

NEWSLETTER – March 2023

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

~Cardinal Leger

GOSPEL VIRTUE OF THE MONTH ... *Service*

Each time anyone comes in contact with us, they must become different and better people because of having met us. WE must radiate God's love and serve others. ~Mother Teresa

What does service mean? Serving others may mean doing some jobs that might not be your favourite thing to do. It's doing jobs that aren't "assigned" to you. Serving others means noticing things that you could do to help someone else, then doing them. Jesus was the prime example of serving other. He even said that he came to earth to be a servant. Some people want to be the person who is served, and the idea of serving others is not very appealing to them. Jesus taught that serving others shows God-inspired love. What are some ways you could serve someone? Serving takes time, energy, and effort, and there is no room for selfishness and pride in the process. Don't serve someone, and then brag about it—that makes it all about you. Serve out of love.

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

Tuesday, March 7: Concourses K-4 – 1:30 5-8 – 9:30 PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE

Thursday, March 9: 3:45 – 7:15 pm Three Way Conferences

Friday, March 10: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Three Way Conferences - **no school for students**

Monday, March 13: Professional Learning Day – **no school for students**

Thursday, March 16: 9:15 am Lenten Mass in large gym

Friday, March 17: Hot Lunch from Subway – deadline for online orders March 12

Tuesday, March 21: Spirit Day – Mismatched Sock Day – Down Syndrome Awareness

Notes from Admin

March has arrived and we are definitely celebrating the wonderful sunny days! Outdoor recesses are great!

February 22 was 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 Service.

A big bouquet of thanks to our wonderful parents at École Cardinal Leger Community Council for treating us to a special Staff Appreciation Week prior to the February Break! It is so appreciated! Thanks to our Council for organizing for us!

Our 3- way conferences will be held Thursday, March 9th from 3:45 – 7:15 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. Information about booking conferences is listed in this newsletter. Progress reports will be distributed on March 24th.

Our Track teams are busy practicing! Our first meet is Wednesday March 15th. Our next meet will be the Kinsmen Track Meet on March 24/25th. Come out and cheer for our team! Thank you to Mlle Wrubleski and Mlle Ronellenfitsch for all their hard work in coaching our students this season.

Thanks to all of our Battle of the Books teams. Our school wide "battle" is Tuesday March 14th at 9:30 am in the large gym. The winning team will head to the division meet March 21 at St. Angela School.

Parents are reminded to encourage their children to practice safety – stay far away from the street as the bus approaches. Please encourage your children to use the crosswalks! Winter brings icy road and sidewalk conditions and weather which can reduce visibility. Please discuss these safety measures with your children.

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 for 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.

Saskatoon Police Services is trying to raise awareness that U-turns in school zones are illegal. U-Turns in school zones, whether at an intersection or not, are illegal and will result in a fine.

- Mrs. Wanda Spooner

KINDERGARTEN

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.

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 March 17, 2023 (Subway)
- Friday April 21, 2023 (Pita Pit)
- Friday May 26, 2023 (Taco Time)
- Thursday June 15, 2023 (Dairy Queen)

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

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 March 21 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

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