



# ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 1 – September 2024

Principal: Mrs. Paola Kobussen

Vice-Principal: Mr. Nathan Gaudet

Office Coordinator: Mrs. Gayle Lockert

GSCS Trustees: R. Boechler/D. Case

Superintendent: T. Shircliff

### GOSPEL VIRTUE - FRIENDLINESS

I am friendly. Today I will smile and say hello to people. I will share myself and show an interest in others. I like myself, and I know I can make new friends.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

September 17	5:45 pm – Meet the Staff BBQ in the gym
September 17	7:00 pm CSCC Meeting and AGM in the library
September 21	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger (Subway)
September 25	4:00 pm Cross Country Practice – Diefenbaker Park
September 26	11:00 am – Terry Fox Walk
September 26	11:40 am – Healthy Hunger (Subway) for those who ordered
September 27	Orange Shirt Day - wear orange
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
October 1	School Clothing online orders begin

### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year! We are thrilled to have your children return to our vibrant learning community and extend a special welcome to those joining us for the first time. Our staff is excited about the opportunities this year holds for growth, learning, and building a stronger sense of community.

We are delighted to introduce Mrs. De la Rosa as the Grade 5/6 teacher. Mrs. De la Rosa brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and dedication to her students, and we are confident that she will make a positive impact in our school community.

This year, we are focusing on the theme "**Salt of the Earth, Light of the World,**" inspired by Bishop Mark Hagemoen. As he reflected, this theme challenges us to embrace two imperatives from the Second Vatican Council: **Ressourcement**—a return to our foundational teachings and sacred scripture, and **Aggiornamento**—finding new ways to share the Gospel in our modern world. In this spirit, we will be looking back to our roots in order to move forward in service, education, and faith.

We invite you to join our Catholic School Community Council (CSCC), an essential group that helps us build communities of hope. By participating, you will be helping to meet the needs of our school and broader neighborhood. The CSCC plays a crucial role in fostering a spirit of collaboration and support within our community, and your involvement will have a lasting impact.

Additionally, we are excited to host our **Meet the Teacher BBQ** on **September 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5:45 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers, connect with other parents, and learn more about the exciting plans for the year. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, let us work towards creating an environment where our students can thrive academically, spiritually, and socially.

*Blessings,  
Paola Kobussen, Principal*

## **BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER**

Loving God, we thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world. May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do. Help us to begin this new school year with hearts that welcome Jesus in everyone we meet.

## **MEET THE STAFF BBQ AND CSCC MEETING AND AGM**

We would like to welcome all parents & caregivers to “Meet the Staff” on Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:45 pm. The format will be:

- 5:45 pm – 6:15 pm Hotdog BBQ in the gym.
- 6:15 pm – 6:45 pm Classrooms will be opened for you to Come and Go and meet your child’s teacher. Your child is welcome to join you in the classroom.
- 7:00 pm CSCC meeting and AGM in the library

We know that a great school is built on great relationships. Thank you for taking the time to come out and meet our staff!

## **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.

## **FORMS, FORMS AND MORE FORMS**

A number of forms will be sent home...a Student Data Verification Form, a Media Release Form, a Noon Lunch Form and a Parent Consent Form. Please fill out these forms for the new school year and return them to your child’s classroom teacher ASAP.

## **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](mailto: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.**

## **VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK**

If you plan to volunteer in your child's classroom or other areas of the school, a Criminal Record Check form needs to be completed and taken to the City Police for approval. Stop by the office to get a registration form. Criminal Record Checks need to be renewed annually so if renewed in September it will be good for the whole school year.

## **OUR SCHOOL DAY**

<b>8:35 am</b>	<b>Morning Bell</b>
<b>8:40 am</b>	<b>Classes Start</b>
<b>10:10 am</b>	<b>Recess</b>
<b>11:40 am</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>12:02 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Recess</b>
<b>12:25 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Bell</b>
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Classes Resume</b>
<b>1:55 pm</b>	<b>Recess</b>
<b>3:10 pm</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>

## **2024-2025 ST. PHILIP STAFF LIST**

### **Administration:**

Principal	Paola Kobussen
Vice-Principal	Nathan Gaudet

### **Curriculum Support:**

Band Daniel Udchic

### **Office & Facility Support:**

Office Coordinator	Gayle Lockert
Head Caretaker	Romie Canto
Evening Caretaker	Jerwin Moises

Counsellor TBD

Educational Assistants:

