ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #2 - October 2022

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GOSPEL VIRTUE: *RESPECT*
I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated.
I show courtesy to everyone. I learn from the wisdom of my elders.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 4	9:00 am – School Photo Day – KTT (Sander) to Gr 8
October 5	9:15 am – Gr 3/4 goes to Prairieland AG Experience
October 5	1:00 pm – School Photo Day – KMW (Santos)
October 5	3:20 pm – Soccer game at Bishop Pocock
October 5	4:15 pm – Cross Country meet at Diefenbaker Park
October 6	9:00 am – Thanksgiving Mass at St. Philip Neri Church led by Gr 3/4
October 7	PLD – **No School for Students**
October 10	Thanksgiving Day – **No School**
October 11	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library – all parents are welcome
October 12	8:40 am – Gr 8 goes to Sask Milk Highdale Farm tour
October 12	3:20 pm – Soccer game at Bishop Pocock
October 13	9:00 am – Gr 6 goes to J.S. Wood Library
October 13	12:45 pm – goes to Loraas Recycle tour
October 18	12:30 pm – Gr 5 goes to J.S. Wood Library
October 20	10:30 am – School Wide Living Rosary – Luminous Mysteries
October 22	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for October – TacoTime
October 27	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – TacoTime (for those who ordered)
October 31	9:00 am – 3-Way Conferences Online Booking through Edsby begin

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

We are hope-filled and thankful people! When we turn the calendar next week, we do so with the hope that we will continue to be blessed this fall with great weather and great opportunities for our entire St. Philip community. Thank you for all your support during this new school year startup, I appreciate your patience as we finished off staffing and created our classroom configurations for the year. Thanksgiving weekend will be upon us shortly - we have much to be thankful for in our school community.

It is also exciting to see our students back to routines and all the learning happening both in the classroom and on the playground and participating in our extracurricular opportunities and field trips. If you have a child running in the cross-country championships cheer loudly and enjoy!

One of our major fundraising events for our school is the School Wins Twice Lottery. The lottery impacts our everyday programming and allows us to fund special projects and student transportation to special events. The lottery has a new look, it is completely online, and a reminder to always select St. Philip to receive credit for your purchase. Thank you.

Just a reminder that our next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday, October 11th at 6:00pm in the library. Our parent council would love to have your support.!

Halloween, a day most kids love and look forward to is not very far off. As you read the inserted description our efforts are to help our kids celebrate and stay safe. Please remember to keep the costumes school appropriate – thank you. As always, my door is open to discuss anything school related, ways in which St. Philip can support your child's learning or simply just for a chat – please don't hesitate to drop in for a visit. God Bless and enjoy the changing seasons.

God Bless! Mr. Todos

STUDENT ABSENCES

Edsby will be used to report student absences.

Edsby can be accessed online, or on mobile apps available in the App Store and Google Play.

Here are some short help videos to demonstrate some of Edsby's features.

School Bundle messaging tool is a new service and will be used to inform you of unreported student absences.

No app is needed. There is no need to edit settings or set notifications. Just make sure the school office has up-to-date contact information for you to receive voice calls, emails and/or SMS text messages.

Communication will come from the email noreply-gscs@schoolbundle.ca (listed as Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools) and the phone number 1-306-400-6811, so please make sure that information is in your contacts so it doesn't end up in your spam/junk folder.

As a reminder: all students who arrive late need to check in at the office for a late slip. Also, if your child is leaving early, they need to let the office know before leaving the school.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Lifetouch will be in our school on **Tuesday, October 4th** to take pictures of all students in Kindergarten Tuesday/Thursday to Grade 8 and on **Wednesday, October 5th** in the afternoon to take pictures of all Kindergarten Monday/Wednesday students.

TERRY FOX WALK

Thank you to all families who donated to "Toonies for Terry". A donation in the amount of $352.50 will be made in the name of St. Philip School to the Terry Fox Foundation.

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

October 16th – 22nd is Education Week in Saskatchewan. This year's Education Week theme – "Reaching for Tomorrow, Celebrating Today" celebrates student success and the hard work and dedication of education professionals across the province. We encourage citizens to take some time during this special week to recognize the importance education has on our students and communities. We will have activities planned this week to celebrate working and learning together a St Philip School.

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL CLOTHING

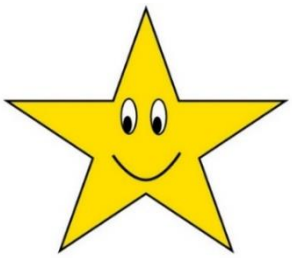
St. Philip School clothing can be ordered in November, just in time for Christmas! Please see more information in the November newsletter.

