



NEWSLETTER – February 2023

Phone: 306-659-7190

ÉCOLE CARDINAL LEGER SCHOOL

141 Campion Crescent

www.gscs.ca/leg

Fax: 306-659-2062

Mrs. Wanda Spooner
Principal



Murray St. Amand
Vice-Principal

Office Coordinator: Mrs. Colette Chantler

"God wanted not only words from me, but actions"

~Cardinal Leger

Gospel Virtue of the month.....LOVE

May the Lord make your love overflow to each other and to everyone else, just as our love overflows toward you.

~1 Thessalonians: 3

Making your love and respect overflow is all about going the extra distance, helping just a little better. Sometimes God will speak to you about it in your heart; most of the time he won't. It's a matter of excellence, kindness, and faithfulness. When we make our love and respect for others overflow, God sees what we do with pleasure in his heart. He knows we're learning to be the kind of people he wants for his kingdom.

LENT

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 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 1, 6:30 pm: Kindergarten open house
Thursday, February 2: Spirit Day – Western Day
Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 pm: St. Joseph's Grade 8 Open House/Parent Information Night
Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 pm: Holy Cross Grade 8 Open House Parent Information Night
Tuesday, February 14: Spirit Day – Valentine's Day, red/pink/white day
Wednesday, February 28 – Pink Shirt Day
Friday, February 17: Hot lunch from Smoke's Poutinerie (online order deadline Feb 12)
Monday, February 20: Family Day Stat Holiday – no school for students
Wednesday, Feb 22: Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
Tue – Fri, February 21-24: School Vacation – no school for students

Notes from Admin

Staff and students are beginning a very busy schedule with extra-curricular activities. The track season is now upon us and we have begun our practices. Thank you to Mr. St Amand, Mlle Wrubleski, Mlle Ronellenfitsch and Mrs. Spooner for coaching our track teams. Under 11 practice Mondays at 8 am and our Under 13/14 practice Wednesday 8 am. As well, the basketball season has begun! Thanks to our coaches Mr. Gallays, Mr. St. Amand and Ms. Melnyk for coaching our students. Our boys have their first game Feb 2 at Leger in the gym at 3:30. Come and watch if you can!

The past two weeks, students in Grades 3 and 6 were administered the Cognitive Insight screening test. Insight is a Canadian-developed, group-administered test which is administered by DVD video and is effective for assessing intellectual abilities critical to developing reading, written language and mathematics skills. Results of the Cognitive Insight Test should be available to the school in May. If you have any questions regarding this testing, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

February 13 - 18 is a week when we celebrate French as Second Language. Throughout the week many French cultural activities will take place. Friday February 17 will be our Carnival day where we will be outside taking part in many fun snow games (weather permitting). ALL of our students participate including our English students. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately to be outside. It is a fun day for all!

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our Lenten Journey. Lent is a time when we are called to open our eyes to the sacrifice made by our Lord. It is time to open our hearts to his forgiveness and grace. It is time to open our mouths, ears and arms to those around us. During the month of March, our morning prayers and reflection will focus on the gospel virtue of Justice.

Our three way conferences will be held Thursday, March 9th from 3:45-7:00pm and Friday March 10th from 9:00 - 1:00 pm. At this time, conversations and discussions at conferences will focus on student learning and growth. Parents will have an opportunity to discuss their child's learning.

We hope all of our families have a wonderful February Break - Feb 20 - 24! Enjoy!
~Mrs. Spooner/Mr. St. Amand

KINDERGARTEN

Our **Kindergarten Information Night** was held on **Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30pm in the Library**. If you weren't able to attend, you may still register your child. Children who will be 5 years old on or before January 31, 2024 (birthday before January 31, 2019) 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 306-659-7190 or cardinal.leger@gscs.ca.

