

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #7 – March 2024

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GOSPEL VIRTUE - PRAYERFULNESS

Thank you, God, for the gift of prayer. Help me to live in Your presence. I will find Your answers in quiet moments. I dedicate my actions to You today.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	Tie Dye Day - \$2
March 2	9:00 am – K of C Basketball Free Throw Challenge
March 4	PLD - NO SCHOOL for students
March 5 – March 8	Bring CANNED MEAT/FISH/FRUITS/VEGGIES for the Food Bank
March 5	9:00 am – Deadline to order Treats – Cinnamon Buns
March 5	School Clothing and Colors (blue/grey) Day - \$2
March 5	9:00 am – 3-Way Conference Online Booking Ends
March 5	10:30 am – School Assembly in the gym led by Gr 6/7
March 6	4:00 pm – GSCS Small Schools Relay Meet – Saskatoon Fieldhouse
March 6	12:30 pm – Lenten Liturgy Week 2 in the gym – led by Gr 3/4
March 6	3:30 pm – Basketball Game in the gym
March 7	12:40 pm – Gr 8 goes to tour Holy Cross High School
March 7	3:30 pm - 7:45 pm - 3-Way Conferences, Book Fair and Used Book Sale
March 8	8:30 am - 12:15 pm - 3-Way Conferences, Book Fair and Used Book Sale
	- NO School for Students
March 11 – March 15	Bring COFFEE, SUGAR and JAM for the Food Bank
March 12	10:30 am – Lenten Liturgy Week 3 in the gym – led by Gr 1
March 12	Treat Day – Cinnamon Buns (for those who ordered)
March 12	Gr 8 Band Music Festival at Elim Church
March 12	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library
March 13	Pajama Day - \$2
March 13	Gr 7 Band Music Festival at Elim Church
March 14	pi day. (π = 3.14)
March 14	12:45 pm – Gr 3 goes to JS Wood Library
March 15	12:40 pm – Gr 8 Living Museum in the gym
	Bring SOUP, PASTA and PASTA SAUCE for the Food Bank
March 20	12:30 pm – Gr 5/6, 7 and 8 Spikeball Sessions in the gym
March 21	Inside Out/Backwards Day - \$2
March 21	12:45 pm – Lenten Liturgy Week 4 in the gym – led by Gr 6/7
March 21	1:15 pm – Gr 3 – Gr 8 Penitential Service
March 22	Progress Reports go home
March 23	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for March – Taco Time
March 27	Gr 8 Bake Sale
March 28	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger lunch – Taco Time (for those who ordered)
March 28	Holy Thursday Liturgy & Stations of the Cross led by Gr 7
March 29	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
March 31	Easter Sunday
April 1 – April 5	EASTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL
April 8	8:40 am – Classes Resume

ADMIN MESSAGE

✓ The year continues to move very quickly! We are well into the Lenten season as we turn the calendar and begin another busy month March. Let me begin by passing on a huge thank you! to our

CSCC and our parents who contributed all the goodies, snacks, emails etc. in appreciation of our entire St. Philip Staff. We have all felt honored by your gratitude and are blessed to work with you and your children!

- ✓ What is Lent all about? Lent is a time of growth and renewal for each one of us. Each Lent is an opportunity for us to prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter. This Lent, let us set aside some time to think about our relationship with God our Loving Father and our relationships with one another. Take the time to:
 - 1) **Pray** and listen to "What is God trying to tell me?"
 - 2) **Fast** not just from food and drink, but from routines that we all fall into, that prevent us from living consciously.
 - 3) Give in a concrete way to reach out to the people around us. This year we will be sending financial donations to Development in Peace (Local Recipient Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School) and donations of food to the Friendship Inn and Saskatoon Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!
- Next week we will begin our "celebration of learning" by inviting you and your children to actively participate in 3-Way Conferences held at our school on Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to celebrate their growth in learning with you. Please call our office to schedule. Report Cards will be viewed ONLY on EDSBY starting Friday, March 22nd.
- ✓ Book Fair and Used Book Sale is back! While you and your children are attending 3-Way conferences why not stop into our library and select a few titles. Thank you to our CSCC Parents!
- ✓ Once again, thank you for all the support you give our students and staff....

