



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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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

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| October 30 | 9:00 am – 3-Way Conferences Online Booking through Edsby begins |
| November 1 | 9:00 am – All Souls/Saints Day Liturgy – Intercom Service |
| November 1 | 12:30 pm – Gr 8 goes to Rayner Research Facility at the U of S |
| November 2 | 1:00 pm – School Photo Retakes – for those who missed photo day |
| November 2 | 3:00 pm – Volleyball vs St. Luke and St. Matthew in our gym |
| November 6 | 3:00 pm – 3-Way Conferences Online Booking through Edsby ends |
| November 8 | 10:40 am – Remembrance Day Liturgy led by Gr 6/7 |
| November 8 | 3:30 pm – 7:45 pm – 3-Way Conferences and Book Fair |
| November 8 | Indigenous Veteran's Day |
| November 9 | 8:45 am – 12:45 pm – 3-Way Conferences and Book Fair - NO SCHOOL for students |
| November 10 | PLD – NO SCHOOL for students |
| November 13 | Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL |
| November 15 | 8:45 am – Gr 1 and Gr 1/2 go to the Forestry Farm |
| November 16 | Louis Riel Day |
| November 16 | 9:30 am – Gr 3 goes to Loraas Recycle Tour |
| November 16 | 3:15 pm – Volleyball at St. Bernard |
| November 21 | 12:45 pm – Gr 5/6 and Gr 6/7 go curling at Nutana Curling Club |
| November 23 | 2:30 pm – Lockdown Practice |
| November 23 | Last day to order Poinsettias |
| November 25 | Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for November – Boston Pizza |
| November 27 | 2:00 pm – History Event presentation by two Ursuline Sisters, Sr. Rose-Anne Engel and Sr. Mary Zerr |
| November 27 | 2:15 pm – Advent Affirmation Liturgy in the gym |
| November 28 | 12:45 pm – Gr 5/6 and Gr 6/7 go curling at Nutana Curling Club |
| November 28 | 6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library – all welcome |
| November 30 | 11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Boston Pizza (for those who ordered) |

UPCOMING SCHOOL LOCKDOWN DRILL

As required by our Division safety protocol, a Full Lockdown practice will be held on Thursday, November 23rd. This practice will be held with the Saskatoon Police Services. During this time, entrances and exits to the building will only be through the main doors of the school.

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.

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 30th. Looking forward to seeing you soon.
- ✓ Our students are busy; learning both in and outside the classroom, 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 8th at 10:40 am in our gym. You are invited to attend.
- ✓ Looking forward to a great November...

*God Bless!
Mr. Todos*

STAFFING

We have welcomed four new Educational Assistants to our school team: Tatiane Inomata, Diego Perez-Rodriguez, Kyrstin Sanderson and Jyotsna Thapar.

We would also like to say goodbye to Heidi Munro and thank Ms. Munro for her dedication to serving our community and wish her well in her new career.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Edsby Attendance All student absences must be sent in through Edsby.



Please enter the absence in Edsby as soon as you know your child will be absent.

If you receive a message that your child is absent, please enter in Edsby or call the school to clear this absence.

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.

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 Kadash. Each poinsettia will be sold for \$20.00 each. Poinsettias can be ordered using the following link.

<https://stphilip.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Team Name is St. Philip Saskatoon

Deadline to order is November 23rd.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

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

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 2nd at 1:00 pm. **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 to the office before October 31st stating the reason for the retake. Thanks for your cooperation!

LOUIS RIEL DAY – November 16th

Louis Riel was a French, Catholic passionate Metis leader. He was the driving force behind Manitoba becoming Canada's fifth province and joining confederation. Louis Riel's dream of a country that embraces all cultures.

INDIGENOUS VETERAN'S DAY

Indigenous Veterans Day is recognized annually on November 8th. Originally established in Manitoba in 1994, it is now a national day to recognize and acknowledge the many contributions and sacrifices made to Canada by First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people in military service. November 8th is a time to better understand and respect the role Indigenous veterans have played in Canada during the First and Second World Wars, as well as the Korean War, and in post-war peacekeeping efforts to the present day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY



Our school will be holding a Remembrance Day Liturgy at 10:40 am on Wednesday, November 8th. 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.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We WILL be holding a book fair during 3-Way Conferences. Please stop by the library at purchase a book or two.

3-WAY CONFERENCES



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. – 7:45 pm and Thursday, November 9th from 8:45 am – 12:30 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 3

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

Notifications

Edsby can notify you with:

- General
 - Activity Digest
 - Personal
- Organization
 - SK Elementary
- Children
 - Deanna Walker

STEP 2

Click Notifications

PERSONAL

Notifications for: Jammie Walker

Receive these notifications

- on Notification Bell
- on Mobile
- Receive notifications for
 - Personal calendar reminders
 - Walkers

Cancel Save

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

Cancel Save

CHILD

Notifications for: Deanna Walker

Receive these notifications

- on Notification Bell
- on Mobile
- Receive notifications for
 - Attendance incidents
 - Class Activity
 - Report card published

Apply changes to all my children

Cancel Save

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.

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 your 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.

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: **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: **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

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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

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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



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 sales incentive program for the Schools Win Twice Lottery. 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

For every \$40 received, one draw ticket will be entered with your child's name on it for a \$100 Walmart Gift Certificate.

Please return this form to the School Office once a ticket has been sold.

Forms can also be emailed to st.philp@gscs.ca

Deadline to send in is Friday, November 17, 2023

To purchase tickets, go to schools-win-twice.ca



ALL SAINTS DAY PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshiping 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.**



Coffee Social

WITH YOUR MLA

Lisa Lambert

Saskatoon Churchill-Wildwood

PLEASE COME JOIN US

SUNDAY, NOV 5
2 PM - 4 PM

SRA AUDITORIUM
1705 MCKERCHER DRIVE

