



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #5 – January 2024

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GOSPEL VIRTUE - **OBEDIENCE**

I am obedient. I listen respectfully to my elders. I have the courage to face my mistakes and make a new start.
I listen to my inner truth and do what is right.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 9	9:00 am – Deadline to order Treats – Booster Juice
January 11	9:00 am – School Water Blessing with Fr. Andre
January 15	White and Blue/St. Philip Clothing Day
January 17	Cozy/PJ Day or Toque/Scarf Day
January 17	11:40 am – Gr 8 goes to Speed Skating Oval at Gordie Howe Sports Complex
January 18	Disney Day
January 18	Treat Day – Booster Juice (for those who ordered)
January 19	In Motion Day
January 20	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for January – Panago Pizza
January 22	<u>PLD – NO SCHOOL for Students</u>
January 23	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library
January 25	Gr 7 Bake Sale
January 26	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Panago Pizza (for those who ordered)
January 26	2:10 pm – Gr 8 goes to the J.S. Wood Library
January 30	6:00 pm – Kindergarten Open House
January 30	10:30 am – School Assembly in the gym

ADMIN MESSAGE

- ✓ On behalf of our entire staff – Happy New Year everyone! May God continue to share his blessings with you and your family in this new year!
- ✓ We continue to experience the joys of learning and continue to plan for the school year. Today we were grateful to have Fr. Andre Lalach and Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky celebrate the Great Water Blessing with us to begin this new year. Our first indoor track practice was also this morning.
- ✓ To begin planning for next year, we are now accepting registrations for students who wish to begin Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. Children who will be five years of age on or before January 31, 2025, may begin Kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year. **Our Kindergarten Open House is "tentatively" planned for Tuesday, January 30th at 6:00 pm in the library.** Please share this invitation with family and friends and invite them to join our family!
- ✓ **Thank-yous:** I would like to thank our Office Coordinator Gayle for organizing many of the special December events including our poinsettia Christmas fundraiser. Thank you to Portable Pup for once again supplying a new storage container for our rink committee. Thank you to our CSCC for supporting our Christmas meal. Thank you to our amazing staff for all the extras they do to make each day of learning fun and safe for all students and finally a thank you to all of you for choosing St. Philip.
- ✓ I am truly blessed to be the Principal of St. Philip and am continuously reminded in so many ways by students, staff and families that we are a great community!

God's Blessings Mr. Darcy Todos, Principal

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 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.



2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Come learn and play with us. Families are invited to attend our Open House on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:00 pm in the school library.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-25 school year will open in January. Children who will be 5 years old on or before January 31, 2025 (birthday January 31, 2020) can register for Kindergarten by contacting the school or visiting www.gscs.ca/kindergarten.

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at 306-659-7450 or st.philip@gscs.ca.

KINDERCARE

Our partner PCDC (Parent's Child Development Co-Operative) continues to offer a "KinderCare" program. This program offers care on alternate days of our St. Philip Kindergarten Program. If you are interested in accessing this support, please confirm your spot for the fall by connecting with Shelley Farkas, Centre Manager, St. Philip Location at 306-659-7106 or sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net. **[Priority will be given to St. Philip families]**. Once again, a great opportunity for our young students and their families.

RINK NEWS

The rink is a great asset to our school and community. **We need your help so we can keep the rink. Please consider volunteering a few hours this winter season.** *We need adults to supervise, open and close the rink shack during supervised hours.* **The scheduled hours are Saturday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.** Please email Mitch Spray at mitchspray@hotmail.com or call him at 306-715-8457 with the dates when you are able to supervise. Thanks for your support.

RINK RULES & SKATING/HOCKEY SCHEDULE

"No Helmet = No Ice." The Rink will be opened during lunch hours and during classroom scheduled physed periods. Students are advised that the rink is not to be used before school.

Skating (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday): Students are asked to bring a **CSA approved hockey helmet** if they wish to skate on the rink.

Hockey ONLY: (Monday and Friday) A **CSA approved hockey helmet with face mask** is required to play hockey. Please no pucks – shinny or plastic ball is acceptable. **No skates to be worn at the first recess or the last recess only at lunch recess.**

POLAR BEAR CLUB



Our School Division procedures state that -25° be used as a guideline temperature for an indoor recess for students. However, many students ask to go outside to play, even when temperatures dip below -25° . For those students staying inside, we will provide quiet activities for them to do within their classrooms. For the students wanting to go outside, they must have a Polar Bear Club form filled out and sent in by their parent.

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 **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 **January 18th; February 13th; March 12th; April 16th; May 14th; June 11th.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. The CSCC meeting dates are: **January 23rd, March 5th, April 16th and June 4th.** If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Ian Stavness at cscpphic@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: **January 19, February 9, March 15, April 19, May 24 and June 14.**

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 ~ **10:00 am**

Livestream Masses: Saturday ~ 5:00 pm

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.

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



Dueling Pianos Cabaret

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Friday, February 2, 2024

Cathedral of the Holy Family Hall

123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon, SK S7S 1H1

Doors open at 7:00 pm

Entertainment starts at 7:30 pm

Appetizers served (included in price)

FOR TICKETS, CONTACT:

gscsfoundation@gscs.ca

306-659-7003

Tables of 8 \$750

Charitable receipt of \$480

Individual Tickets \$100

Charitable receipt of \$60



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FEBRUARY 3RD, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME



GROW THE GAME!

Saskatoon Minor League football is looking to grow the game for all ages! Use the link below to register girls and boys for spring and fall flag football!

We love that the game is growing and excited to see the number of girl teams rising! Registration opens January 1st for spring and fall programs, register for an all girls or boys team this season and help us grow the game!



WWW.SASKATOONMINORFOOTBALL.COM



We're Hiring



- Are you looking for a fun summer job?
Are you passionate, outgoing, and hardworking?
Do you love working outdoors and teaching others about your faith?
BYC might be just the place for you!



• If you're interested in being a Volunteer (14+), a Junior Counselor (16+), or a Senior Counselor (18+) this summer, visit our website: blackstrapyouthcamp.org/staff/ to apply now!

REGISTRATION FOR BYC 2024

IS NOW OPEN!!!!!!

FOR CHILDREN AGED: 8-13

WEEK 1: JULY 7 - 12

WEEK 2: JULY 14 - 19

WEEK 3: JULY 21 - 26

WEEK 4: JULY 28 - AUG 2

WEEK 5: AUGUST 11 - 16

EARLY BIRD PRICING: \$ 349 + GST



Head to www.blackstrapyouthcamp.org to register!