God's Blessings, Mr. Todos

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.

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.

KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-25 school year will open in January. Children who will be 5 years old on or before January 31, 2025 (birthday January 31, 2020) can register for Kindergarten by contacting the school or visiting <u>www.gscs.ca/kindergarten</u>.

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 <u>sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net</u>. [Priority will be given to St. Philip families]. Once again, a great opportunity for our young students and their families.

LENTEN PRAYER



Loving Father, the love that Jesus has for each of us was evident in his life and in the sacrifice of himself during this Lenten season. Help each of us in our struggles to accept our suffering as Jesus did, and to work toward healing with knowledge of the love that Jesus has for us. May we be a source of comfort and strength for each other as we help each other carry our crosses. Amen.

LENTEN SERVICES

During Lent we prepare our hearts and focus on prayer, almsgiving, fasting, and repentance. The following weekly Liturgies will be held. All families are welcome to attend.

- Wednesday, March 6th Lenten Liturgy Week 2 led by Gr 3/4 12:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 12th Lenten Liturgy Week 3 led by Gr 1 10:30 am
- Wednesday, March 20th Lenten Liturgy Week 4 led by Gr 6/7 & Penitential Service 10:30 am
- Thursday, March 28th Holy Thursday & Stations of the Cross led by Gr 7 1:00 pm

LENTEN DONATIONS

We will also be taking part in the following Lenten Projects:

- Collecting food for the Food Bank.
 - Each family is asked to bring the following food items on the following dates:
 - March 5th March 8th Canned Meat, Fish, Fruit, Veggies
 - March 11th March 15th Coffee, Sugar and Jam
 - March 18th March 22nd Soup, Pasta, Pasta Sauce

LENTEN FUNDRAISERS

As a school we will be participating in the following weekly activities during Lent. All money collected will be sent to **Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School (Ukrainian Newcomers).**

- Friday, March 1st Tie Dye Day (or wear colors of the rainbow) \$2
- Tuesday, March 5th School Clothing and Colors (blue/grey) Day \$2
- Wednesday, March 13th Pajama Day \$2
- Thursday, March 21st Inside Out Day \$2

INDOOR TRACK RELAYS

Congratulations to the Under 11 Girls team of Alex, Dana, Reece and Emelia for receiving a silver medal in the relays. Also, congratulations to the Under 13 boys; Brandon, A.J., Liam and Simon for getting their second silver medal. All of our St. Philip track athletes are coming to practice and running hard, keep up the great effort!

Mrs. Gusikoski and Mr. Vause

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 <u>not to be used before school</u>.

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 <u>mitchspray@hotmail.com</u> or call him at 306-715-8457 with the dates when you are able to supervise. Thanks for your support.

POLAR BEAR CLUB



Our School Division procedures state that -25° be used as a guideline temperature for an indoor recess for students. However, many students ask to go outside to play, even when temperatures dip below -25°. For those students staying inside, we will provide quiet activities for them to do in their classrooms. For the students wanting to go outside, they must have a Polar Bear Club form filled out and signed by their parent.

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 <u>Healthy</u> <u>Hunger Parent Letter</u>, 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 **March 27th – Taco Time; April 25th Boston Pizza; May 30th – Subway; June 27th – BBQ**

TUESDAY TREATS – 2nd Tuesday of the month

This year St. Philip School will continue to have Tuesday Treat Day fundraisers. Orders will be placed through your child's **My School Bucks** account. Please see attached My School Bucks instruction letter <u>MySchoolBucks</u>. Treat Day will be **March 12th; April 16th; May 14th; June 11th**.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. The CSCC meeting dates are: **March 12th and June 4th.** If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Ian Stavness at <u>csccphic@gscs.ca</u> or our Principal, Darcy Todos at <u>datodos@gscs.ca</u>. 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: March 15, April 19, May 24 and June 14.