Noon Lunch Supervision Fees: Letter from Director Rivard

The planned noon supervision fee that was announced in June 2022 will begin January 2023. The cost-recovery fee applies to kindergarten through Grade 8 students in elementary schools in Saskatoon who stay at school for lunch. The fee will be \$7 per month per student. Half-time kindergarten students will pay \$3.50 per month. Fees will be capped at \$14 per month per family. Families have the option to make one payment for the rest of the school year (six months; January through June) or set-up monthly installments. **Initial payment is due February 15, 2023.**

The fee will apply to all students who stay at the school over lunch, including students who are bused to school. Fees are fixed per month; they will not be calculated based on the number of school days or the number of days students are present/absent. Fees help recover the cost of supervision; they do not pay for food. Fees can be paid online through MySchoolBucks (www.myschoolbucks.ca) using credit cards or VISA/MasterCard debit cards. If a family is unable to pay online, schools can receive cash or cheque (payable to Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools) payments directly. Receipts will be issued, and the cost can be claimed as a childcare deduction on your federal tax return.

To allow equitable access for families, fees will be waived for families unable to pay. If this applies to you, please create a MySchoolBucks account and continue to the area to pay fees. Select the "request exemption" option instead of a payment amount. This request will be kept confidential and only viewed by the school office. Instructions to create an account, login, and pay fees through MySchoolBucks can be found on the division website at <https://go.gscs.ca/nls>. Answers to some frequently asked questions are also on the website.

Technical questions about MySchoolBucks accounts and payments can directed to them at 1-855-832-5226.

If you have general questions, please contact your school.

Sincerely,
François Rivard, Director of Education

Winter weather! Please ensure that your child(ren) is/are suitably dressed for the weather. It is important that students come with winter jackets, boots, gloves and toques (winter pants if available). Students are expected to go outside at recesses and noon hour. When dressed for the weather, fresh air and playtime/socializing with friends is enjoyable. Students must come dressed for outdoors even on the coldest days as temperatures do fluctuate during the day which would allow students to go outside for some fresh air. We live in a climate where extreme weather conditions do at times limit outside activities. During our coldest times students are always able to warm up in the boot room areas. Indoor recesses are required and will be held only when temperatures exceed -27 C.

~Wanda Spooner & Murray St. Amand

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is published every month and will be posted on Edsby. Please ensure you have submitted to the school a current Email address. You can also access our current newsletter on our website <https://www.gscs.ca/leg/page/664/school-news> Extra copies are available at the office.

FACEBOOK

Cardinal Leger has a Facebook page. We are excited to share with families information and events that happen at our school! Hit the link and like us! <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085378246087>

MySchoolBucks

GSCS has transferred from MSB.com to MSB.ca

A new account will need to be created. Once the account has been created, it will require you to add your district which is Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. At that point you will then be able to attach you student to your account. You may want to download the app via your Google Play Store or Apple Store



EDSBY

A reminder to all families, that EDSBY is our sole method of communication for reporting absences, conference bookings, teacher communication, progress reporting and school news and updates. See School Website at www.gscs.ca/leg for further instructions and support if required.

Student absences are required to be reported by parents, preferably using Edsby, otherwise by phone 306-659-7190. Students cannot report their own absences.

ALLERGY/MEDICAL FORMS

A variety of emergency situations may include administration of emergency medical assistance or medication. Prior to administering medication (prescription or non prescription), **a letter from the child's parent/guardian and a letter from the physician is required specifying details regarding the medication and instructions to staff to properly administer the medication/emergency medical treatment.** Forms must be updated each year. Please contact the school for a copy of the Parent and Physician Request for Medication Form.

Students who have already been identified as needing emergency medical intervention (i.e. - epi-pen) will be given forms to be filled out by their physicians and by their parents/guardians. Parents of students, who have such medical needs not known to the school, please contact Mrs. Chantler, in order to obtain the necessary forms.

HEALTHY HUNGER

1. Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca; if you already have an account you can continue to use it. If you do not have an account, go to step 2.
2. Click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT"
3. Create your student account
4. After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches.
5. Place orders
6. Then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard

Balance of lunch dates for 2023:

Friday February 17, 2023 (Smokes Pouterie)

Friday March 17, 2023 (Subway)

Friday April 21, 2023 (Pita Pit)

Friday May 26, 2023 (Taco Time)

Thursday June 15, 2023 (Dairy Queen)

PARKING

Please watch the **PARKING** signs directly in front of the school. This is a **Drop Off and Pickup Zone** only. The driver must remain in the vehicle while dropping off or picking up your children from school. **We ask that parents and guardians do not use the staff parking lot as a parking zone or to turn around while picking your children up after school. We do need to keep in mind the safety of our children. Also please be reminded to not stop on our crosswalk in front of the school as well as be aware of the driveways that need to stay clear for our neighbours!** Police/commissionaires will be monitoring traffic and will issue tickets for traffic and parking violations. PLEASE ENSURE YOU DO NOT PARK IN THE BUSSING ZONES – thank you!

