



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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GOSPEL VIRTUE: *RESPECT*

I am respectful. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated.

I show courtesy to everyone. I learn from the wisdom of my elders.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1	School Clothing online orders begin
October 2	4:15 pm – Cross Country City Championships at Diefenbaker Park
October 2	Deadline to order Treat Day for October – Longjohns
October 4	Schools Win Twice Online Ticket Sales begin
October 7	9:00 am – School Photo Day – KMW, Gr 1, Gr 2, Gr 2/3, Gr 3/4 and Staff
October 8	9:00 am – School Photo Day – KTT, Gr 4/5, Gr 5/6, Gr 6/7, Gr 7/8 and Gr 8
October 8	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library – all parents are welcome
October 9	1:00 pm – Thanksgiving Liturgy led by Gr 3/4 in the gym
October 9	Treat Day – Longjohns (for those who ordered)
October 10	Gr 3/4 and Gr 4/5 Bake Sale
October 11	PLD – No School for Students
October 14	Thanksgiving Day – No School
October 15	School Clothing online orders due – no late orders
October 24	12:45 pm – School Wide Living Rosary – Luminous Mysteries – led by Gr 4/5
October 26	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for October – Wok Box
October 28	9:00 am – 3-Way Conferences Online Booking through Edsby begin
October 31	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Wok Box (for those who ordered)
November 1	3:00 pm – 3-Way Conferences Online Booking through Edsby ends

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we move into the fall season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for your incredible support during the start of this school year. Your patience and understanding during our class configurations have been truly appreciated, and we are grateful for your partnership as we continue to create the best learning environment for your children. The beginning of the year can be a busy time, but with your cooperation, we have made a strong start, and we look forward to the great things ahead.

As Thanksgiving approaches, it's a perfect time to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. We are fortunate to have such a strong, supportive community of parents/guardians, teachers, and students who work together to make our school a special place. We are grateful for the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the ongoing support from families like yours that help our school thrive. Additionally, I wanted to share that our **School Wins Twice** fundraiser will be starting on Friday, October 4, 2024. Please make sure to always select **St. Philip School**, as this fundraiser directly benefits our school, funding special activities and programs that enrich your children's experience. With Halloween around the corner, please remember to send your children to school in appropriate costumes, following the school's guidelines.

As we move into this season of gratitude, let's continue to work together, supporting one another and making this school year a positive and successful experience for all.

As always, my door is open, and I warmly welcome you to reach out or stop by to discuss any questions, concerns, or ideas—your input is valued and appreciated!

God bless,
Mrs. Kobussen

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.

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.

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 1st until **October 15th**. **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 7th** 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 8th** 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

TERRY FOX WALK

Thank you to all families who donated to "Toonies for Terry". A donation in the amount of **\$402.45** will be made in the name of St. Philip School to the Terry Fox Foundation.

SOCKTOBER



Did you know that in Saskatchewan 275,000 children are living in poverty and unable to afford essentials such as socks? At St. Philip School, we are working to help those in need by hosting a "Socktober" event. During the month of October, we are asking students to purchase new socks for students in need. Sock donations are to be put in the blue tote across from the office by Thursday, October 31st. Thank you in advance for your donations.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween on October 31st was formerly called All Hallow's Eve, meaning "all holy eve", the night before All Saints Day. "Long ago, the Celts in England and Ireland celebrated New Year's Day on November 1st, so October 31st was an end-of-the-year celebration. On that day, they remembered all those who died during the past year, and they believed that on that night the dead came back to be with the living. The villagers wore masks and costumes to disguise themselves as ghosts and lead the real ghosts out of town with a parade." It became linked to Christianity when "Christians spread the idea that, thanks to Jesus' resurrection, we no longer had to fear death or any kind of evil – so we could even dress up and make fun of death and the things that represent it." Since the time of Pope Gregory III, the Catholic Church has celebrated **All Saints Day** on **November 1st**. This feast honors all the saints of the Church. **All Souls Day** is observed on **November 2nd**. It is a day of solemn prayer commemorating all the faithful departed.

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

St. Philip School will celebrate Halloween this year on **Thursday, October 31st in the afternoon**. We will begin with a Halloween costume parade in the gym at 12:45 pm for all grades followed by classroom activities.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Students are invited to wear their costumes in the afternoon OR dress in black and orange. Please make sure that your child will be comfortable in their costume (in their desk and outside for recess). Please do not send a costume that your child can overheat in. **Students are asked to please keep their costumes school appropriate – suitable, modest and in good taste – with no blood, gore or weapons.**

HALLOWEEN ALLERGY REMINDER

With Halloween comes lots of treats, often with sesame seeds, peanuts and/or nut products. In order to reduce the risk for allergic students, we kindly remind parents to please keep any candy with peanut/nut products at home. **Please do not send Halloween treats to school if they may contain nut products.** The success of an "allergy aware" school and the safety of our students depends upon the support of all staff, students and parents to limit the risk of exposure.

