



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #6 – February 2025

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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 3	1:00 pm – Gr 3/4 goes to JS Wood Library
February 4	7:00 pm – Grade 8 Parent Night – Holy Cross
February 5	12:45 pm – Gr 5/6 goes to JS Wood Library
February 5	3:00 pm – Deadline to order Treats – Kernels Popcorn
February 6	12:30 pm – Gr 8 goes to tour Holy Cross
February 6	3:00 pm – Deadline to order Hot Dog lunch
February 6	3:10 pm – Girls Basketball at St. Luke
February 6	3:30 pm – Boys Basketball in our gym
February 10 – February 14	Staff Appreciation Week – Heroes of Education
February 10	12:45 pm – Kindergarten MW goes to JS Wood Library
February 11	12:45 pm – Kindergarten TT goes to JS Wood Library
February 11	PR Athletics Relays
February 12	Treat Day – Kernels Popcorn (for those who ordered)
February 12	12:45 pm – Carnival Outdoor Games
February 13	100 Days of School
February 13	11:40 am – Hot Dog lunch (for those who ordered)
February 13	3:30 pm – Girls Basketball in our gym
February 13	3:30 pm – Boys Basketball at St. Luke
February 14	Red and/or Pink Day
February 14	3:00 pm – Last day to hand in Wapiti Ski Trip forms and payment
February 17	<u>Family Day – NO SCHOOL</u>
February 18 – February 21	<u>February Break – NO SCHOOL</u>
February 22	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for February – Subway
February 25	12:45 pm – Gr 3/4 and Gr 6/7 go swimming at Shaw Centre
February 26	Red Cross Pink Shirt Day – wear Pink!
February 26	11:45 am – Gr 3/4 goes Cross Country Skiing at Gordie Howe Sports Complex
February 26	12:30 pm – Gr 6/7 Rush lacrosse presentation in the gym
February 27	Gr 7/8 and Gr 8 Bake Sale
February 27	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Subway (for those who ordered)
February 27	3:30 pm – Girls Basketball in our gym
February 27	3:30 pm – Boys Basketball at Bishop Pocock
March 1	9:00 am – K of C Basketball Free Throw Challenge at Holy Cross

Happy Valentines Day

ADMIN MESSAGE

- It's hard to believe how quickly January has flown by! As we move into February, we are already looking ahead to the upcoming break and making plans to ensure a strong finish to the winter months. We're excited to share that our annual ski trip has been officially booked for March, giving students something to look forward to as the weather warms up.
- In athletics, our basketball season is now underway, and our track athletes continue to train hard—thank you to our dedicated coaches and athletes for their commitment! This month, we are also celebrating and promoting Indigenous Storytelling and Black History Month, recognizing the voices, histories, and contributions that shape our communities.
- From February 10th –14th, we will be taking time to appreciate our incredible staff for their hard work and dedication. We also have several family engagement events planned over the next few months—stay tuned for more details.
- Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's make February another great month!

God bless you all!
Paola Kobussen, Principal

PLASTIC CUTLERY



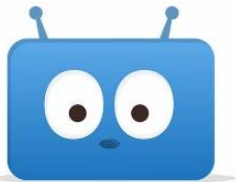
We do not have spoons or forks in the staffroom for students. Please pack a spoon or fork with your child's lunch if they are having yogurt, fruit cups, soup, etc. Also, please remember that the microwave in the staffroom is not available for students. Please use a thermos to keep your child's lunch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



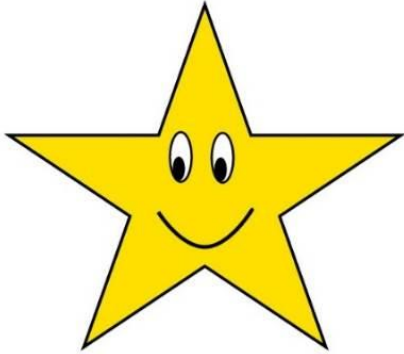
Please enter the absence in Edsby as soon as you know your child will be absent.