SOCKTOBER

Did you know that in Saskatchewan 275,000 children are living in poverty and unable to afford essentials such as socks? At St. Philip School, we are working to help those in need by hosting a "Socktober" event. During the month of October, we are asking students to purchase new socks for students in need in our School Division. Students should bring donations to the office by Monday, October 31st. Thank you in advance for your donations.

SOARING STUDENTS

Congratulations to St. Philip's **September** Soaring Students:



KTT – Adley S, Keira P
Gr 1/2 – Nora B, AJ P
Gr 2/3 – Madison G, Oscar Y
Gr 3/4 – Caybree C-H, Nicole O, Alexandrea C
Gr 5 – El-Blessings E, Owen S
Gr 6 – Josef L, Ben Y, Jarvis T
Gr 7 – Max B, MacKenzie M
Gr 8 – Ali S, Emily V, Andrew E

HALLOWEEN

Halloween on October 31st was formerly called All Hallow's Eve, meaning "all holy eve", the night before All Saints Day. "Long ago, the Celts in England and Ireland celebrated New Year's Day on November 1st, so October 31st was an end-of-the-year celebration. On that day, they remembered all those who died during the past year, and they believed that on that night the dead came back to be with the living. The villagers wore masks and costumes to disguise themselves as ghosts and lead the real ghosts out of town with a parade." It became linked to Christianity when "Christians spread the idea that, thanks to Jesus' resurrection, we no longer had to fear death or any kind of evil – so we could even dress up and make fun of death and the things that represent it." Since the time of Pope Gregory III, the Catholic Church has celebrated **All Saints Day** on **November 1st.** This feast honors all the saints of the Church. **All Souls Day** is observed on **November 2nd**. It is a day of solemn prayer commemorating all the faithful departed.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

St. Philip School will celebrate Halloween this year on **Monday, October 31st in the afternoon**. We will begin with a Halloween costume parade in the gym at 12:45 pm for all grades followed by an InMotion Dance. From 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Kindergarten and Gr 1/2 will participate in a dance in the gym; from 1:30 pm – 1:55 pm Gr 2/3 to Gr 5 will participate in a dance in the gym; from 1:55 pm – 2:55 pm Gr 6 to Gr 8 will participate in a dance in the gym and then clean up the gym until 3:10 pm. **The Grade 8 class will also be having a concession with various goodies to purchase**. The money raised from the concession will be put towards their year end activities. The concession will be available for all grades.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Students are invited to wear their costumes <u>all day OR dress in black and orange</u>. Please make sure that your child will be comfortable in their costume all day (in their desk and outside for recess). As we do numerous In-Motion activities, please do not send a costume that your child can overheat in. **Students are asked to please keep their costumes school appropriate – suitable, modest and in good taste – with no blood, gore or weapons**.

HALLOWEEN ALLERGY REMINDER

With Halloween comes lots of treats, often with sesame seeds, peanuts and/or nut products. In order to reduce the risk for allergic students, we kindly remind parents to please keep any candy with peanut/nut products at home. Please do not send Halloween treats to school if they may contain nut products. The success of an "allergy aware" school and the safety of our students depends upon the support of all staff, students and parents to limit the risk of exposure.

