

NEWSLETTER – March 2024

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

~Cardinal Leger

Gospel Virtue/Sacred teaching: Sharing & Service

NOTES FROM ADMIN

Dear Families of Ecole Cardinal Leger School Community,

During this season of Lent, let us take a moment to pause, reflect, and embrace the profound significance of the life of Jesus and the ultimate sacrifice He made for us. Through His sacrifice, we are granted the opportunity to live eternally in Heaven alongside Him and our departed loved ones.

This time of reflection allows us to deepen our connection to our faith and appreciate the immense love and grace that surrounds us. As we journey through Lent, may we carry this spirit of gratitude and renewal in our hearts, guiding us towards a path of spiritual growth and enlightenment.

May this season of Lent be a meaningful and transformative experience for all, as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus and prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Easter.

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the families for your unwavering support during the recent uncertainties caused by teacher sanctions and strikes. Your understanding and cooperation have been invaluable as we work towards a resolution. We encourage you to engage in conversations with your local MLA to advocate for the best interests of our school community. Your voices matter, and your advocacy can make a difference in ensuring a positive outcome for all.

Please remember to check Edsby regularly for important updates and communication as this is our primary channel for sharing information with the school community.

On Friday, February 16th, the Saskatchewan Teachers Federation announced the withdrawal of Noon Lunch Supervision as part of their sanctions. As a result, students were sent home by bus before the lunch period. The afternoon was optional for students to return if families could arrange transportation to and from the school. In the event that this sanction occurs in the future, we kindly ask you to excuse your child's/children's absence on Edsby if they will not be returning the afternoon. This simple action will greatly assist our front office staff in accurately tracking and accounting for all students.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and cooperation during this time. Together, we can overcome challenges and continue to provide a nurturing environment for our students.

Warm regards,
Mme Degagné-Ellis & M. St.Amand

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY:

Wednesday, February 28 – Pink Shirt Day

Thursday, February 29 - Grade 6-8 (1st place Concours winners) Division level Concours @ St. Peter's school

MARCH:

Friday, March 1- Living Rosary 1:00 pm

Monday, March 4 – Professional Learning Day – **no school**

Tuesday, March 5 – CSCC meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 6 – GSCS Relays – details to follow (please join the Edsby group for updated details and information)

Thursday, March 7 - 3:45 pm to 7:45 pm– Three Way Conferences

Friday, March 8 - 9:00 am to 12:45 pm - Three Way Conferences– **no school**

Wednesday, March 13 – Hat Day (Spirit Day)

Thursday, March 14 – School Lenten Mass @ 10:55 (4/5 Mme Kun)

Friday, March 15 – Bake Sale (7/8 Lalonde & 5/6 Loken)

Monday, March 18 – School Lenten Liturgy @ 2:40 (7/8 Thiessen)

Thursday, March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day: ROCK your CRAZY socks Spirit Day

Friday, March 22 – Hot Lunch (Subway)

Friday, March 22 – Progress Reports Issued

Wednesday/Thursday, March 27 & 28: Stations of the Cross Reflection (Students will be guided by classroom teachers)

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday – **no school**

APRIL:

Monday, April 1 to Friday, April 5 – School Vacation – **no school**

Notes from Admin

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Parents are reminded that students should **not arrive** to school **before 8:45 a.m.** Students needing before and after school care can contact our Explorer program director Shelley Bettker at 306-227-4325.

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!

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.

MySchoolBucks

If you do not already have an account, you may create one at myschoolbucks.ca . 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 are not permitted to 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.

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!

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

Lunch dates for 2024:

Friday, March 22, 2024 (Subway)	Friday, May 24, 2024 (Taco Time)
Friday, April 26, 2024 (Pita Pit)	Thursday, June 20, 2024 (Dairy Queen)

Bake Sale Dates (Fridays): Items sold at .50 to \$2.00

March 15	May 17
April 19	June 14

Lost & Found:

The Lost & Found boxes are brimming over with good quality items anxiously waiting to be reunited with the owners! Please drop by and take a peek at your convenience.

ÉCOLE CARDINAL LEGER SCHOOL NEWS

In February, our school celebrated French as a Second Language Week. Students dedicated the past weeks to preparing for Concours, a special event. On Thursday, February 15th, our kindergarten to grade 4 students presented the poems and songs they had memorized. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication in preparing for this speaking presentation.

