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8:35 am - First Bell
 10:10 - 10:25 Recess
 11:40 - 12:20 pm Recess/Lunch
 1:55 - 2:10 pm. Recess
 3:10 pm Dismissal

Principals Pen –



Happy Spring everyone, even though today feels more like Christmas with the snow! Thank you, parents, for your continued support in all areas of your son and/or daughter's

education. We are partners with you, and we are grateful for your support in so many ways. As always, during this final term, please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns as communication is critical to solving all issues. Thank you to our amazing CSCC for organizing the Spring Fling Dance. A great time was had by all last night. Thank you as well to the grade 8 student leaders who assisted with the photo booth and the float stations. Your efforts are always appreciated. Watch Edsby River of News for information about the annual Bedding Plant Sale hosted by the CSCC. More information to follow. Happy Spring!

2023 Dates to Remember

April
 18 – Family Dance 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 19-Student Retreat all day at school
 23- Hoop Dance Dallas Arcand performs 9:10
 25-McDonalds lunch, wear Father Robinson colors/clothing
 26-School Smudge, FMN activities.

May
 8- Papa Johns lunch
 9-World Catholic Education Day
 10-No classes – Professional Learning

Friday, April 26th- On Friday, April 26th we welcome some special guests to our school to teach us more about Indigenous ways of knowing. We welcome Vanessa Tabaccojuice who will be teaching us about smudging. She will host a smudge for students and staff who wish to participate. Your child's teacher will share some information about smudging with you on Edsby and will share permission information. We also welcome Tawe Morin, who will be showing the students her beautiful ribbon skirts and bead work. Students will also be invited to sample Bannock from the local restaurant Bannock Bistro (ingredients- flour, water, salt, baking powder. Fried in canola oil, served with jam.) Students in grades 4-8 will participate in a Treaty map scavenger hunt. Join us throughout the day if your schedule permits.



Hot Lunch Days - There has been an increase in food orders being dropped off for students on hot lunch days. The staff and CSCC members coordinating the Healthy Hunger hot lunches are far too busy to be passing out these additional lunches. We kindly request that you deliver your child's lunch to him/her during the lunch hour or preferably order from Healthy Hunger. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation. Thank you to the parents who coordinate these hot lunch days. Your efforts are very appreciated. **Our next hot lunch is on April 25th. Orders need to be placed 5 business days in advance.**



Indoor/Outdoor Breaks – Spring is here and that means lots of puddles and mud, especially now that we have had this recent snowstorm. Thank you for sending additional clothing for your son/daughter including extra socks, mittens, pants and appropriate footwear. Thank you for checking the forecast daily to assist your child with their clothing choices.



Kindergarten Registration (Fall 2024 - 2025) It's not too soon to think about kindergarten for next fall! At Father Robinson school, we strive to see students reach their full potential in a faith-filled learning environment, as well as teach children that they have what it takes to reach out and make the world a better place. If your child will be five years old by Jan. 31, 2025, he or she can begin kindergarten in September this year. Registration forms are on our website. Please download the registration form, complete it, save it, and then email it to Father.Robinson@gscs.ca. Birth Certificate or Baptism certificate are required for proof of age.

Joyful Feelings Preschool - This is a non-cooperative preschool located at Father Robinson school with two staff members, excited to work with your child, to develop confidence, independence and kindergarten readiness through play, song, dance, and crafts for children 3 and 4 years old. For more information and a registration form, please contact Doreen Kazman, owner/director at: joyfulfeelingspreschool@gmail.com.



Equitable Access to Menstrual Products in Saskatchewan Schools - The Government of Saskatchewan has partnered with Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health to provide 12 million menstrual products to locations where there is a need. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has received a shipment of these products and they are available at our schools for students. These free products are now available at Father Robinson at the office, English as Additional Language room and the Learning Assistance Room.



Healthy Hunger - Don't forget to place your orders five days in advance. Orders can be changed or cancelled if you are ordering multiple orders in advance.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING. PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL CLOTHING. Many rubber boots look the same. Clothing can only be returned if there is a name on it, thanks for your assistance and cooperation. Please stop by and check out the Lost and Found bin whenever you are in the school.

Noon Lunch Supervision Fees

For the 2023-24 school year, a per-student noon lunch supervision fee will be charged for students who attend Saskatoon elementary schools and stay at school over the lunch period. This cost-recovery fee will help cover the expense of supervision that is not funded by provincial operating grants. The fee was introduced in 2022-23 because the division is no longer able to absorb this expense.