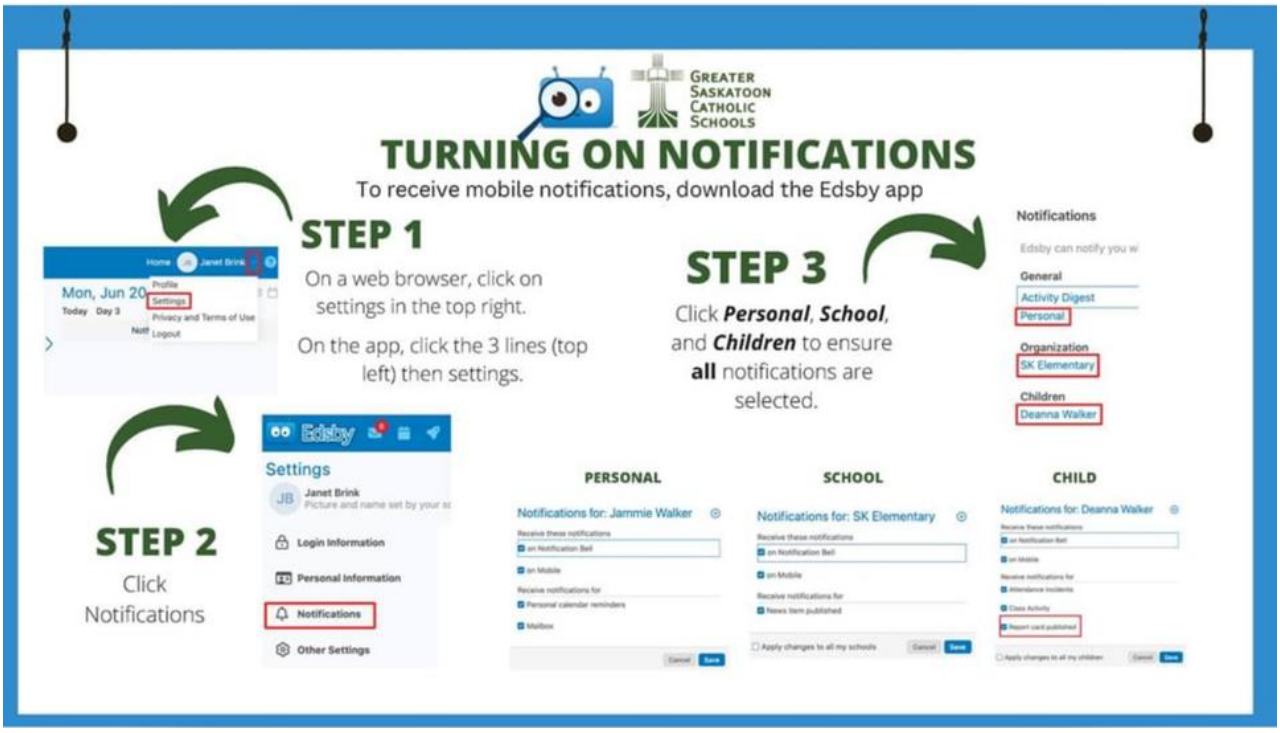
3-WAY CONFERENCES will be IN PERSON

Edsby bookings begin on Monday, October 31st at 9:00 am and will close on Monday, November 7th at 3:00 pm. 3-Way Conferences will be held **IN PERSON** on Wednesday, November 9th from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 pm and Thursday, November 10th from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. No regular classes for students on Thursday, November 10th; however, students are expected to attend their 15 minute IN PERSON 3-Way Conference.

EDSBY 3-WAY CONFERENCE BOOKING

We will be using the EDSBY online scheduler for all parents to book their own appointments and sign up for the conferences. **Because both parents can be activated in Edsby, we ask that only one parent book the conference time (unless in different households).**

Please make sure your Edsby Notifications are turned on. **You will need to be using a computer during set-up to enable notifications.** If you would like to receive messages to your phone, you will need to ensure that push notifications for the Edsby app are enabled. You can also download the Mobile App. App code is GSCS.



PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS (PLD)

GSCS have professional learning days for elementary school staff for staff meetings, planning, collaboration and professional development. On these days there are no students at school: **Monday, November 1st, Monday, January 24th, Monday, March 7th, Friday, May 13th and Monday, June 6th.**

HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES

St. Philip School will continue to use Healthy Hunger as a means to order and pay for school lunches online. You will be able to order a school lunch each month or order school lunches for your children for the entire year to save you time ordering each month. At the end of each year, Healthy Hunger deletes all data from their website so all parents will have to register their children on the website www.healthyhunger.ca before you can place an order. Once you register your children, then you can select the lunch your children would like and pay for it online with a credit card or interact card. Parents can make changes and cancellations to lunch orders anytime up to 5 days before the school lunch date. Your payments can also be refunded online**. If you do not register your child in advance, the order will not be processed.** Healthy Hunger lunches will be: **October 27th – Taco Time; November 24th – Panago Pizza; December 22nd – CSCC Hot Lunch; January 26th – Boston Pizza; February 16th – Family Pizza; March 30th – Taco Time; April 27th Panago Pizza; May 25th – Boston Pizza; June 29th – CSCC BBQ**

WEDNESDAY TREATS – 2nd Wednesday of the month – please note day change

This year St. Philip School will have Wednesday Treat day. This is where we will have our long john sales, ice cream sales, etc. We hope by having a set day per month will allow parents to budget for our fundraisers. Wednesday Treats will be on sale through your child's **My School Bucks** account. Deadline is the Friday before. **My School Bucks instruction letter is attached**. MySchoolBucks-Store-Letter. **Treat Day will be October 12th – Booster Juice; November 9th – long johns; December 14th – Christmas cookie; January 11th – Dairy Queen; February 15th – long johns; March 15th – McDonalds Apple Pie; April 19th – long johns; May 10th – Booster Juice; June 14th – Dairy Queen.** Treats may change depending on month.