NUT ALERT

Please be reminded we are a school that is NUT ALERT. We are asking families to not send foods with nuts (i.e. peanut butter/Nutella/some granola bars etc.). Thanks for helping keep all of our students safe!

ÉCOLE CARDINAL LEGER SCHOOL NEWS

CONCOURS D' ART D'ORATOIRE

Friday March 3 at 9:30 in the big gym, we will be having our grade 5-8 French and English Oratory Contest. Parents are welcome to attend! Four students from each of these grades have been chosen to present their personal creations. From these participants, one student from grade 6 – 8 will advance to represent our school at the system-wide competition. Our K-4 French and English Oratory Program will take place Friday March 3 at 1:30 in the large gym. Please come out to enjoy the presentation!

RED CROSS DAY OF PINK

École Cardinal Leger School will be participating in PINK SHIRT DAY on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Pink Shirt Day is the International Day against Bullying and Discrimination (Canadian Red Cross) in schools and communities. Day of Pink is a day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. Hundreds of his fellow students decided to stand up to bullying by coming to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination and bullying. A member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders will be visiting and presenting to our school about the topic of Bullying. We ask that all students participate in Day of Pink by wearing pink shirts that day! House League points will be awarded!

CSCC NEWS

The Cardinal Leger Catholic School Community Council (CLCSCC) is mandated by the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board and works closely with the Cardinal Leger staff to support them in many ways. Under the direction of our Principal, the CLCSCC supports the Learning Improvement Plan, and any ongoing plans for student success within our school. Our primary goal is to encourage parent/guardian involvement within our school and to be your link to school news and events. There are many opportunities to help ranging from very brief, one-time commitments to larger scale coordination of events. Your support is critical for our school to attain academic success and have fun!

FUNDRAISING - all fundraising dollars go to support your child's learning and activities!

Please share our **Tru Earth online fundraiser** <https://fundraising.tru.earth/cardinallegerschool> with friends, family and co-workers. You will find several other eco-friendly products on the online store (disinfecting multi-surface cleaner, beeswax food wrap & snack bags, produce bags, wool dryer balls, washable makeup remover pads, metal straws, bamboo cutlery, New Swedish Dishcloths, and newly added toilet bowl cleaner and lavender laundry strips). Our school earns 20% profit on every purchase we make through our online store for the entire year but take advantage of one of the best sales of the year. All products purchased are shipped directly to the purchaser, with no shipping charges.

Thank you for your support!

The next CSCC meeting is on February 28 at 6:30 pm.



"Come Spend Time with Family"

Sunday Mass Times

9:00 am, 11:30 am & 6:30 pm

www.holyfamilycathedral.ca

Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion

In the Catholic Church in Saskatoon, children are usually baptized as infants, receive First Communion around age 7 (Gr 2), and receive Confirmation around age 11 (Gr 6).

But sometimes life happens. Is your child older? Did you move from an area with different ages? Did COVID interfere? Let's get things sorted out.

Some programs preparing children and youth for these sacraments are starting soon. See hfsacraments.ca or contact andy@holyfamilycathedral.ca

Thanks!

Andy Korvemaker

Faith Formation Minister, Cathedral of the Holy Family

123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon, SK S7S 1H1

Phone: (306) 659-5803 Fax: (888) 897-7980 www.holyfamilycathedral.ca andy@holyfamilycathedral.ca

akorvemaker@rcdos.ca

Sacrament of Confirmation (age 11+)



Step 1 - Register now:

hfsacraments.ca

Step 2 - Information Meeting

Sunday, February 5th

1:00-2:00pm

In Saskatoon, youth typically prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at ages 11 (Grade 6) and up.



See <https://f2f.ca/upcomingevents/> for upcoming Catholic youth events with FaceToFace Ministries.