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.

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, receiving notifications of delays and get answers to some frequently asked questions. Please advise your children to return home if the bus has not arrived at their stop after 10 minutes and check the First View App. We do not want any students walking to school without parent permission. Please see the First View App Installation Guide that was sent home via email. **Our school code is: GGLK**

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: <u>www.stphilipneriparish.ca;</u> 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**

First Communion – Those students in Grade Two and Three who have completed their First Reconciliation are invited to begin the preparation for their First Communion. The first session is on Sunday, April 7th right after the 10:00 am Mass. Pre registration is necessary to ensure there are enough materials prepared for everyone and registrations are available now. The contact person at St. Philip Neri parish is Shirley, Pastoral Associate, (306.343.0325)

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



For information on activities happening in our community, please check out their website at <u>www.adelaidechurchill.ca</u>



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.

STAFF MEETINGS

Teaching staff gathers Tuesday mornings for prayer and a brief meeting at 8:00 am; therefore, teachers will not get to their classrooms until shortly before 8:30 am. If you need to call and leave a message, please feel free to do so and your call will be returned.

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

LENTEN FAQs

Why do we have a season of Lent?

The reason that we have Lent is really because we have Easter. Easter is the celebration of new life from death and what a perfect time to celebrate Baptism! So we have Lent because people are preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. And these last 40 days of their preparation before Easter are so intense that we as a community journey with them and prepare to renew our Baptism with them.

Why is Lent 40 days?

40 is a biblically symbolic number. The Israelites wander the desert for 40 years. Jesus was tempted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. 40 symbolizes a significant amount of time during which one's faith is tested and strengthened.

Why do we start Lent by wearing ashes?

Ashes remind us of our mortality. After all, that's what we turn into when we die. And when we come face to face with our mortality, we tend to become more willing to get our lives in order and focus on what's really important. We wear ashes in the shape of a cross on our foreheads to symbolize our willingness to change, to die to sin, and to be born to new life in Baptism.

Why is purple the color of Lent?

Purple is associated with sorrow and mourning. During Lent we recall the suffering and death of Jesus. Purple is also the color of royalty, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we come to recognize him as our King.

Why do we give up meat on Fridays?

Meat is a symbol of luxury and wealth. To abstain from meat is a sacrifice for most people, a way of doing without and living more simply. If you're already a vegetarian then you should seek some other form of sacrifice, abstaining from a certain food that brings you great pleasure. The idea is to eat simply. Finally, Jesus died on a Friday and so Fridays are seen as a day of penance and that's why we abstain from meat on Fridays.

I've given stuff up for Lent, but is there anything additional I can take on?

There are a lot of things that we can do during Lent. We can take on things to fill some of that space that we've gained in our lives by giving other things up. By giving up watching lots of TV, for example, we have more time to devote to prayer or service to others.

Why do we practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent?

We call these three practices the Lenten Disciplines. (The word disciple and discipline share the same root from the Latin word "discere" which means "to learn".) The Lenten Disciplines help us to learn how to follow Christ more closely. Prayer opens us up to God. Fasting purifies us. If we can control basic desires like hunger, then we can learn to control stronger desires that pull us away from God. And finally, giving alms allows God's mercy to flow freely through us.

Why do we pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent?

In the early Church, Christians would make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus on His way to the Cross. As the Church grew and such a pilgrimage became unrealistic for many people, they began to retrace the steps of Jesus on His way to the cross by reflecting on pictures that depicted those scenes. During Lent, especially on Fridays when we reflect on the crucifixion of Jesus, praying on the Stations of the Cross has become a time-honored devotion.

Is Lent a sad or somber time?

