

SCHOOL NEWS

For the month of October, students and staff will focus on the Gospel Virtue of Gratitude. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good ~ Psalm 107:1

Dear Jesus, thank you for all the blessings and the treasures you have showered upon us. Thank you for family, friends, knowledge, wisdom, and all your angels and saints who guide us in our journey of building up your kingdom. We ask you, Lord Jesus, to bless our gifts, bless our lives, and bless this day. Amen



PRINCIPAL'S PEN

With our first month of school complete we would like to take time to thank everyone for your flexibility and understanding as we organized our classrooms. Students are now settled and established in routines. We are continuing our practices of students arriving at school no earlier than 8:35 AM unless they are involved in an extracurricular activity or in the Before and After school program. We have staff on the doors able to assist students with hand sanitation upon entry. Throughout the day, we are continuing to increase protocols of cleaning and sanitization of common touch surface areas. At the present time, students continue to work within their classroom cohorts although they have the opportunity to play with other classrooms outside during recess. We are working hard to keep everyone safe. Please see upcoming school wide activities below.

<u>Water bottles</u>- It is important that students bring a refillable water bottle to school. Water fountains are closed, as per our regulations, other than for water bottle filling stations. We have a number of students who are forgetting to bring water bottles to school. We have a very limited number of cups at the office for students who occasionally forget their water bottle.

<u>Thanksgiving Liturgy and School Mass</u>- Mrs. Casavant- Turner's grade 3/ 4 classroom will be hosting our first Thanksgiving Liturgy. As spacing in the gym does not allow us to gather as a whole school, this liturgy will be held virtually.

Our next school Mass will take place on Thursday, October 21. This will be held at school and will be arranged by the grade 6/7 classroom.

<u>Hot Lunch</u> - Monthly hot lunches will be resuming. If you are new to St. George School and our hot lunch program, it is simple and easy. Go to <u>https://healthyhunger.ca/</u> to register your student's account, pay online and the lunch will be delivered right to the school a lunch time on the date you choose. Our hot lunch program is optional. A portion from the healthy Hunger sale is given back to St. George School. Lunches will be confirmed and set up by October 15.

<u>Halloween</u> - Halloween activities will take place on Friday, October 29. Costumes can be worn all day or students may choose to wear orange and black. Please note costume should be conducive to learning and not be too warm or uncomfortable to wear throughout the day. Also, no props, fake blood or gore are allowed. Please ensure that costumes are simple enough if students wish to change out of them and that they can do so without assistance. Commercially pre-packages treats are permitted to share. Teachers will communicate regarding any special activities that they will be holding in their classrooms. Students are still expected to wear a non-medical mask throughout the day.

<u>Edsby</u> Thank you to all who have signed up for Edsby! <u>Please use Edsby to report all absences</u>. If you are still using School Messenger for absences, please use Edsby in the future.

We will be booking Parent teacher conferences in November using Edsby. For instructions how to do so there is a great video found here <u>Parent Teacher Interviews for Parents on Vimeo</u>

If you have not signed up for Edsby, or you have lost your invitation, please email <u>Mrs. Kirwan</u> and she will assist you. Please check St. George Edsby often as we will post notices and events here as soon as information is available.

<u>Schools Win Twice Online Lottery And 50/50</u> Happy Thanksgiving! We are thankful for Catholic Education and are excited to launch our annual Schools Win Twice Online Lottery and 50/50!

The lottery is off to a great start this week. When celebrating Thanksgiving, whether virtually or in person, please remember to "Sell your tickets." You can share information and links with family and friends (in Saskatchewan), and they can purchase tickets online. Their ticket purchase will directly benefit our students. http://www.schoolswintwice.ca/

Schools Win Twice by receiving 50% of our school's prize lottery ticket sales and we can apply to the Foundation for additional grants. Plus, the school with the highest per capita ticket sales will also receive a \$1,000 bonus payment. Be sure to select our school under the **Contribution** drop down box when purchasing your tickets. Thank you in advance for your support!

<u>Cross Country</u> – Our cross-country season is now complete. Thank you to all our students who participated in practices and the meets. Our final meet was held this past week. Thank you to Mrs. Lewandowski and Mrs. Miller for lending their talents and coaching our students.

Volleyball - Boys and girls in grades 7 and 8 have been busy practicing over lunch and before school. They will soon begin intramural play a school. Thank you to Miss Griffiths and Mr. Doll for coaching our students.

<u>Terry Fox Run</u> We met our school goal of \$300.00 for the Terry Fox School Event. We actually raised \$320.00. Thank you for donating and supporting our schools fundraising efforts.

<u>**Daily Screening**</u> The daily home screening questionnaire that each child is asked to do at is found at <u>https://go.gscs.ca/dailyhealth</u>

Picture Day For anyone that missed picture day, picture retake day will be November 15.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

Our next meeting will take place in the school library on Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Room Parents are needed for each class. Please contact your classroom teacher if you are able to help out.

SAINT ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday – Friday – 8:30 am Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday – 9:00 & 11:00 am, 7:00pm http://www.saintannes.ca/

Jump

St. Anne's Parish is hosting *Jump*, our monthly fun with faith program for students in grades 4 and 5, beginning October 18th. If you would like to know more or to register, please contact Trina at <u>t.ward@saintannes.ca</u> or call (306) 931-4700.

RCIA

Would you or your school-aged child like to know more about becoming baptized in the Catholic Church? RCIC begins this fall. Contact Trina at <u>t.ward@saintannes.ca</u> or (306) 931-4700.

Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental Prep registration is now open for all children grade 2 or 3 that haven't made their First Reconciliation or First Communion. You can fill out the forms available at the parish office or go to our <u>website</u> and fill out the online form. Please contact Patti Pasloski at <u>ppasloski@rcdos.ca</u> for further information.

Kids4Christ

Kids4Christ will be starting up in person (depending on covid restrictions) in October. Children aged 3 to Grade 3 can come and learn about Jesus and His love for us with singing, stories, drama and crafts. Tentative date is October 3 at 12:30 in St. Anne's Hall. Watch for updates and contact Patti at <u>ppasloski@rcdos.ca</u> or call (306)931-4700. To sign up, go to <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FAAAF29A3F58-kids4christ2</u> **Source**

Did you know that you can meet Jesus in a personal way during Source at St. Anne's? Source is adoration of the Blessed body of Jesus and happens every 3rd Friday at 7 pm. There is beautiful music to accompany your thoughts and prayers. The sacrament of Reconciliation is also available. For more information you can call St. Anne's Parish at 306-931-4700 or just come to St. Anne's. The next few dates are: September 17, October 15, November 19[.]