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Newsletter #6 – February 2024

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GOSPEL VIRTUE - LOVE.

I am a loving person. I show my love with thoughtful acts, kind words and affection. I treat others the way I want to be treated.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	12:30 pm – Kindergarten and Gr 3/4 go sledding
February 2	12:30 pm – Gr 1 and Gr 1/2 go to Wonderhub
February 6	9:00 am – Deadline to order Treats – Kernels Popcorn
February 6	12:30 pm – Gr 8 drops off scarves between Vimy Memorial and Victoria Bridge
February 6	7:00 pm – Grade 8 Parent Night – Holy Cross
February 7	8:40 am – Le Voyageur Errant Workshop and Presentation
February 7	8:40 am – School Retreat
February 7	12:30 pm – Gr 8 goes to tour Holy Cross
February 9	6:30 am – Gr 5 – Gr 8 goes to Wapiti Valley Ski & Board Resort
February 9	12:30 pm – Gr 3 and Gr 3/4 go swimming at Lakewood Pool
February 12 – February 16	Pool Our Love Campaign – bring RICE for the Friendship Inn
February 12 – February 16	Staff Appreciation Week – Shaping the Future Together
February 13	Treat Day – Kernels Popcorn (for those who ordered)
February 13	PR Athletics Relays
February 14	Red and/or Pink Day
February 14	12:45 pm – Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Philip Neri Church led by Gr 5/6
February 15	8:40 am – Gr 8 Wheelchair Basketball Clinic
February 15	1:00 pm – Gr 8 goes skating at Lions Arena
February 16	12:45 pm – Gr 3, Gr 5/6 and Gr 8 go swimming at Lakewood Pool
February 19	<u>Family Day – NO SCHOOL</u>
February 20 – February 23	<u>February Break – NO SCHOOL</u>
February 24	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for February – Family Pizza
February 26 – March 1	Bring JUICE and CEREAL for the Food Bank
February 26	9:00 am – 3-Way Conference Online Booking Begins
February 27	10:30 am – Lent Liturgy Week 1 led by Gr 8 in the gym
February 27	11:45 am – Gr 5/6 goes Cross Country Skiing at Gordie Howe Sports Complex
February 28	Red Cross Pink Shirt Day – wear Pink!
February 29	Gr 1/2 Bake Sale
February 29	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Family Pizza (for those who ordered)

Happy Valentine's Day

ADMIN MESSAGE

- ✓ Hard to believe that we have turned the calendar this week to find so many exciting events coming up in February.
- ✓ Our grade 5-8 ski trip is an exciting “in motion” event on Feb. 9th. Please pray for great weather and that all students will stay safe and have fun.
- ✓ At St. Philip, our students and staff continue experiencing great learning opportunities. As part of our Learning Improvement Plan for Faith Formation, our students and staff will also be participating in our annual School Wide Retreat on Thursday, Feb. 8th. The theme will be lead by Face2Face Ministries, a dynamic group that brings Faith alive through music and stories. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and pray together.
- ✓ Please check the information in our newsletter about an upcoming Book Sale sponsored by our CSCC.
- ✓ February is also a month to extend our learning and experiences as we promote Indigenous Story Telling and Black History Month. Let us enjoy the stories that often have a great lesson to teach us and celebrate all the contributions that have been made and continue to be made by Black Canadians both past and present.
- ✓ We are also very blessed to have such an excellent staff at our school. We have identified Feb. 12th – 16th as “Staff Appreciation” week and I encourage you to remind them how much we appreciate their service. [... more information in the newsletter.]
- ✓ Finally, the important season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday, on Feb. 14th which is also Valentines Day. We will have ashes distributed at St. Philip Neri Parish at 12:45pm as a symbol of our willingness to enter into the Lenten Season. Have a great month!

*God Bless!
Darcy Todos, Principal*

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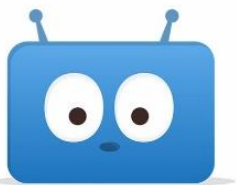


We do not have spoons or forks in the staffroom for students. Please pack a spoon or fork with your child’s lunch if they are having yogurt, fruit cups, soup, etc. Also, please remember that the microwave in the staffroom is not available for students. Please use a thermos to keep your child’s lunch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

KINDERGARTEN



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.

INDOOR TRACK RELAYS

Congratulations to all the indoor track students who participated in the Knights of Columbus Meet. You did a great job representing St. Philip School.

Congratulations to the under 13 boys (Liam B, Brandon E, AJ P and Simon S) who received a silver medal for their relay.

Congratulations to the under 11 girls (Madison H, Emerie M, Amelia M and Dana T) who placed 6th overall.

Congratulations to the under 15 girls (Alexandrea C, Gianna G, McKenna H, Antosia M and Libby W) who placed 12th overall.

Congratulations to the under 15 boys (Max B, Rain M, Carter O and Marcos T.M.) who placed 5th overall.

The next track meet relay is Tuesday, February 13th – PR Track Meet. Further details will be sent home closer to the meet day. If you have any questions, please contact one of the coaches.

Mrs. Gusikoski and Mr. Vause

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The SLC will be having a Candy Guess with proceeds going to a local charity! Starting on Monday, February 12th until Friday, February 16th, students can pay \$1.00 to estimate how many candies are in a jar! Get it correct and you win the jar of candy!