For elementary schools in Saskatoon, the cost-recovery fee applies to kindergarten through Grade 8 students who stay at school for lunch. The fee will be \$10 per month per student. Half-time kindergarten students will pay \$5 per month. Fees will be capped at \$20 per month per family. (High school fees are separate and not included in this per-family cap.) Families have the option to make one payment for the entire school year (10 months; September through June) or set-up monthly installments. **Initial payment was due September 28, 2023.** When making the purchase, please select the number of the months you're paying for (10 quantity for the entire school year).

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. These fees also apply for children that go home at lunch but return early during the lunch break.

Fees can be paid online through MySchoolBucks (www.myschoolbucks.ca) using credit cards or VISA/MasterCard debit cards. Receipts can 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.

FirstStudent bus company has a new app called FirstView. This app allows you to register your stop and track the location of the bus which will be especially helpful when the weather turns cold. Please **sign up for notifications from the bus company if there are cancellations.** Our new school code is 49VV



[FirstStudent - Bus transportation - FirstView App](#)
[FirstView - Installation Guide](#)

Father Robinson Catholic School Community Council (CSCC)

All parents are invited to join us for our CSCC meetings. They are usually held the first Monday of every month. The next meeting is on **May 6thth in the library at 7 pm.** Thank you for considering joining us, all are welcome to learn more about the council and how to support all students and classrooms.

Community Information



Celebrating 25 years supporting Catholic Education for the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. For less than \$1 a day, please support the gift of Catholic Education for your child, grandchild or loved one by becoming a monthly donor today. <https://foundation.gscs.ca/ways-to-give/come-to-the-table-annual-campaign/>

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TAKE ACTION TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

“The Moose Hide Campaign provides a sacred space to contribute in our nation’s healing journey. It is a movement that calls upon people to speak up, take action, educate and support each other!”

– Senator Murray Sinclair,
Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

ABOUT THE MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN

The Moose Hide Campaign is a grassroots movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous men and boys who are standing up against violence towards women and children. Wearing the moose hide pin signifies your commitment to honour, respect and protect the women and children in your life and speak out against gender-based and domestic violence.

The inspiration for the campaign came to co-founders Paul Lacerte and his daughter Raven in 2011 during a moose hunt on their traditional Carrier territory along the Highway of Tears in Northern BC – where so many women have gone missing or been murdered. Since then, annual gatherings and ceremonial fasts have taken place and more than two million squares of moose hide have been distributed in thousands of participating communities, schools, and organizations across the country.

As the campaign spreads across Canada and internationally, we have a vision of one million people fasting together in ceremony to end violence against women and children.

People of all ages, genders and cultures are invited to participate in our campaign actions.



A TIME FOR CHANGE Violence against women and children remains an unacceptable reality. Half of all women in Canada have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence since the age of 16. More than 6,000 women and children are housed in emergency shelters each night across Canada, seeking refuge from abuse. But violence is preventable. To date, efforts to address the crisis of domestic violence have been led by women and women’s organizations. The Moose Hide Campaign is inspired by the belief that men and boys also need to take action to end violence and develop a culture of healthy masculinity.

TRANSFORMING ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES Communities and organizations across Canada are embracing the Moose Hide Campaign. They are part of a growing network of inspired citizens answering the call to put an end to wide-spread domestic and gender-based violence once and for all. The campaign has spread across all levels of government, police forces, Indigenous communities, the not-for-profit sector, K-12 schools and post-secondary institutions – and many others are taking it up to create safer spaces and support reconciliation. It’s an Indigenous innovation for the benefit of all Canadians.

RECONCILIATION IN ACTION Moose Hide Campaign gatherings are opportunities for experiential learning and reconciliation. Participating in the campaign is a practical way for individuals and organizations to take action on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Calls for Justice.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED It’s easy and free to participate! There are many ways to get involved:

- 1| Wear and share the moose hide pin. Order these pins online for free, including synthetic vegan options
- 2| Organize a Moose Hide Campaign event or kiosk in your organization, school or community.
- 3| Volunteer your time or donate to the non-profit campaign
- 4| Participate in Moose Hide Campaign education activities: K-12 and post-secondary
- 5| Learn how to help share our message by attending a Community Champions webinar

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Learn more at www.Moosehidecampaign.ca



**REGISTRATION FOR BYC 2024
IS NOW OPEN!!!!!!**

FOR CHILDREN AGED: 8-13

WEEK 1: JULY 7 - 12

WEEK 2: JULY 14 - 19

WEEK 3: JULY 21 - 26

WEEK 4: JULY 28 - AUG 2

WEEK 5: AUGUST 11 - 16

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