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 **January** Soaring Students:



KMW – Jalen C, Haon S
KTT – Elgy E, Yzabella L
Gr 1 – Chloe B, Elina L, Capri M
Gr 2 – Qasim M, An N
Gr 2/3 – Hallel O-A, Usochuku C, Aneya V
Gr 3/4 – Owen G
Gr 4/5 – Yun-Hsin C, Madison H, Max M
Gr 5/6 – Ini E, Gabriel RA
Gr 6/7 – Alex C, Lucus L, Mark S
Gr 7/8 – Paige B, Emily X
Gr 8 – Ibrahim M

KINDERGARTEN



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.qscs.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 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 15 boys (Liam B, Brandon E, Rain and Cian) who received a bronze medal for their relay.

Congratulations to the under 15 girls (Antosia, Libby, Dana and Faye) who placed 6th overall.

Congratulations to the under 11 boys (Jacob, Vinnie, Robin and Hunter) who placed 6th overall.

The next track meet relay is Tuesday, February 11th – PR Track Meet. A note with details has been sent home. If you have any questions, please contact one of the coaches.

Mrs. Gusikoski and Mr. Lengert

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The SLC will be having a *Crush Gram* fundraiser starting February 3rd through 7th. Visit the portables to purchase a can of Crush soda to be delivered to a friend, family member, or even yourself. Deliveries will be made on February 14th, in time for Valentine's Day. The cost is \$3 for one can or \$5 for two cans. All proceeds will support the Grade 8 Farewell and Camping Trip. Don't miss out on this sweet opportunity to spread some joy and support a great cause!

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

St. Philip Staff Appreciation Week is February 10th – 14th. 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!

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.

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 26th** and add your voice to the thousands of others calling for a change around the culture of bullying. **Wear Pink to show your support!**

3-WAY CONFERENCES



Edsby bookings **begin on Monday, March 3rd at 9:00 am and will close on Friday, March 7th at 3:00 pm.** 3-Way Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 13th from 3:45 p.m. – 8:00 pm and Friday, March 14th from 8:45 am – 12:30 pm. No regular classes for students on Friday, March 14th; however, students are expected to attend their 15 minute 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.

USED BOOK SALE

The St. Philip CSCC will be holding a Used Book sale on Thursday, March 13th and Friday, March 14th in the gym. 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 the tote by the front office.

GRADE 8 RECYCLING FOR CAMPING TRIP



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 Sarcana 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 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.

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, 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 **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 **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: **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: **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



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.qscs.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

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

Blackstrap Youth Camp

BREAKING NEWS



**CAMPERS AGED
6 - 9 YEARS OLD
WELCOME!**



This year we are opening up one week for our young campers - age specific programing & flexible, "come and go," attendance.

2025 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Six Weeks of Camp - Two New Offerings

- Week One: Sunday, July 6 to Friday, July 11 (Ages 8-13)
- Week Two: Sunday, July 13 to Friday, July 18 (Ages 8-13)
- Week Three: Sunday, July 20 to Friday, July 25 (Ages 8-13)
- Week Four: Sunday, July 27 to Thursday, July 31 (Ages 12-15)
- Week Five: Tuesday, August 5 to Friday, August 8 (Ages 6-9)
- Week Six: Sunday, August 10 to Friday, August 15 (Ages 8-13)

**CAMPERS AGED 12-
15 OPTION, TOO!**



Think you're too old?
check out our 12-15
year old camp!