Norma Barrick  
Angie Denis  
Tatiane Inomata  
Diego Perez  
Kyrstin Sanderson

### **Classroom Teachers:**

Kindergarten M/W	Allison Treble
Kindergarten T/T	Allison Treble
Grade 1	Dominique Collins
Grade 2	Janice Schulte
Grade 2/3	Christal Keeler
Grade 3/4	Shelane Goettler
Grade 4/5	Jillian Jaeb
Grade 5/6	Joanne De La Rosa
Grade 6/7	Mel Espeseth
Grade 7/8	Veronica Nakonieczny
Grade 8	Patrick Lengert
Core French	Nathan Gaudet
EAL	Leanne Gusikoski
Release	Lana Reeves
	TBD

LAT` Cheryle Risling

Interpreters:

Lisa Buhler  
Amy Bowman  
Danica Janzen  
Lana Janzen  
Deborah Popovici  
Margaret Punter  
Maegen Urdal

Itinerant Interpreter

Becky Jalbert

LAT (Deaf & Hard of Hearing) Lisa Warren

## **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.

## ST. PHILIP SCHOOL CLOTHING



St. Philip School clothing can be ordered from October 1<sup>st</sup> until **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. **No late orders will be accepted!** Clothing can be ordered using the following link.

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

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Edge Imaging will be in our school on **Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** in the morning to take pictures of all Kindergarten M/T, Gr 1, Gr 2, Gr 2/3, Gr 3/4 and Staff. Edge Imaging will be in our school on **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** in the morning to take pictures of all Kindergarten T/TH, Gr 4/5, Gr 5/6, Gr 6/7, Gr 7/8 and Gr 8

## CROSS COUNTRY



Our St. Philip Cross Country Running Team is looking for runners aged 8 and up! Information and a permission form will be sent home with interested students.

What is Cross-Country?

Those who participate will practice running ~1.5km twice a week at lunch. Runners will meet outside the gym doors at 11:40 am, check in with their coaches, then go for their practice run. Once finished (practice usually takes about 10-15 minutes), they will be directed back to their classroom to eat their lunch.

Our Cross-Country Team attends a mandatory practice meet on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm and the actual competitive meet on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:15 pm held at Diefenbaker Park. We will practice throughout the month of September, and our season wraps up the first week of October.

*Mrs. Goettler, Mrs. Espeseth, Mr. Gaudet*

## TERRY FOX WALK



The annual Terry Fox Walk will be happening here at St. Philip School on **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. "Toonies for Terry" will be collected. Help us reach our goal by donating! Let's do our part to help find a cure for Cancer. Go St. Philip School!

## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (ORANGE SHIRT DAY)



On **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, all are invited to wear an **orange** shirt for Truth and Reconciliation Day. **Orange Shirt Day**: communities coming together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because every child matters. For more information [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org). On Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be NO SCHOOL in lieu of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

## 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, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**.

## **HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES – last Thursday of the month**



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 26<sup>th</sup> – Subway; October 31<sup>st</sup> – Wok Box; November 28<sup>th</sup> – Taco Time; December 19<sup>th</sup> – Baba's Perogies; January 30<sup>th</sup> – Family Pizza; February 27<sup>th</sup> – Subway; March 27<sup>th</sup> – Wok Box; May 1<sup>st</sup> – Taco Time; May 29<sup>th</sup> – Family Pizza; June 26<sup>th</sup> – BBQ**

## **TREAT DAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month**

This year St. Philip School will continue to have 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 9<sup>th</sup>; November 13<sup>th</sup>; December 11<sup>th</sup>; January 15<sup>th</sup>; February 12<sup>th</sup>; March 12<sup>th</sup>; April 9<sup>th</sup>; May 14<sup>th</sup>; June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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](http://saskatoon.firststudentinc.com) or call the school at 306-659-7450.

## **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.

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Ian Stavness at [cscpcphic@gscs.ca](mailto:cscpcphic@gscs.ca) or our Principal, Paola Kobussen at [pkobussen@gscs.ca](mailto:pkobussen@gscs.ca). All are welcome!

## **GSCS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER**

Here's their latest newsletter (it can be found online at <https://foundation.gscs.ca/newsletters/>)

## POP CAN TAB COLLECTION



**Silver for Gold** is a fundraiser to collect aluminum can tabs to raise money for Childhood Cancer in Saskatoon, run by the online community, **Small But Mighty YXE**. Silver for Gold is not just about collecting tabs and donating money towards Childhood Cancer; it is also about raising awareness of children and families affected by cancer, within our community & across the province. **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!**

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## 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](mailto:sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net)

## ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH

Phone: 306-343-0325; Fax: 306-343-0900;

Website: [www.stphilipneriparish.ca](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## 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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