



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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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 3	12:45 pm – Gr 8 Integer Disc Golf at Diefenbaker Park
October 3	12:45 am – Gr 5/6 goes to J.S. Wood Library
October 4	10:40 am – Thanksgiving Mass at St. Philip Neri church led by Gr 3
October 4	11:45 am – Gr 6 Band Workshop at Holy Cross High School
October 4	4:15 pm – Cross Country Meet at Diefenbaker Park
October 5	9:00 am – School Photo Day
October 6	PLD – No School for Students
October 9	Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 12	9:30 am – Gr 8 goes to Remail Modern
October 12	11:00 am – Fire Prevention presentation for Gr 3 and Gr 3/4
October 13	1:00 pm – Gr 3 goes to J.S. Wood Library
October 17	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library – all parents are welcome
October 19	12:45 pm – School Wide Living Rosary – Luminous Mysteries
October 20	1:00 pm – Kindergarten goes to J.S. Wood Library
October 21	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for October – Family Pizza
October 26	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Family Pizza (for those who ordered)
October 26	Gr 5/6 Bake Sale
October 27	11:40 am – Gr 5/6 goes to the Aviation Museum
October 30	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 continues to run completely online, and as a reminder please always select St. Philip to receive credit for your purchase. Thank you. To encourage participation, the lottery will now have a new incentive to help encourage students to sell tickets – more information to follow.

Just a reminder that our next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00 pm 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.

Mr. Todos

PLASTIC CUTLERY



Since most stores have stopped selling plastic cutlery, we do not have spoons or forks in the staffroom for students. 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.

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

Edge Imaging will be in our school on **Thursday, October 5th** to take pictures of all students and staff.

TERRY FOX WALK

Thank you to all families who donated to “Toonies for Terry”. A donation in the amount of \$318.05 will be made in the name of St. Philip School to the Terry Fox Foundation.

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

October 15th – 21st is Education Week in Saskatchewan. This year’s Education Week theme – “Bright Minds, Bright Futures” 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 at St Philip School.

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL CLOTHING



St. Philip School clothing can be ordered from September 25th **until October 12th**. **No late orders will be accepted!** Clothing can be ordered using the following link.

<https://www.expressitmore.ca/showrooms.htm> **Password: Falcons**

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. Sock donations are to be put in the blue tote across from the office by Tuesday, October 31st. Thank you in advance for your donations.

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 **Tuesday, 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 all day OR dress in black and orange. 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.

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.

3-WAY CONFERENCES will be IN PERSON



Edsby bookings begin on Monday, October 30th at 9:00 am and will close on Monday, November 6th at 3:00 pm. 3-Way Conferences will be held **IN PERSON** on Wednesday, November 8th from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 pm and Thursday, November 9th from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. No regular classes for students on Thursday, November 9th; 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.

TURNING ON NOTIFICATIONS
To receive mobile notifications, download the Edsby app

STEP 1
On a web browser, click on settings in the top right.
On the app, click the 3 lines (top left) then settings.

STEP 2
Click Notifications

STEP 3
Click **Personal**, **School**, and **Children** to ensure all notifications are selected.

PERSONAL
Notifications for: Jammie Walker
Receive these notifications:
 on Notification Bell
 on Mobile
Receive notifications for:
 Personal calendar reminders
 Mailbox

SCHOOL
Notifications for: SK Elementary
Receive these notifications:
 on Notification Bell
 on Mobile
Receive notifications for:
 News Item published
 Apply changes to all my schools

CHILD
Notifications for: Deanna Walker
Receive these notifications:
 on Notification Bell
 on Mobile
Receive notifications for:
 Attendance incidents
 Class Activity
 Return card published
 Apply changes to all my children

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: **Friday, October 6th, Friday, November 10th, Monday, January 22nd, Monday, March 4th, Friday, May 10th and Monday, June 3rd.**

HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES



St. Philip School will continue to use Healthy Hunger as a means to order and pay for school lunches online. 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. Please see attached [Healthy Hunger Parent Letter](#), 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 **September 28th – Subway; October 26th – Family Pizza; November 30th – Boston Pizza; December 21st – Baba's Perogies; January 25th – Panago Pizza; February 29th – Family Pizza; March 27th – Taco Time; April 25th Boston Pizza; May 30th – Subway; June 27th – BBQ**

TUESDAY TREATS – 2nd Tuesday of the month

This year St. Philip School will continue to have Tuesday Treat Day fundraisers. Orders will be placed through your child's **My School Bucks** account. Please see attached My School Bucks instruction letter [MySchoolBucks](#). Treat Day will be **October 10th; November 14th; December 12th; January 16th; February 13th; March 12th; April 16th; May 14th; June 11th.**

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, receive notifications of delays and get answers to some frequently asked questions. Please see these links for setup. [App Installation Guide - FirstView](#), [FAQ - FirstView](#), [Mail - What is FirstView](#) **Our school code is: D9Q8** Please advise your children to return home if the bus has not arrived at their stop after 10 minutes and check the FirstView App. We do not want any students walking to school without parent permission.

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 CSCC meeting dates are: **October 17th, November 28th, January 16th, March 5th, April 16th and June 4th**. If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Ian Stavness at cscpcphic@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 15, October 20, November 24, December 8, January 19, February 9, March 15, April 19, May 24 and June 14. 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

First Reconciliation Preparation 2023

This Fall, those who are ages 7/8 and at about the Grade 2 level are invited to prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (confession). At St. Philip Neri Parish, we also extend an invitation to those in grades 3,4 and 5 who may have missed the preparation in the last few years. The celebration of First Reconciliation is before the celebration of First Communion. First Communion preparation will happen in Spring 2024. For those who are interested, there is a registration form to be completed and also a registration fee.

For a registration form and more information, please contact Shirley, Pastoral Associate, at the Parish. (306 343 0325 or shyshka@stphilipneriparish.ca or shyshka@rcdos.ca)

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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

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.

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 leave a message for Mrs. Lockert "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



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SCHOOLS WIN+TWICE

ONLINE LOTTERY AND 50/50

Ticket Order Form For Cash or Cheque Payments

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

(Lottery details at schoolswintwice.ca)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

(Required for online lottery. Ticket(s) will be sent to this email.)

Phone: _____

I would like to Purchase:

Prize Lottery:

- ____ 1 Ticket for \$10
- ____ 5 Tickets for \$20
- ____ 25 Tickets for \$50
- ____ 100 Tickets for \$100

50/50 Lottery:

- ____ 1 Ticket for \$10
- ____ 5 Tickets for \$20
- ____ 25 Tickets for \$50
- ____ 100 Tickets for \$100

School to benefit from my purchase: **ST. PHILIP SCHOOL**

Total Cash or Cheque received and given to the school: _____

Thank you for your support. Good luck!



SCHOOLS WIN+TWICE

ONLINE LOTTERY AND 50/50

Schools Win Twice - Student Ticket Sales Tracking Form

Our school is running an individual student and/or classroom ticket sales incentive program for the Schools Win Twice Lottery. We are also trying to win the overall School Division sales incentive bonus. Please help us track sales by recording tickets sales generated by your student as follows:

Student Name: _____

Total Value of Prize Lottery Tickets Sold: _____

Total Value of 50/50 Lottery Tickets Sold: _____

Parent Signature

Date

Return to Classroom Teacher by Friday, November 17, 2023

To purchase tickets, go to schoolswintwice.ca

