



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #5 – January 2025

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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 15	9:00 am – Deadline to order Treats – McDonalds Apple Pie
January 16	9:00 am – Deadline to order Hot Dog Lunch
January 21	11:40 am – Hot Dog lunch (for those who ordered)
January 22	Treat Day – McDonalds Apple Pie (for those who ordered)
January 22	12:00 pm – Gr 4/5 goes Cross Country Skiing at Gordie Howe Sports Complex
January 23	5:30 pm – Knights of Columbus Relays at Saskatoon Field House
January 25	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for January – Family Pizza
January 27	<u>PLD – NO SCHOOL for Students</u>
January 28	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library
January 29	12:30 pm – Gr 3/4 and Gr 6/7 go swimming at Lakewood Civic Centre
January 29	6:00 pm – Kindergarten Open House
January 30	Gr 6/7 Bake Sale
January 30	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Family Pizza (for those who ordered)

ADMIN MESSAGE

- Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope you had a restful holiday and are ready for an exciting 2025.
- Registration for Kindergarten is now open, and we encourage all families with children entering Kindergarten to sign up as soon as possible. Don't forget to join us for our Open House on Wednesday, January 29th at 6:00 pm in the library, where you can learn more about what we offer.
- A special thank you to Portable Pup for generously supplying again a new storage container for our rink committee – your support is truly appreciated.
- Finally, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff and families for making St. Philip such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

*God bless you all,
Mrs. Paola Kobussen, 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.

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.



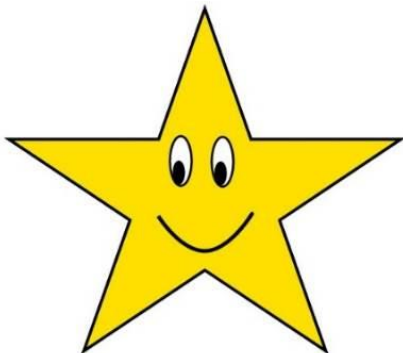
Please enter the absence in Edsby as soon as you know your child will be absent.

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.

SOARING STUDENTS

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



KMW – Keith B, Ashton K
KTT – Sophie B, Cooper S
Gr 1 – Esbin C, Sia S
Gr 2 – Maira K, Keira P
Gr 2/3 – Amaliia M, Mercy K
Gr 3/4 – Nora G, AJ P
Gr 4/5 – Nsoroma OA, Bill H
Gr 5/6 – Aatmika G, Lama OA, Caybree CH
Gr 6/7 – Sharoze J, Nicole O
Gr 7/8 – Indiana M, Ace B
Gr 8 – Libbey W, Benict L



2024-2025 KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Come learn and play with us. Families are invited to attend our Open House on Wednesday, January 29th at 6:00 pm in the school library.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-26 school year will open in January. Children who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2025, 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 before **April 15th**. [Priority will be given to St. Philip families]. Once again, a great opportunity for our young students and their families.

INDOOR TRACK

Grade 4 – Grade 8 students have the opportunity to join the indoor track team. Track practice is at 7:40 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. **Track Meets are Thursday, January 23rd and Friday, January 24th – Knights of Columbus Meet; Tuesday, February 11th – PR Relay Meet and Wednesday, March 5th – GSCS Catholic Schools Relay Meet.** Further details will be sent home closer to meet days. If you have any questions, you can contact one of the coaches.

Mrs. Gusikoski and Mr. Lengert

GRADE 8 RECYCLING FOR CAMPING TRIP

SARCAN  The Gr 8 class is collecting pop bottles, juice boxes, etc for their year end camping trip. If you would like to donate, you can drop off at the Sarcan South (Jasper Avenue) location. Please make sure that you let them know it is for St. Philip School and the school phone number is 306-659-7450. Thank you for supporting our school.

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.**

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: **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 **January 30 – Family Pizza; February 27 – Subway; March 27 – Wok Box; May 1 – Taco Time; May 29 – Family Pizza; June 26 – BBQ**

WEDNESDAY TREAT DAY

This year St. Philip School will continue to have Treat Day fundraisers. Orders will be placed through your child's **My School Bucks** account or with the order form and correct cash. Please see attached My School Bucks instruction letter [MySchoolBucks](#). Treat Day will be **January 22; 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: **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: **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!**

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: Sunday ~ **10:00 am**

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.

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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