3-WAY CONFERENCES will be IN PERSON



Edsby bookings begin on Monday, October 28th at 9:00 am and will close on Friday, November 1st at 3:00 pm. 3-Way Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 6th from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 pm and Thursday, November 7th from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. No regular classes for students on Thursday, November 7th; 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

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

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

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, Friday, October 11, Friday, November 8, Monday, January 27, Monday, March 10, Friday, May 9 and Monday, June 6.**

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 26 – Subway; October 31 – Wok Box; November 28 – Taco Time; December 19 – Baba’s Perogies; January 30 – Family Pizza; February 27 – Subway; March 27 – Wok Box; May 1 – Taco Time; May 29 – Family Pizza; June 26 – BBQ**

TREAT DAY – 2nd 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; November 13; December 11; January 15; February 12; March 12; April 9; May 14; June 11.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. The CSCC meeting dates are: **October 8, November 26, January 28, March 18 and June 3.** If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Siobhan Brennan at cscpcphic@gscs.ca or our Principal, Paola Kobussen at pkobussen@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: **September 20, October 25, November 22, December 13, January 17, February 7, March 28, April 11, May 30 and June 13**. As well, our staff will wear jeans to support the United Way on Wednesdays in October.

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: 8YG5** 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.

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

First Reconciliation Preparation 2024

This Fall, those who are ages 7/8 and at about the Grade 2 level are invited to prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation (confession). At St. Philip Neri Parish, we also extend an invitation to those in grades 3,4 and 5 who may have missed the preparation in the last few years. The celebration of First Reconciliation is before the celebration of First Communion. First Communion preparation will happen in Spring 2025. For those who are interested, there is a registration form to be completed and also a registration fee.

For a registration form and more information, please contact Shirley, Pastoral Associate, at the Parish. (306 343 0325 or shyshka@stphilipneriparish.ca or shyshka@rcdos.ca)

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.

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



TIME OUT FOR MOMS IS A
CATHOLIC FAITH
ENRICHMENT AND
FELLOWSHIP GROUP IN THE
DIOCESE OF SASKATOON

*Tuesday mornings 9:15am-11:15am
October 15th-November 26th 2024
At the Cathedral of the Holy Family,
Saskatoon*

*Childcare available for all ages
Light breakfast and coffee provided for
the moms during the program*

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
REGISTER

WEBSITE: WWW.TOFM.CA
FACEBOOK: TOFM SASKATOON

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

TAKING TO THE COURT

Get inspired to become a healthier and happier you at Taking to the Court - a FREE day for youth, ages 10 to 14, to get active and have fun trying a variety of sports including soccer and ultimate frisbee.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

WHO? Youth, Ages 10 to 14

WHEN? Friday, November 8, 2024
8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

* Sign in begins at 8:00 a.m.

WHERE? Saskatoon Soccer Centre
150 Nelson Road

COST? FREE! Snacks provided.

HOW TO REGISTER: Register online at leisureonline.saskatoon.ca or call or visit any Leisure Centre.

Registration Code CD4366-01

For more information call 306.975.3378.



GIRLS IN MOTION



Get inspired to become a healthier and happier you at Girls in Motion - a FREE day for youth, ages 10 to 14, to enjoy a variety of physical activities under the direction of qualified instructors. Sessions include soccer and baseball.

WHO? Youth, Ages 10 to 14

WHEN? Friday, November 8, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Sign in begins at 12:30 p.m.

WHERE? Saskatoon Soccer Centre,
150 Nelson Road

COST? FREE! Snacks provided.

HOW TO REGISTER: Register online at leisureonline.saskatoon.ca or call or visit any Leisure Centre.

Registration Code: CD1314-01

For more information call 306.975.3378.

 City of
Saskatoon

Are you in Grades 7 to 12?
Compete to win \$1,000 cash!

Submit a proposal that answers the question:

**“What can you do to
improve your watershed?”**

- Research your local watershed and come up with a solution to an environmental concern
- Finalists present their idea to win cash rewards
- Nearly \$20,000 will be awarded to students and schools who participate
- Funding is also available to help implement student ideas

Saskatchewan contest deadlines:

February 28, 2025 – Contest Entry Deadline

May 3, 2025 – Final Competition

Solutions are judged on innovation and adaptability, impact potential, research and writing, budget, visuals, realistic solution, environmental literacy, and connection to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



For more information visit
CaringForOurWatersheds.com



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