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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

November 1	Growing Smiles Poinsettias online orders begin
November 1	9:00 am – All Souls/Saints Day Liturgy – Intercom Service
November 1	12:45 pm – Gr 6/7 go to J.S. Wood Library
November 1	3:00 pm – 3-Way Conferences Online Booking through Edsby ends
November 4	2:15 pm – School Assembly in the gym
November 5	10:45 am – Remembrance Day Liturgy led by Gr 7/8 in the gym
November 6	9:00 am – School Photo Retakes – for those who missed photo day
November 6	Deadline to order Treat Day for November – Wetzel's Pretzels
November 6	3:30 pm – 7:45 pm – 3-Way Conferences and Book Fair
November 7	8:45 am – 12:45 pm – 3-Way Conferences and Book Fair - NO SCHOOL for students
November 8	PLD – NO SCHOOL for students
November 8	Indigenous Veteran's Day
November 11	Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL
November 13	Treat Day – Wetzel's Pretzels (for those who ordered)
November 13	City Elections
November 14	3:15 pm – Boys volleyball game in our gym
November 14	3:15 pm – Girls volleyball game at St. Kateri
November 19	9:30 am – Gr 2 and Gr 2/3 go to the Forestry Farm
November 20	12:30 pm – Gr 3/4 go to J.S. Wood Library
November 21	10:30 am – Full Lockdown Practice
November 21	3:30 pm – Girls volleyball game in our gym
November 23	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for November – Taco Time
November 25	Last day to order Growing Smiles Poinsettias
November 26	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library – all welcome
November 28	Advent Liturgy Week 1 led by Gr 2/3 in the gym
November 28	11:40 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Taco Time (for those who ordered)
November 28	Gr 7/8 and Gr 8 Bake Sale

FULL LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

As required by our Division safety protocol, a Full Lockdown practice will be held on Thursday, November 21st. 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.

ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we move into November, I want to begin by introducing our new monthly virtue: Peace. This month, students will focus on understanding and practicing peace in their everyday interactions. In our classrooms and halls, we'll talk about what peace looks like, feels like, and sounds like, encouraging students to find peaceful solutions and to foster harmony within our school community.

Thank you all for your generosity and support with Socktober! Your donations have made a real difference for those in need, and this effort has shown the spirit of compassion and community that makes our school so special.

I would also like to remind everyone of our upcoming 3-Way Conferences. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for parents, students, and teachers to come together and discuss each student's growth, strengths, and goals. Having the student involved in these conversations allows for a well-rounded view of their learning journey, helping everyone stay aligned on how best to support them. Please remember to book your conference times through Edsby so we can ensure smooth scheduling.

We're excited about the many activities happening in and around the school this month! Our volleyball teams are in full swing, showcasing skill, teamwork, and school spirit at each game. We're also thrilled to have our Battle of the Books team engaged in some friendly competition, inspiring our students to dive into new stories and expand their love for reading. Thank you for supporting our School Wins Twice tickets, we are almost at our goal.

Please join us for our Remembrance Day Liturgy on Tuesday, November 5th. This is a time for us to honor and remember those who have served and continue to serve our country, as well as to reflect on the importance of peace. We hope to see you there for this special gathering.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Together, let's make November a month filled with peace, respect, and growth.

*God Bless!
Mrs. Kobussen*

STAFFING

We have welcomed five new Educational Assistants to our school team: Angie Denis, Kyrstin Sanderson, Jyotsna Thapar, Jenna Thompson and Adeshola Adeniji.

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.

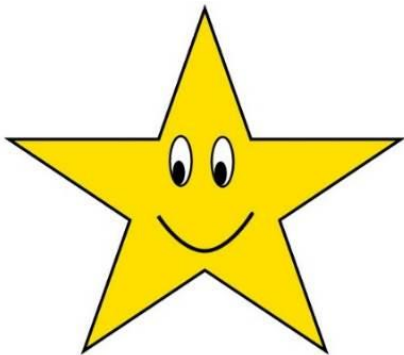
PLASTIC CUTLERY



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.

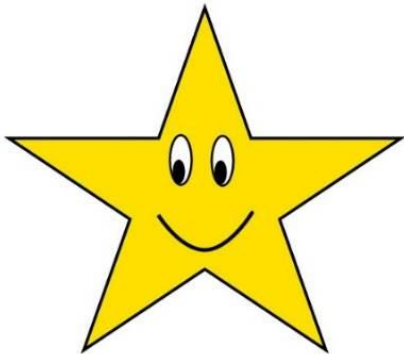
SOARING STUDENTS

Congratulations to St. Philip's **September** Soaring Students:



KMW – Enzo A
KTT – Kamsi O
Gr 1 – Jayce B, Cindy V, Frantz K
Gr 2 – Kendall H, Adley S
Gr 2/3 – Ethan J, Evelyn M
Gr 3/4 – Luke S, Ava B
Gr 4/5 – Augustino N, Lila C
Gr 5/6 – Sophia V, Jocelyn L
Gr 6/7 – Michelle T, Greta P
Gr 7/8 – Jasper L, Sana S
Gr 8 – Reyna M, Zikora O

Congratulations to St. Philip's **October** Soaring Students:



KMW – Nana A, Crew K
KTT – Elise C, Harper K
Gr 1 – Anni W, Pearl H, Jorge D
Gr 2 – Ayden F, Gavin M
Gr 2/3 – Michael M, Penny H, Starr K
Gr 3/4 – Emmanuel A, Nora B
Gr 4/5 – Ivana B, Robin A-G, Ayesha M
Gr 5/6 – Samantha A, Natalie D
Gr 6/7 – Amelia M, El-Blessings E, Anna N
Gr 7/8 – Owen S, Natalie M
Gr 8 – Rain M, Ben Y

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 Kadesh. 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 21st.



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 Wednesday, November 6th at 9:00 am. **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 November 4th stating the reason for the retake.* Thanks for your cooperation!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

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

REMEMBRANCE DAY LITURGY



Our school will be holding a Remembrance Day Liturgy at 10:45 am on Tuesday, November 5th. 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 and purchase a book or two.

3-WAY CONFERENCES



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 8:45 am – 12:45 pm. **No regular classes for students on Thursday, November 7th; however, students are expected to attend their 15 minute IN PERSON 3-Way Conference.**

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

November 24th – November 30th is Education Week in Saskatchewan. This year's Education Week theme – “Learning is a Journey” celebrates student success and the hard work and dedication of education professionals across the province. We encourage citizens to take some time during this special week to recognize the importance education has on our students and communities. We will have activities planned this week to celebrate working and learning together at St Philip School.

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 November 25th – November 29th. 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.

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: **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 **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 **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: **November 26, January 28, March 18 and June 3.** If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Siobhan Brennan at cscpphic@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: **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 witho

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 ~ **10:00 am**

Livestream Masses: Sunday ~ **10:00 am**

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

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.**



AGM

November 19th

6:30 pm

Fire Hall #3

Supper included



Email



adelaideparkchurchill@gmail.com to
register

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Board Positions Available!
Without new volunteers there
will be **no winter
programming or community
events**, until further notice.

Vacancies: President,
Treasurer, Secretary, Soccer
Coordinator, program
coordinator, members-at-
large