



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

1901 Haultain Avenue, Saskatoon, SK, S7J 1P4

Phone: 306-659-7450

Fax: 306-659-2140

E-mail: st.philip@gscs.ca Website: www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/phi

Newsletter #3 November 2022

Principal: Mr. Darcy Todos

Vice-Principal: Mrs. Maria Sander

Office Coordinator: Mrs. Gayle Lockert

GSCS Trustees: B. Elliott/R. Boechler/S. Zakreski-Werebicki

Superintendent: T. Shircliff

GOSPEL VIRTUE - PEACE

I am peaceful. I use peaceful language and find peaceful solutions to any problem that arises.
I find my inner peace and let it carry me gently through the day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 31	9:00 am – 3-Way Conferences Online Booking through Edsby begins
November 1	9:00 am – All Saints Day Liturgy at St. Philip Neri Church – all welcome
November 1	12:15 pm – Gr 6 goes to the Forestry Farm
November 2	12:30 pm – Gr 5 goes to Loraas Recycle Tour
November 3	9:00 am – School Photo Retakes – for those who missed photo day
November 3	12:30 pm – Kindergarten T/T goes to J.S. Wood Library
November 3	12:30 pm – Gr 3/4 goes to the Forestry Farm
November 3	3:00 pm – Boys' volleyball at St. Luke School
November 3	3:00 pm – Girls' volleyball at St. Philip School
November 6	9:00 am – Gr 6 goes to J.S. Wood Library
November 7	3:00 pm – 3-Way Conferences Online Booking through Edsby ends
November 9	10:45 am – Remembrance Day Liturgy led by Gr 5/6
November 9	3:30 pm – 8:00 pm – 3-Way Conferences (NO Book Fair)
November 10	8:45 am – 12:45 pm – 3-Way Conferences (NO Book Fair) - NO SCHOOL for students
November 11	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
November 14	PLD – NO SCHOOL for students
November 15	Gr 6 immunizations
November 15	4:00 pm – Last day to order School Clothing – NO late orders
November 17	1:00 pm – Gr 2/3 goes to the Forestry Farm
November 17	3:00 pm – Boys' volleyball at St. Philip School
November 17	3:00 pm – Girls' volleyball at Pope John Paul II School
November 19	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for November – Panago Pizza
November 23	Last day to order Poinsettias
November 24	10:30 am – School Lockdown Practise
November 24	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Panago Pizza (for those who ordered)
November 25	3:00 pm – Boys' volleyball at Georges Vanier School
November 25	3:00 pm – Girls' volleyball at St. Philip School
November 29	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library – all welcome

UPCOMING SCHOOL LOCKDOWN DRILL

As required by our Division safety protocol, a Full Lockdown practice will be held on Thursday, November 24th. This practice will be held with our School Resource Officer, Cst. Belanger. During this time, entrances and exits to the building will only be through the main doors of the school.

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

"We are the hands of Christ"...

- ✓ As we turn the calendar next week, we are reminded to continue to show our gratitude into November as we honor Respect as one of the 7 Sacred Teachings and as we move our focus to our new virtue – Peace.
 - ✓ Thank you to all who donated socks for Socktober. Many students will benefit from your generosity.
 - ✓ November will be a busy month as we "celebrate learning" by participating in our 3-way conferences with your children. Once again, we will be welcoming you back into our classrooms. Please make sure that you have access to EDSBY- conference bookings begin at 9:00 am on October 31st. Looking forward to seeing you soon.
 - ✓ Our students are busy; learning both in and outside the classroom, preparing for the K.of C. Christmas Choir festival, playing volleyball, reading in preparation for the Battle of the Books, selling School Wins Twice tickets, and the list continues... our school is an exciting place!
 - ✓ We will continue to honor our Veterans this year by holding a Remembrance Day Liturgy on Wednesday, November 9th at 10:45 am in our gym. You are invited to attend.
 - ✓ *Looking forward to a great November...* *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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will NOT be holding a book fair during 3-Way Conferences. We hope to have one in March.

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL CLOTHING



St. Philip School clothing can be ordered from November 1st **until November 15th**. **No late orders will be accepted!** Clothing can be ordered using the following link.
<https://www.expressitmore.ca/showrooms.htm> **Password: Falcons**

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER



Starting November 1st, we will be having a poinsettia sale to raise money for our Grade 8 out of city classroom field trip to Camp Kadesh. Each poinsettia will be sold for \$20.00 each. Poinsettias can be ordered using the following link.

<https://stphilip.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home> **Deadline to order is November 23rd.**



SCHOOL PHOTOS – FOR STUDENT/STAFF ABSENT ON PHOTO DAY PHOTOS

School Photos for Students and Staff absent on Photo Day will be taking place on Thursday, November 3rd at 9:00 am. **This is for Students and Staff who were absent on picture day.** If you were not satisfied with your child's proof and are requesting a retake, **you must return your proof envelope to the office before November 1st stating the reason for the retake.** Thanks for your cooperation!

