



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #10 – June 2026

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GOSPEL VIRTUE - TOLERANCE

I am tolerant. I overlook people's faults. I am open to differences. God help me to accept the things I cannot change.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2	GSCS Track Meet for Gr 4 to Gr 8 qualifiers – Gordie Howe Sports Centre
June 2	11:45 am – Gr 3 goes to the U of S – Exploring Evolution
June 2	12:15 pm – Gr 5S Band Instrument Try-Outs
June 3	9:00 am – Deadline to order hotdogs
June 4	8:40 am – Les Bucherons – French Presentation in the gym
June 4	8:40 am – Gr 8 volunteers at the Children's Festival
June 4	9:30 am – KMW and KTT go to Wander's Tiny Farm
June 5	All library books need to be returned – LIBRARY CLOSED
June 5	10:00 am – Gr 5 goes to Oskayak Powwow
June 5	12:30 pm - Playday for Gr 1 – Gr 3 in our school yard
June 8	PLD – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
June 9	12:25 pm – Gr 8 Retreat at St. Philip Neri Parish
June 10	11:40 am – Hotdog lunch (for those who ordered)
June 10	12:30 pm – Gr 5 goes bowling at Eastview Bowl
June 11	12:30 pm – Gr 8 Farewell Photo
June 11	1:00 pm – School Wide Year End Mass at St. Philip Neri Parish
June 11	2:00 pm – Gr 8 Farewell Celebration at St. Philip Neri Parish
June 12	8:40 am – Gym Blast
June 15	2:15 pm – Band Concert in the gym – all welcome!
June 16	10:00 am – Gr 8 goes bowling at Eastview Bowl
June 16	1:00 pm – Gr 6 and Gr 8 go swimming at Lathey Pool
June 16	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library
June 17	9:00 am – Gr 1 and Gr 2 go to Wonderhub and Kinsmen Park
June 18	8:20 am – Gr 4/5 goes to Batoche and Fort Carlton
June 18	9:00 am – Deadline to order CSCC BBQ for PARENTS attending
June 18	10:00 am – Gr 6 and Gr 7 go to Pike Lake
June 18	12:25 pm – Gr 5J Band Instrument Try-Outs
June 18	12:45 pm – Kindergarten Tuesday/Thursday Celebration of Learning Carnival
June 19	12:45 pm – Kindergarten Monday/Wednesday Celebration of Learning Carnival
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22 – June 24	9:00 am – Gr 8 goes camping to John Bosco Wilderness Camp
June 22	2:10 pm – Gr 5J Band Instrument Try-Outs
June 23	12:45 pm – Gr 3 to Gr 7 go to Lathey Pool
June 24	12:00 pm – Gr 6 goes to Mini Golf and Ruckers
June 25	9:30 am – Year End Assembly/Goodbyes in the gym
June 25	11:45 am – CSCC Year End BBQ
June 25	Last Day for Students – Report Cards Go Home – dismissal at 3:30 pm
June 26	Last Day for Teaching Staff

**HAPPY
FATHERS
DAY**

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Fathers everywhere,
We honor you and wish to say
May God's blessings be with you
In a special way today!
Amen.

GOD BLESS ALL FATHERS AND GRANDFATHERS

ADMIN MESSAGE

I am writing to share some news regarding a change in leadership for the 2026–2027 school year. My journey as a principal is leading me to a new opportunity, and I will be moving to Bishop Roborecki School.

Leaving St. Philip is not easy, as this community has come to mean so much to me. I am truly grateful for the relationships we have built and for the kindness, trust, and unwavering support you have shown me. It has been a true blessing to serve alongside such a caring and faith-filled community.

While I am excited for this next chapter, I will deeply miss St. Philip. I will carry with me the many memories, moments of laughter, and our shared commitment to supporting our students in their growth—academically, socially, and spiritually.

I trust that God continues to guide our paths, and I have faith that He will continue to bless this wonderful school community. You will be in excellent hands next year with **Principal Michael Smela**, who comes to you from Holy Trinity Catholic School in Warman. I am confident he will continue to lead with care, compassion, and dedication.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported me during my time here. It has truly meant more than I can express, and I will always be grateful to be part of the St. Philip community.

Please know that you will remain in my thoughts and prayers as you continue the important work you do each day.

*With gratitude and blessings,
Paola Kobussen*

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 2026-27 school year will open in January. Children who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2026, 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.

KINDERCARE

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 Jasmine Entwistle, Centre Director, St. Philip Location at 306-659-7106 or spdiretor@pcdcearlylearning.ca. **[Priority will be given to St. Philip families]**. Once again, a great opportunity for our young students and their families.

SCHOOL TOURS

If you are aware of families in the neighborhood who may be interested in sending their child(ren) to St. Philip School, please have them contact us at 306-659-7450 or st.philip@gscs.ca. We would be happy to meet all new families and welcome a chance to give them a tour of our school.

SCHOOLS WIN TWICE



Last week to purchase the Schools Win Twice Online Lottery tickets. Please make sure to always select St. Philip School, as this fundraiser directly benefits our school, funding special activities and programs that enrich your children's experience.

Ticket sales began May 6, 2026, and the draws will be made June 3, 2026.

Scan below for more details on the Schools Win Twice!



LIBRARY CLOSING

We ask that all library books are returned by **Friday, June 5th**.

TRACK AND FIELD

On Wednesday, May 13th, our Gr 4 – Gr 8 students participated in our school's track meet. The following students advance to the Divisional meet held on June 2nd at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex. Congratulations to all students who competed at the Divisional meet; all were excellent representatives of St. Philip School.