In the afternoon, students from grades 5-8 who were selected to advance from their classroom presentations performed in front of our school community. Congratulations to all the participants for their individual presentations.

In the French Immersion category, we are pleased to announce our first and second place winners. The first-place winners from grades 6, 7, and 8 will progress to the division level on Thursday, February 29th. Let's congratulate all participants and wish those moving on to the division level the best of luck!

5e année

1re place:	Sunny Olver & Sarah Rivard
2e place:	Ornella Issa

6e année

1 ^{re} place:	Katie Reimer (advancing to division concours)
2 ^e place:	Annabelle Ablahad

7e année

1 ^{re} place:	Lolita Wall (advancing to division concours)
2 ^e place:	Isabel Shao

8e année

1 ^{re} place:	Josée Rivard (advancing to division concours)
2 ^e place :	Richa Yogesh

Please note that we will be acknowledging all students that presented their Concours for our École Cardinal Leger School Community from Grades 5-8 with a pizza party. Thank you to our school CSCC who will be providing the pizza for our presenters. We have tentatively scheduled the pizza for Thursday, February 29th at 12:00. Please note that if any further sanctions are announced, we will advise the participants of an alternate date.

CSCC NEWS

The Cardinal Leger Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) 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 CSCC 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!

We have set up a SARCAN drop and GO account as an ongoing fundraiser to support our school needs. If you have bottles and cans you can donate to a great cause – please take them to any SARCAN location. Group Name is Cardinal Leger School with the phrase: FUNDRAISING.

This year’s Council members are as follows:

- Jamie Serviss – returning Co-Chair
- Val Poirier – returning Co-Chair
- Laura Jardine – returning Treasurer
- Kerry Williams – returning Member at Large
- Michele Corriveau – returning Member at Large
- Natalie Reimer – returning Member at Large
- Danielle Favreau – returning Member at Large
- Tania Hawat – returning member at Large
- NEW MEMBERS: Emily Joseph, Elizabeth Robertson and Heather Wiwchar
- School Liaison Trustees: Ron Boechler/Dana Case

The CSCC meeting dates are as follow (Tuesdays, 6:30 pm in the school library):

- March 5
- May 7
- June 4: AGM

Message from Chair:
Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we venture into another exciting month of learning and growth, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome from the Cardinal Leger School Community Council.

March brings with it a sense of anticipation as we witness our children delve deeper into their academic pursuits and extracurricular activities. It's a time when we celebrate their achievements, both big and small and encourage them to explore opportunities and imagination. We look forward to saying good-bye to a (mostly) mild winter and hope to see signs of spring approaching.

During this excitement, we also recognize the challenges our dedicated teachers are facing during the ongoing contract negotiations. As they continue to pour their hearts and souls into educating our children, it's crucial that we offer them our unwavering support and appreciation. The challenge they are all facing during this process is not lost on us.

Our parent community stands in solidarity with our teachers during this time, recognizing their invaluable contributions to our children's lives. Whether through words of encouragement, acts of kindness, or simply lending a listening ear, let us show our teachers that they are not alone.

As we look ahead, let's embrace the opportunities this month presents—to come together as a community, to support one another and to advocate for the best interests of our children and educators alike.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. Here's to a month filled with learning, laughter, and limitless possibilities! Please join us for our next meeting March 5th , 6:30 p.m. in the school library if you are interested.

Warm regards,
Jamie Serviss
Parent Council Chairperson

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

<https://rcdos.ca/confirmation-retreats/>

The diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is partnering with Face2Face Ministries to bring Confirmation Retreats to those parishes preparing young people for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for confirmation retreats in **March 2024** at the following locations:

- [Saint Anne Parish, Saskatoon – March 2 – CLICK HERE](#)
- [St. Joseph Parish, Kindersley – March 3 – CLICK HERE](#)
- [St. Augustine Parish, Humboldt – March 9 – CLICK HERE](#)
- [St. Patrick Parish, Saskatoon – March 10 – CLICK HERE](#)
- [Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Martensville – March 16 – CLICK HERE](#)

Confirmation Retreats



ST. ANNE, Saskatoon
March 2, 2024 9 am - 3 pm

ST. JOSEPH, Kindersley
March 3, 2024 12 pm - 6 pm

ST AUGUSTINE, Humboldt
March 9, 2024 9 am - 3 pm

ST. PATRICK, Saskatoon
March 10, 2024 11:30 pm - 5:30 pm

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,
Martensville, March 16, 2024 9 am - 3 pm