MORE INFORMATION AT BLACKSTRAPYOUTHCAMP.ORG

Heritage Festival of Saskatoon

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Discovering Our Heritage

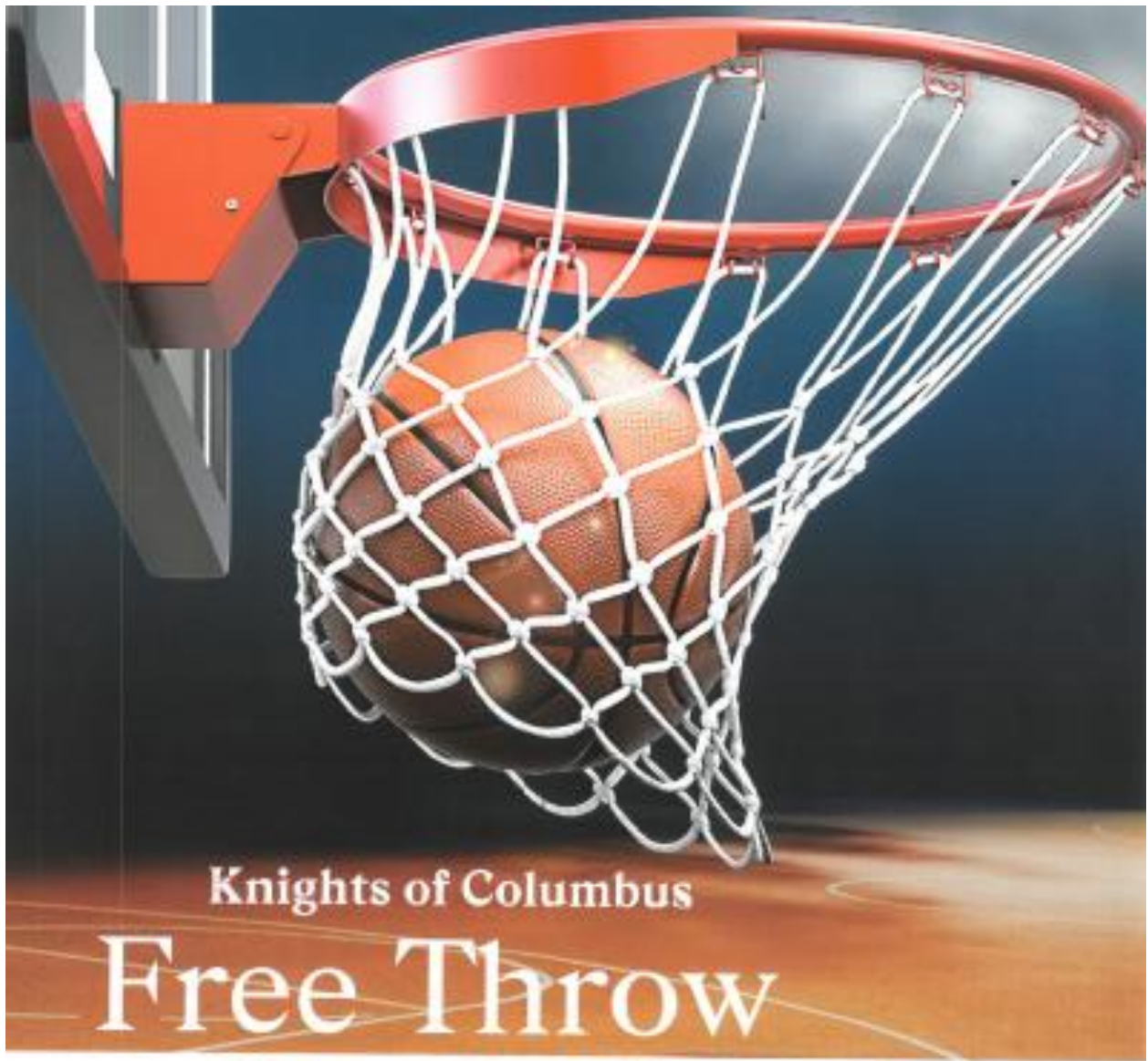
Western Development Museum
2610 Lorne Avenue

- kids entertainment
- balloon twisting
- face painting
- heritage exhibits
- scavenger hunt
- games & activities
- prizes

FREE ADMISSION • Sun Feb 2, 2025 • 12 - 5 PM
heritagefestivalofsaskatoon.com

Terry Heenan Personal Photograph Collection: Saskatoon 1925 Girls dance in circle possibly at W.D.M.'s Manitou Beach or Waskesiu by JN Walters





Knights of Columbus

Free Throw

Championship

Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Location: Holy Cross High School

Date: Mar 1, 2025 Time: 9 am

Sponsor: St. Philip Neri Council # 2539

Contact: Rev Denis 306 280 9863



Faith in Action

Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition.

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Community