



# ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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## Newsletter #8 – April 2024

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### GOSPEL VIRTUE - COURAGE

I have courage. I am willing to try new things. I admit mistakes and learn from them.  
I listen to my heart. I have the courage to do the right thing.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1 – April 5	<b>EASTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL</b>
April 7	Green Shirt Day – support organ donors - wear green!
April 8	10:30 am – Gr 3 Agriculture in the Classroom
April 9	Deadline to order Treats – Mini Egg Cookie
April 9	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library
April 12	12:30 pm – Gr 3/4, Gr 5/6 and Gr 8 go swimming at Lakewood Civic Centre
April 16	Treat Day – Mini Egg Cookie (for those who ordered)
April 16	Deadline to purchase Bingo cards through <a href="http://myschoolbucks.ca">myschoolbucks.ca</a>
April 20	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for April – Boston Pizza
April 22	Earth Day Event – school grounds clean up
April 23	6:00 pm – CSCC Family Bingo in the gym (Tentative)
April 25	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger – Boston Pizza (for those who ordered)
April 25	Gr 3/4 Bake Sale
May 1	Flower Power Kick Off
May 8	Tri-School Track Meet – Grade 4-8 – Gordie Howe Complex

## ADMIN MESSAGE

- To begin, I would like to thank you for taking the time to participate in your child's 3 way conference and for viewing the report card and discussing your child's learning with them. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by or call us.
- We would like to wish Mrs. Anderson all the best as she begins her maternity leave and would like to welcome Miss Peyton Secundiak who will begin in the grade 8 room after the break.
- As we prepare for the Easter break, we look forward to Spring and working on some exciting projects as we near the last two months of this school year. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we invite you to come and play bingo during a family evening hosted by our CSCC. Finally, our grade 4-8 students will once again have the opportunity to compete against other schools as we will be cohosting an outdoor track meet at the Gordie Howe Complex on May 8<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are needed and more information to follow as we approach these events.
- With Spring comes different weather patterns. We are seeing cold mornings and will soon see very wet conditions in the afternoons. We ask parents and caregivers to ensure that children have warm clothing for recess breaks during the next weeks and if possible, another pair of socks and pants so that students can change if their clothing becomes wet. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation.
- This week, we look forward with great joy to the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Throughout Lent, our school community has been focusing on 'making a change of heart' and the importance of this liturgical season as we prepare to enter into the Triduum, the holiest days of the year. On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to extend my very best wishes to all families for a happy and Holy Easter. May the peace of the risen Christ bless your homes, your hearts and your families.

*Darcy Todos – 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.

## 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 is open. 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 [www.gscs.ca/kindergarten](http://www.gscs.ca/kindergarten).

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at 306-659-7450 or [st.philip@gscs.ca](mailto:st.philip@gscs.ca).

## KINDER CARE

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](mailto:sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net). **[Priority will be given to St. Philip families]**. Once again, a great opportunity for our young students and their families.

## LENTEN FUNDRAISING

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity with our Lenten fundraising during our Lenten journey. A generous donation of non-perishable food items was given to the Saskatoon Food Bank. Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the Lenten fundraisers for Development and Peace throughout the Lenten season. **\$271.00** was raised in total for Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School to help the displaced students from Ukraine.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS COMPETITION



Students across 20 schools in our Division participated in the Battle of the Books competition at St. Therese School. Congratulations to Aine C, Cian C, Ben D and Kaylan O who tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Great job representing St. Philip School!

## RINK NEWS

**THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to Mr. Spray and all the volunteers who gave of their time to make our rink available for our St. Philip students and all the families in the community!



## FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER



May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup> Flower Power Fundraiser is a go this year! All orders are online through Brightwater Greenhouse - <https://brightwater-greenhouse.square.site/>

**Please don't forget to select and check St. Philip as your delivery school.**

## IN PERSON FAMILY BINGO NIGHT



The CSCC Parent Council will be hosting a Family Bingo in the school gymnasium on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. In addition to the Bingo, there will be a cash concession and fun for the whole family. Funds raised from this event will help cover student activities.

Bingo Card Packages will be on sale through your child's **My School Bucks** account. My School Bucks instruction letter is attached. [My School Bucks Letter](#) Deadline to purchase Bingo Card Packages through online ordering will be **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**. Don't miss out on great prizes to be won! Bingo Packages will be distributed at the door.

## 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 **April 25<sup>th</sup> Boston Pizza; May 30<sup>th</sup> – Subway; June 27<sup>th</sup> – BBQ**

## TUESDAY TREATS – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [MySchoolBucks](#). Treat Day will be **April 16<sup>th</sup>; May 14<sup>th</sup>; June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. The CSCC meeting dates are: **April 9<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>**. If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Ian Stavness at [csccephic@gscs.ca](mailto:csccephic@gscs.ca) or our Principal, Darcy Todos at [datodos@gscs.ca](mailto:datodos@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: **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](http://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](mailto:sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net)

## **ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH**

Phone: 306-343-0325; Fax: 306-343-0900;

Website: [www.stphilipneriparish.ca](http://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: 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 [www.adelaidechurchill.ca](http://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](http://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

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