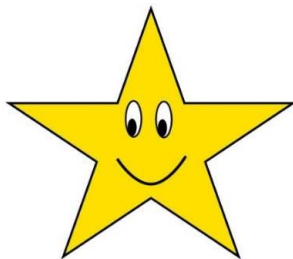
REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY



Our school will be holding a Remembrance Day Liturgy at 10:45 am on Wednesday, November 9th. We would like to honor the service men and women who have made sacrifices to bring peace to our world. **All students and staff will receive a poppy on the day of our Liturgy and are asked to bring a loonie (\$1.00) donation for the Royal Canadian Legion.**

SOARING STUDENTS

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



KTG – Tony W, Dax G
Gr 1/2 – Simon C, Emily B
Gr 2/3 – Sarah A, Nora G, Augustino N
Gr 3/4 – Michelle T, Eamon J, Bennet S
Gr 5 – Emanuela A, Paige B
Gr 6 – Ryland M, Antosia M
Gr 7 – McKenna H, Kenyan T, Simon W
Gr 8 – Jordan Y, Bren L, Karylle B

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.

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 www.healthyhunger.ca before you can place an order. 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 dates are as follows: **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

This year St. Philip School will have Wednesday Treat day on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. 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. **My School Bucks instruction letter is attached.** [MySchoolBucks](#) Treat Day will be **November 9th; December 14th; January 11th; February 15th; March 15th; April 19th; May 10th; June 14th.**

RAPID TEST KITS



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

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. The CSCC meeting dates are: **November 29th, January 10th, March 21st, May 2nd and June 6th.** If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Ian Stavness at csccephic@gscs.ca or our Principal, Darcy Todos at datodos@gscs.ca. All are welcome!

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 14th, Friday, December 9th, Monday, January 23rd, Monday, March 13th, Friday, May 5th and Monday, June 5th.**

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: November 4, December 2, January 13, February 3, March 3, April 21, May 19 and June 2.

EYE SEE...EYE LEARN (ESEL) PROGRAM

Your child's eyesight plays an important role in how he or she will do at school; however, signs of poor eyesight are not always easily spotted. To ensure your child has the best chance of succeeding in the classroom, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is collaborating with the Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists to ask families to consider participating in the Eye See... Eye Learn Program®. **Packages were**

sent home to families with children in Kindergarten and Grade One. Families are invited to have their son or daughter's eyes examined by a Doctor of Optometry. There is no charge for any child up until age 18. Thank you for your help in ensuring you child has equal access to learning opportunities through optimal vision. See: <http://optometrists.sk.ca/Eye+See...Eye+Learn+Program> for more information.

OUR SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY

Our School Survey (formerly known as Tell Them From Me Survey) will take place between October 24th and October 28th. All Grade 4 - 8 students at St. Philip School will be invited to participate in a Provincial survey at school. This anonymous survey asks questions regarding the school climate, student interests, effort, sense of belonging and positive relationships. It takes approximately 60 minutes to complete and the data collected is used to enhance positive changes at the school level.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

You can register online at The Salvation Army, www.salvationarmysaskatoon.org.



Our Schools Win Twice Lottery campaign is underway. Please help us meet our fundraising goal of \$5,000.00 by purchasing tickets and asking family and friends to support **St. Philip School** as well. Prize draws will be made as follows:

- Early Bird Prize – Elkridge Resort Stay & Play Package - \$4,300 Value – Nov. 3, 2022
- Main Draw Prizes and 50/50 – Nov. 17, 2022

Scan the QR code below or visit schoolswintwice.ca for Lottery details and to purchase tickets. Please don't forget to select **St. Philip School** under the "Contribution" box during the ticket purchase checkout process.



Please know that every dollar raised through this Lottery makes a real difference to our school and your support is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOLS WIN+TWICE

ONLINE LOTTERY AND 50/50

The online Schools Win Twice Lottery & 50/50 draw date of November 17, 2022, is fast approaching. Don't miss out on your opportunity to win one of eight great prizes and half of the 50/50 jackpot that currently sits at \$40,390.00.

Ticket Sales Close – Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 2:45 PM

Draws – Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 3:00 PM

Your support will directly benefit our school community.

Visit schoolswintwice.ca or scan the QR code below for Lottery details and to purchase tickets. Don't forget to select St. Philip School under the "Contribution" box during the ticket purchase checkout process.

Thank you so much for your support. It means the world to us!



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: GGLK**

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.

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!**

PCDC BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



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

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



Indoor Programming for the Fall session can be viewed at [Newsletter](#) (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.

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 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

ALL SAINTS DAY PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. Amen.

Why do we celebrate All Saints' Day? On November 1st, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a time to pause and reflect on all those holy women and men who have come before us — and who live among us. We recognize that as one People of God, we go to God together, praying for one another, learning from the example, the wisdom of those who have lived the Gospel.

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

God our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death. On November 11th we remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We ask you to bless and console them together with their families. Help us to understand the sacrifices they made and may we never forget their generosity. May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to do good and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action. May we remember those who fought so that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



In Flanders Fields
BY JOHN MCCRAE

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**



GET INVOLVED

**APCCA HAS A VACANCY
ON THE BOARD FOR AN
INDOOR PROGRAM
COORDINATOR.**

For more info email:
adelaideparkchurchill@gmail.com