Junior Boys

100m	200m	Long Jump	High Jump	Ball Throw	Relay
Robin	Davis	Artem	Robin	JJ	Robin
Temi	Temi	Oscar	Artem	Oscar	Temi
					Davis
					Artem

Junior Girls

100m	200m	Long Jump	High Jump	Ball Throw	Relay
Faith	Nora G.	Lila	Hanna	Faith	Faith
Hanna	Meshael			Lila	Hanna
					Nora G.
					Meshael

Intermediate Boys

100m	200m	800m	Long Jump	High Jump	Shot Put	Relay
Vinnie	Vinnie	Ini	Jacob	Sedem	Dominic	Vinnie
Obed	Obed	Dominic	Nolan		Nolan	Obed
						Nolan
						Ini

Intermediate Girls

100m	200m	800m	Long Jump	High Jump	Shot Put	Relay
Dana	Alex	Alex	Emerie	Emerie	Amelia	Alex
Reece	Dana	Madison H.	Reece	Mollie	Mollie	Dana
						Reece
						Emerie

Senior Boys

100m	200m	800m	Long Jump	High Jump	Shot Put	Relay
Simon	Lincoln	Simon	Chietem	Lincoln	Chietem	Simon
Shahroze	Shahroze	Isaiah	Isaiah	Eric	Ben	Lincoln
						Shahroze
						Isaiah

Senior Girls

100m	200m	800m	Long Jump	High Jump	Shot Put	Relay
Mila	Avery	Avery	Vivan		Vivia	Avery
Paige	Indiana	Indiana	Mila		Paige	Indiana
						Paige
						Vivan

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 Sarcana 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.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The Criminal Record Check (CRC) Policy has recently been updated. We know that many of you will accompany students on field trips and have provided the appropriate documentation. Here is what you can anticipate as a result of the updates:

- The majority of field trips will require a basic CRC. To acquire one, please Edsby message or call Mrs. Lockert at the office 306-659-7450. She will give you a letter to take to the Police. Police services will require you to stand in line with picture ID and pick up your CRC. Please bring it in to Mrs. Lockert and she will file it accordingly. Only Mrs. Lockert and administration will see it, and it will be shredded once it is expired. There is no cost to parents for a CRC with the accompanying letter from the school.
- For parents accompanying a field trip that is over night, such as Grade 8 camping, you will require a vulnerable sector check. The process is the same as above, but the timeline is different- it will most likely take more than a week to procure.
- For parents wanting to coach at the school, you will also need a vulnerable sector check.

At the beginning of the school year as we renew all documents, you may want to submit a basic CRC as they are typically good for a year so that you aren't juggling last minute.

Please know that we truly appreciate all of the volunteering and engaging that you do at our school. We've said many times that this is a community that truly shows up and cares about everyone's wellbeing.

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: **June 8th**.

HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES – last Thursday of the month



Thanks to all of you who supported the Hot Lunches this year. The Healthy Hunger program helped to make the lunches run more smoothly and hopefully made it easier for you to order your children's meals.

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.

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: T2V3K** 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. The CSCC meeting dates are: **June 16**. If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Aubry Claypool Thompson at csccephic@gscs.ca or our Principal, Paola Kobussen at pkobussen@gscs.ca. All are welcome!

The CSCC Annual General Meeting will be in the fall. If you are interested in letting your name stand for any of the elected Council positions or if you require any additional information, please contact our CSCC Chairperson, Aubry Claypool Thompson at csccephic@gscs.ca. All are welcome to attend the AGM.

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 Fridays. As well, our staff will wear jeans to support the United Way on Wednesdays in October.

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 and summer.
- Open Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

For more information, please contact Jasmine at 306-659-7106 or spdirector@pcdcearlylearning.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

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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



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.

ALLERGY ALERT



We have a number of students and staff 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.

SCENT ALERT



We kindly remind everyone that our school is a **scent-sensitive environment**. Many students and staff have allergies or sensitivities to perfumes, colognes, and scented products, which can cause serious health reactions. To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all, we ask that students and visitors **refrain from wearing scented products to school**. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school safe and welcoming for everyone.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLACKSTRAP YOUTH CAMP



Camp Registration is now open for 2026

Fees are \$475 plus GST starting May 1

Week One: Sunday, July 5 to Friday, July 10
Week Two: Sunday, July 12 to Friday, July 17
Week Three: Sunday, July 19 to Friday, July 24
Week Four: Sunday, July 26 to Friday, July 31

Registration form found on website: blackstrapyouthcamp.org

JCVC
SUMMER CAMP
2026

JULY 6TH - AUG 11TH
EVERY MONDAY & TUESDAY

CAMP DETAILS
Mondays will be skills and drills
Tuesdays will be game play/ mini league

6:00pm - 7:30 pm : 12U and 13U
7:30pm - 9:00pm : 14U and 15U

Camp Fees : \$250

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LINK IN BIO

REGISTRATION AND COACHES SIGN UP
WWW.JCVC.CA

u17ACES
GET SET!
VOLLEYBALL
SKILLS WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH
WARMAN HOME CENTRE COMMUNIPLEX

5:00 - 8:30PM w/ 30 MIN BREAK

AGES 10-12 | **AGES 13-14**
COURT ONE | COURT TWO

PIZZA & GATORADE AVAILABLE at BREAK: \$10

FACILITATED BY I7U DIV I COACHES & PLAYERS

HIGH COACH TO PLAYER RATIO

\$65
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