starting this new build, and for the future of Catholic education in the Fraser Valley. Watch for monthly building updates on our website and social media.

Our new grade 8 students have settled nicely into high-school life and enjoyed their grade 8 welcome night mid-month, where they got to play games, get to know each other better and eat all the pizza their hearts could desire. A few of our grade 12 students came to help out, and offer their advice for how to make the most of their time at SJB.

We also had our first school Mass (make that Masses- one per grade), which we will continue hold each month. We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate the Eucharist as a school, as not all of our students are able to attend Mass in person right now.

With Thanksgiving around the corner, we are reminded to stop, pause and reflect on the many blessings in our lives. We are thankful for all our school families and students for choosing Catholic education and for all parishioners for their continued support of St. John Brebeuf. God bless.



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ATHLETICS NEWS

Though BC School Sports has kept schools in phase 2, meaning there can be no interschool sports, SJB Athletics' spirit is still high!

Currently our girls volleyball team is practicing and we will continue to look for ways to provide a competitive experience for the players.

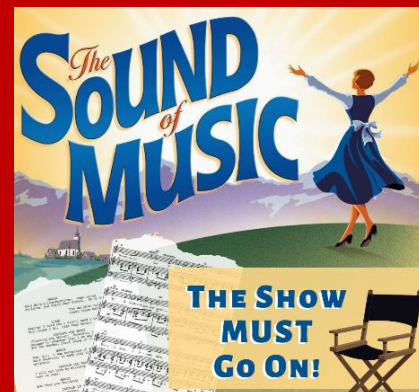
Our Academy classes are also still going strong and everyone is working hard in hopes interschool sports will start running soon.

Way to keep your school spirit up, Bears!

MUSICAL NEWS

The Show Must Go On!

Rehearsals are still in full force as the cast and crew prepare for this year's musical production of *The Sound of Music*. While the final production will be presented in a different format than usual, it's guaranteed to be a great show! More details to come!



PHASE 3 EXPANSION CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING



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This is where you want to be!