VALENTINES DAY

With the turn of the calendar this week, we are into February and the opportunity for our students to celebrate Valentines Day. This day will be a spirit day at our school inviting students to wear red or pink and to share valentines with one another. We will also recognize Ash Wednesday with the distribution and wearing of ashes.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

St. Philip Staff Appreciation Week is February 12th – 16th. We have the best teachers and staff at St. Philip School, let's show our appreciation for all they do for our students. Last year we collected money from families and filled the staff room all week with snacks and beverages. We would like to spoil our staff again with your help. **Donations will be accepted until February 7th.** If you have any questions call or text Jaime Bolger at 306-291-5892. If you would like to send an e-transfer, please send to casey.b@sasktel.net. Any cash donations can be put in an envelope labelled Jaime Bolger and left at the office. Thanks for your support, St. Philip families!

USED BOOK SALE

The St. Philip CSCC will be holding a Used Book sale during 3-Way Conferences March 7th and 8th in the school library. Funds raised through the book sale will support school activities and student learning. During February, please consider donating good condition used books (children's books, young adult novels, adult novels), cookbooks and puzzles. Donations can be dropped off in your child's classroom. And be sure to stop by the book sale in the library after your 3-Way Conferences in March!

3-WAY CONFERENCES



Edsby bookings begin on Monday, February 26th at 9:00 am and will close on Tuesday, March 5th at 9:00 am. 3-Way Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 7th from 3:45 p.m. – 8:00 pm and Friday, March 8th from 8:45 am – 12:30 pm. No regular classes for students on Friday, March 8th; 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.

PINK SHIRT DAY



The Red Cross in Saskatchewan has celebrated Red Cross Pink Day since 2011 to support our year-round bullying prevention program. Join us for **Red Cross Pink Day on the last Wednesday in February - February 28th** and add your voice to the thousands of others calling for a change around the culture of bullying. **Wear Pink to show your support!**

POOL OUR LOVE CAMPAIGN



We're going to Pool Our Love in support of the Saskatoon Friendship Inn! The Inn serves up to 1000 meals a day, 365 days of the year to help feed hungry people in Saskatoon. Relying on the generosity and caring of community, the Inn serves nutritious, hot meals and offers a warm place for anyone in need. Students and staff can help by bringing **rice – white, brown, instant** - to school between **February 12th and February 16th**. Donations will be collected in the box by the office and then shared with the Friendship Inn as part of learning about Lent.



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.**

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.

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 in their classrooms. For the students wanting to go outside, they must have a Polar Bear Club form filled out and signed 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 **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 **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: **March 12th 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: **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



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

Get ready for a wonderful

FAMILY
SKATING
PARTY

ST. PHILIP'S OUTDOOR RINK

HOT CHOCOLATE AND HOT DOGS PROVIDED

FREE OF CHARGE

COURTESY OF ST. PHILIP'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FEBRUARY 4th, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

APCCA Community Update - February 2024

URGENT: Spring Soccer Registration Update

**🚨 LAST CALL for Soccer Coordinator
Volunteer! 🚨**

Dear Adelaide Churchill Community,
Spring soccer registration was set to open in the first week of February, but unfortunately, it will NOT be happening in our neighborhood this year. Why? We're missing a crucial piece - a volunteer soccer coordinator.

This is your LAST CALL to make a difference!

Without a volunteer in the next 7 days, we won't be able to run soccer this year. If you've been considering helping out, now is the time to step up and ensure our kids have a fantastic soccer season.

✉ **Contact Gina at
adelaideparkchurchill@gmail.com for more
information or to volunteer.**

Let's rally together and make soccer happen in our community!



Time Out For Moms is a
Catholic faith
enrichment and
fellowship group in the
Diocese of Saskatoon



Wednesday mornings 9:15 am-11:15 am
January 31st, 2024- March 20th 2024
At Holy Family Cathedral, Saskatoon
Childcare Available

Light breakfast and coffee provided for moms during the program

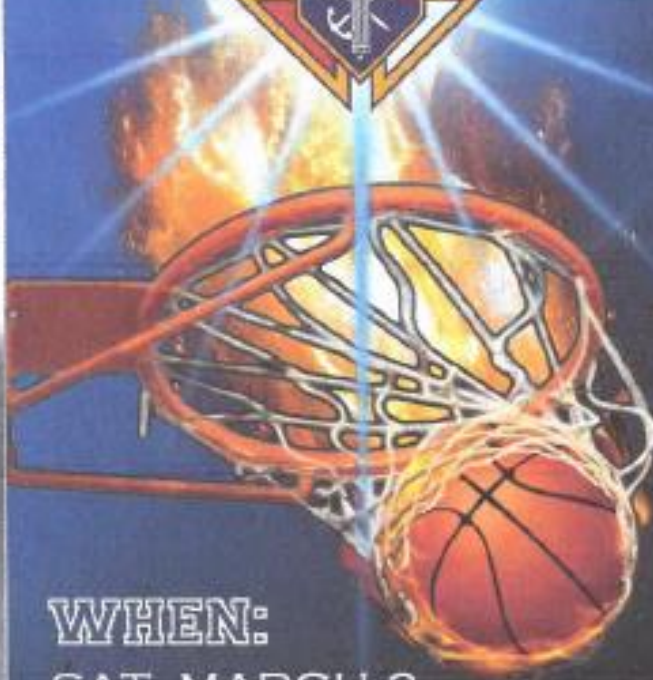
Caregivers needed. Contact TOFM if you or someone you know is interested

For more information and to register:

Website: www.tofm.ca

Facebook: TOFM Saskatoon

The 2024
**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**



WHEN:
SAT. MARCH 2
9:00 AM - 12 NOON

WHERE:
HOLY CROSS
HIGHSCHOOL
TAYLOR ST. & MCKEOWN AVE

Call 306-361-8534
for more information

Awards & Pictures will start
immediately after the competition
Estimated time: 2.5 hours

(Time may vary according to the number of competitors registered)

BASKETBALL

**FREE THROW
CHALLENGE**