FORMS, FORMS AND MORE FORMS

A number of forms have been sent home…a Student Data Verification Form, a Media Release Form and a Noon Lunch Form. Please fill out these forms for the new school year and return them to your child's classroom teacher ASAP.

RAPID TEST KITS

We still have rapid test kits for families. Please stop by the office to pick up your test kit.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

We have noticed a number of students being dropped off early in the mornings and picked up late after school. It is expected that **students should not arrive any earlier than 8:25 am** and that they are picked up or walk home following dismissal at 3:10 pm. The exception to this is when they are under teacher supervision to receive extra help with work. Arrangements with the Before and After School Program need to be made for students arriving before this time or needing to be picked up later. The telephone number for the Before and After School Program is 306-659-7106. This is to ensure students safety as there is no supervision during these times.

FIRST VIEW

First Student bus company has a new communication tool for all bus riders. First you must register, then you will be able to track the bus, receiving notifications of delays and get answers to some frequently asked questions. Please advise your children to return home if the bus has not arrived at their stop after 10 minutes and check the First View App. We do not want any students walking to school without parent permission. Please see the First View App Installation Guide that was sent home via email. **Our school code is: 4B5D**

BUSSING TO ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

Bussing is provided to students living further than 1.2 km from the school in Broadway, Exhibition, Grosvenor Park, South Corman Park and Varsity View areas.

To see if your child qualifies for bussing, check out the First Student website at saskatoon.firststudentinc.com or call the school at 306-659-7450.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. The next CSCC meeting is **October 11th.** If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Ian Stavness at csccphic@gscs.ca or our Principal, Darcy Todos at datodos@gscs.ca. All are welcome!

GSCS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

The GSCS Foundation newsletter can be found online at https://foundation.gscs.ca/newsletters.

BE SEEN IN JEANS

Our school staff will be supporting the Greater Saskatoon Schools Foundation by paying to wear jeans on the following dates: September 3, October 14, November 4, December 2, January 13, February 3, March 3, April 21, May 19 and June 2. As well, our staff will wear jeans to support the United Way on Wednesdays in October, as well as, October 31st.

POP CAN TAB COLLECTION

Silver for Gold is a fundraiser run by the online community, **Small But Mighty SK,** to collect aluminum can tabs to raise money for Childhood Cancer Canada. **Please donate your pop can tabs to this worthy cause! It's as simple as removing the tabs from your cans, collecting them in a ziplock bag and dropping them off at the office!**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before School and After School care is handled through PCDC.

- Quality care for school age children before and after school.
- Care for full days on PLDs, school breaks and summer.
- Open Mon-Fri, 7:30am -6:00pm

For more information, please contact Shelley at 306-659-7106 or sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net

ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH

Phone: 306-343-0325; Fax: 306-343-0900;
Website: www.stphilipneriparish.ca; Facebook: Saint Philip Neri Parish
Weekday Masses: Tuesdays ~ Fridays at **8:30 am**
Weekend Masses: Saturday ~ **5:00 pm**; Sunday ~ **9:30 am** and **11:30 am**
Livestream Masses: Saturday ~ **5:00 pm** and Sunday ~ **9:30 am**

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

For information on activities happening in our community, please check out their website at www.adelaidechurchill.ca

WANTED SASK. TALENT

How to Audition?

In Person

Submit a video

Where are in-person Auditions?

SASKATOON
October 15th, 2022
(Deadline to apply is October 12th, 2022)

REGINA
October 23rd, 2022
(Deadline to apply is October 19th, 2022)

(Deadline for video submissions is October 25th, 2022)

How to Book your Audition?

telemiracle.com/sask-talent

1st Annual T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

This year's theme:

What does TeleMiracle mean to Saskatchewan?

All art forms welcome!!!

Hand—drawn
Computer Generated
Multi Mediums

MAX 3 COLOUR DESIGN

1st Prize
Your design on the shirt
Shirt in your size
Picture on Social Media
TeleMiracle Swag

2nd Prize
TeleMiracle Swag

3rd Prize
TeleMiracle Swag

Contest Runs:
October 1 to 21, 2022
(Closes at Midnight)

Open to:
All Saskatchewan Students
Kindergarten to Grade 12

Mail or Drop off entries to:
Kinsmen Foundation
2217C Hanselman Crt
Saskatoon SK S7L 6A8

Email Entries to:
kin.diane@telemiracle.com

Have Questions?
Call Diane at 306-244-6400 Ext 4

Thank you to our Sponsor

IMPACT MARKETING

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be emailed home the **last week of each month** (except for September and January) and will be posted on our website: www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/phi.

