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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

March 31 – April 4

April 1

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April 7 – April 11

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April 20

April 21 – April 25

April 26

April 28

April 29

May 1

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Bring **COFFEE, SUGAR and JAM** for the Food Bank

SPORTS TEAM DAY - \$2

1:00 pm – Gr 5/6 goes to JS Wood Library

1:00 pm – Gr 7/8 goes curling at Nutana Curling Rink

6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library

9:00 am – Deadline to order Treats – Mini Egg Cookie

9:30 am – Gr 8 goes curling at Nutana Curling Rink

12:30 pm – Gr 3/4 and Gr 4/5 go swimming to Lakewood Pool

1:00 pm – Gr 6/7 goes to JS Wood Library

9:00 am – Deadline to order hotdogs

12:00 pm – Gr 7 goes to the Music Festival at Elim Church

1:00 pm – Lenten Liturgy Week 4 in the gym – led by Gr 1

Bring **SOUP, PASTA and PASTA SAUCE** for the Food Bank

Green Shirt Day – support organ donors - **wear green!**

1:00 pm – Gr 7/8 goes curling at Nutana Curling Rink

PAJAMA DAY - \$2

Treat Day – Mini Egg Cookie (for those who ordered)

9:30 am – Gr 8 goes curling at Nutana Curling Rink

12:45 pm – Lenten Liturgy Week 5 in the gym – led by Gr 2/3

11:40 am – Hotdog lunch (for those who ordered)

11:40 am – Gr 4/5 and Gr 8 go to Clip and Climb

1:00 pm – Gr 7/8 goes curling at Nutana Curling Rink

9:00 am – Gr 3/4 goes to Wander's Farm

9:30 am – Gr 8 goes curling at Nutana Curling Rink

Deadline to purchase Bingo cards through myschoolbucks.ca

Holy Thursday Liturgy & Stations of the Cross led by Gr 6/7

Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

Easter Sunday

EASTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL

Deadline to order Healthy Hunger lunch for April – Taco Time

8:40 am – Classes Resume

Earth Day Event – school grounds clean up

11:45 am – Healthy Hunger – Taco Time (for those who ordered)

Kindergarten and Gr 1 Bake Sale

Flower Power Kick Off

6:00 pm – CSCC Family Bingo in the gym



ADMIN MESSAGE

- As we journey through the season of Lent, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support of our Lenten projects. Your generosity and encouragement have allowed our students to grow in faith, compassion, and service. Throughout this season, we have come together as a school community for meaningful Lenten liturgies, providing students with opportunities to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and deepen their relationship with Him. These moments of prayer and reflection help us prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection.
- Exciting things are happening at our school as we continue to learn, grow, and prepare for this sacred season. As we await the warmth of spring, we look forward to spending more time outdoors, using God's creation as a space for reflection and gratitude. Easter is a time of renewal, and we pray that this season fills your homes with peace, love, and hope. Thank you for being a part of our faith-filled school community—we are truly blessed to journey through Lent and into Easter together.

*Blessings,
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.



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.gscs.ca/kindergarten.

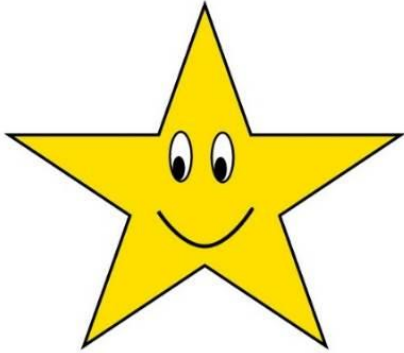
If you have questions or need more information, contact us at 306-659-7450 or st.philip@gscs.ca.

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 before **April 15th**. [Priority will be given to St. Philip families]. Once again, a great opportunity for our young students and their families.

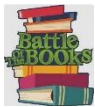
SOARING STUDENTS

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



KMW – Ram S
KTT – Sophie B
Gr 1 – Abigail S, Amber V
Gr 2 – Ayden L, Martin N
Gr 2/3 – Louis F, Samantha V
Gr 3/4 – Olivia B, Elvis E, Owen M
Gr 4/5 – Gillian A, Richard A-G, Noah L
Gr 5/6 – Hlieb L, Brighton M, Hunter N
Gr 6/7 – El-Blessings E, Matthew M, Michelle T
Gr 7/8 – Mila C, Ben V
Gr 8 – Sarah C, Marina D, Malcolm F

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 our small but mighty team - Zikora O and Regan I in Gr.8 who tied for 3rd Place. Great job representing St. Philip School!

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 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



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 1st - May 9th Flower Power Fundraiser is a go this year! All orders are online through Brightwater Greenhouse - <https://brightwater-greenhouse.square.site/> **Deadline to order is Friday, May 9th and pick up in the gym is Thursday, May 15th.**

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

FAMILY BINGO



The CSCC Parent Council will be hosting a Family Bingo in the school gymnasium on Thursday, May 1st 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 **Thursday, April 17th**. Don't miss out on great prizes to be won! Bingo Packages will be distributed at the door.

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, 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 **May 1 – Taco Time; May 29 – Family Pizza.**

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 **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: **April 1 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: **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

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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



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

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 6th 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. Please contact St. Philip Neri Parish at 306.343.0325 or email pastoralassociate2@stphilipneriparish.ca.

Sr. Cindy Lewans and Shirley Hyshka

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



East-side Lenten Penitential Services and Opportunities for Confession

• **Fri. March 28 – Cathedral of the Holy Family,**
and at **St. Paul Co-Cathedral** - Day of Confessions
from 7 am - 9 pm

- **Tues. April 1 – St. Augustine** - Penitential Service at 7 pm
- **Tues. April 8 - ST. PHILIP NERI** - Penitential Service at 6:30 pm; Additional Confession Opportunities: **Fri. April 11** from 6 - 8 pm and **Sat. April 12** from 10 am - 12 noon
- **Wed. April 9 – Holy Spirit** - Penitential Service at 7 pm
- **Thurs. April 10 – Our Lady of Lourdes** - Penitential Service at 7 pm
- **Wed. April 16 - St. Francis Xavier** - Confessions at 5:30 pm



Triduum Masses at St. Philip Neri

Holy Thursday - April 17 at **7:00 pm** (Adoration to follow until 10 pm)

Good Friday - April 18 at **3:00 pm**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - April 19 at **8:00 pm**
(Easter Celebration in Welcome Area to follow)

Easter Sunday - April 20 at **10:00 am**