Not necessarily, but it is a sober time. Removing holy water from the fonts reminds us of the season we celebrate. Not singing the Gloria or the Alleluia serves a similar purpose. All of these actions are a type of "fast before the feast". What we experience during Lent leads us to an "eyes-wide-open joy" at Easter, when we use lots of water to remind us of our baptism, we bring back our Alleluias (Hebrew for "praise God!"), and sing the Gloria with new enthusiasm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with God

- Do I remember to pray each day?
- Do I pay attention at Mass? Have I fooled around in Church?
- Do I use God's name or Jesus' name without respect or when I am angry?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- Do I obey my parents and my teachers? Do I do what they ask me to do?
- Do I say mean things to my mom or dad?
- Do I always say "Thank You" to people?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- Am I hard to get along with (during school, at Grandma's, at home)?
- Am I lazy around the house? Do I do my chores?
- Do I hurt other people's feelings by calling them bad names?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- ►Do I tell lies?
- ▶ Do I bully others?
- ► Do I start fights with my brothers and sisters at home?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- Do I blame other people for things I do?
- ► Do I get other people into trouble?
- ▶ Do I hit people when I get mad?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- Do I forgive people when they hurt me? Do I hold a grudge?
- ▶ Do I cheat or play unfair in games?
- Do I refuse to play with someone for no good reason?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- Am I lazy about my schoolwork?
- ▶ Do I fail to do my homework?
- Do I cheat in school?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- Have I taken anything that doesn't belong to me? Do I return things that I borrow in good condition?
- Do I take care of my belongings and those of others?
- Do I refuse to eat food I don't like?
- ► Do I follow rules about using the computer at home?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- ▶ Did I keep hatred in my heart?
- Have I ever hit anyone in anger, intending to injure the person?
- Did I fight, give a bad example, or cause scandal?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- ► Have I stolen what is not mine? What or how much?
- Did I return it or make up for what I have stolen?
- ► Have I cheated on tests or homework?
- ▶ Did I waste my time?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- ▶ Was I angry or jealous?
- Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts toward others?
- ►Is my heart set on earthly possessions instead of on the treasures in Heaven?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- ► Have I gossiped or spread rumours?
- Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential?
- Have I thought negatively of people of other nationalities, races, or religions?

Examination of conscience

My Relationship with Family, Friends and Neighbors

- Do I fail to pray?
- Have I denied my faith?
- ▶ Was I careless in saying my prayers?
- Do I give God time every day in prayer?

SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INC.

U5 to U19 REGISTRATION: February 1st to Mid-March

Check with your Zone or Community Association for registration information.



Outdoor Season Info:

Mini U5 - U9 City League U11 - U19 Alliance Youth League U11 - U19 8 games 8 games 10 games

Outdoor Season runs from April 26 to June 27, 2024

Register according to your birth year:

Community Association Programs: (Community handles registration, coaches, and equipment):

Born 2019 Born 2017 / 2018 Born 2015 / 2016 U5 Community League (Timbits) U7 Community League (Timbits) U9 Community League Register with Community Association Register with Community Association Register with Community Association

306-975-3413

Zone Association Programs: (Zone coordinates registration, coaches, and additional player development):

Born 2017 / 2018U7 Development LeagueBorn 2015 / 2016U9 Development LeagueBorn 2013 / 2014U11 Youth LeaguesBorn 2011 / 2012U13 Youth LeaguesBorn 2009 / 2010U15 Youth LeaguesBorn 2007 / 2008U17 Youth LeaguesBorn 2005 / 2006U19 Youth Leagues

Register with Zone (home zone recommended) Register with Zone (home zone recommended) Register with Zone of Residence Register with Zone of Residence Register with Zone of Residence Register with any Zone Register with any Zone



Contact Info for Community Associations and Zones

will be posted on our website WWW.SaSkatoonyouthSoccer.ca Scan here for Outdoor 2024 season details including Game Nights!

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> Call 306-361-8534 for more information

Awards & Pictures will start immediately after the competition Estimated time: 2.5 hours

(Time may vary according to the number of competitors registered)

FREE THROW

CHALLENGE