EXTERIOR DOORS

Due to safety, all exterior doors will be locked, except for the main front door, during the school day from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Students and visitors are reminded that entrance to the school throughout the day will be through the main entrance only. **All visitors should report to the office.**

UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

Please call the school and let us know if you have changed your telephone number or have moved. In case of an emergency, we need accurate, updated information to contact you.

LUNCH TIME

Please pack a spoon or fork with your child's lunch if they are having yogurt, fruit cups, soup, etc. Also, please remember that the microwave in the staffroom is not available for students. Please use a thermos to keep your child's lunch warm.

STAFF MEETINGS

Teaching staff gathers Tuesday mornings for prayer and a brief meeting at 8:00 am; therefore, teachers will not get to their classrooms until shortly before 8:30 am. If you need to call and leave a message, please feel free to do so and your call will be returned.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES

Our telephone system has changed. Our telephones are now on automated answering. Please listen carefully to the prompts. To leave a message for teachers "press 9". To report your child's absence "press 4". For **emergencies** "press 0". All calls will be directed to voicemail and messages will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

OUTSIDE FOOTWEAR

Parents, students and staff are reminded to remove any wet outside footwear when entering the school. This will ensure the floors will be kept dry and clean for those who do remove their footwear. Thank you for keeping our school safe and clean.

MEDICATION POLICY

The School Division policies outline appropriate procedures dealing with a variety of emergency situations, which includes administration of emergency medical assistance or medication. Prior to administering medication (prescription or non prescription). It is stated that a letter from the child's parent/ guardian and a letter from the physician is to be received at the school. If this applies to your child, please contact the school for more information.

ALLERGY ALERT

We have a number of students at our school that are **highly allergic to peanuts and nut products**. Anaphylaxis is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. Because of the seriousness of this danger, we ask that you are careful to avoid sending these foods or foods containing them to school. A reminder that if you have a child that needs medical treatment that is life threatening, please contact the principal at the school. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

For the safety of our students, please do not use the staff parking lots as a drop off or pick up zone. When dropping off your children, please use Haultain Avenue and drop them off by the gym doors.

SCHOOL ZONES

- The speed limit in school zones is 30 kms/hr
- U-turns are prohibited
- Parking is allowed in designated areas only
- Stopping or parking is not allowed in a school bus loading zone
- Jaywalking is prohibited; pedestrians must cross at intersections or marked crosswalks

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation Inc.

SCHOOLS WIN TWICE

ONLINE LOTTERY AND 50/50

You could win BIG and support your local Catholic School in the process!

This year's Grand Prize

A Family Fun Vacay Package worth $10,000!

Early Bird Prize

Elk Ridge Resort Stay & Play Package

Value $4,300

Tickets on sale

Oct. 5 - Nov. 17, 2022

Early Bird Prize draw

November 3 at 3:00 pm

Grand/Main Prize draws

November 17 at 3:00 pm

Grand Prize	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE	4th PRIZE
Family Vacay Package Value $10,000	biktrix Stunner LT5 Fat-Tire eBike Value $3,551	biktrix Swift Step-Thru eBike Value $3,329	Escape Sports Saskatoon, SK Gift Certificate Value $2,500
Early Bird PRIZE Elk Ridge Resort Stay & Play Package Value $4,300 Elk Ridge			

5th PRIZE	6th PRIZE	7th PRIZE	8th PRIZE
Kiley's Electronics Gift Certificate Value $2,500	MacBook Pro 13" Value $1,888	MacBook Air 13" Value $1,444	iPad Air 5th Gen. 256 GB w/Keyboard case Value $1,289

50/50 Max Payout **$250,000** Draw Date Nov. 17, 2022

Buy tickets schoolswintwice.ca

Prices for Lottery and 50/50 Tickets

1 ticket	5 tickets	25 tickets	100 tickets
$10	$20	$50	$100

Many thanks to our sponsors: Biktrix, Elk Ridge Resort, Escape Sports, Kiley's Electronics

SCAN ME

All draws will be made at 420 22nd St. E., Saskatoon

*Lottery Licence #RR22-0193 and #LR22-0026. For rules of play proceed to **schoolswintwice.ca** or email **schoolswintwice@gscs.ca***

*For the **50/50 lottery**, there is a maximum of 500,000 tickets available to be sold. Maximum value of ticket sales is $500,000 with a maximum prize payout of $250,000.*

*For the **prize lottery**, there is a maximum of 369,600 tickets to be sold with a maximum value of ticket sales of $369,600.*