



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #10B – June 26

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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 FOR 2026 - 2027

- **Tuesday, August 18th** – School Office is Open
- **Tuesday, August 25th** – Teaching Staff Returns
- **Friday, August 28th** – Teacher Convention
- **Monday, August 31st** – Opening Mass for staff
- **Wednesday, September 2nd** – Registration for New Students – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **Wednesday, September 2nd** – All students will be in attendance for the morning **ONLY**
- **Thursday, September 3rd** – First Full day for students.

- **Early Learning** (Kindergarten) staggered start schedules will be sent to families.
- **Bussing**-Please note that busses will run on all days according to their usual route.

ADMIN MESSAGE

As this school year comes to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have shared together. It is with a mix of gratitude, pride, and sadness that I say goodbye as I prepare to begin a new chapter at Bishop Roborecki School.

Serving as Principal of St. Philip School has been one of the greatest blessings of my career. From the moment I arrived, I was welcomed into a community filled with faith, kindness, dedication, and a genuine commitment to one another. I will forever be grateful for the relationships built, the memories created, and the countless moments of joy we have shared. One of the things I will cherish most about St. Philip is the culture of belonging that exists within our school. St. Philip is a place where everyone is welcomed, valued, and cared for. It is a place where students feel safe to learn, grow, and be themselves, and where families know they are supported. Together, we have built a school where everyone has a place, everyone has a voice, and everyone is encouraged to shine as a

Our school motto, "**We Are the Hands of Christ**," is more than just words—it is something I have witnessed every day. I have seen students extend kindness to classmates, staff go above and beyond to support one another, and families come together to strengthen our school community. Through your actions, compassion, and service, you have truly embodied what it means to be the hands of Christ.

While I am excited for the opportunities ahead, a piece of my heart will always remain at St. Philip. This community has shaped me as a leader and as a person, and I will carry the lessons, friendships, and memories with me wherever I go.

Have a wonderful summer!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Paola Kobussen, Principal

ST. PHILIP STAFF UPDATES

As we come to the close of another memorable school year, it is with both gratitude and hope that we say goodbye to some cherished staff members and warmly welcome fresh faces to our school family. To those who are leaving us you have each left a mark on our hearts. Your time here has helped shape the spirit of our school, and we are so thankful for the gifts you shared with us. Whether your journey is taking you to new schools, new cities, or new opportunities, know that you will always be part of our story. We pray for joy, peace, and continued growth as you take your next steps. May God bless and watch over you.

- ❖ We thank **Paola Kobussen** for her work these past two years as our Principal. We wish Paola all the best at Bishop Roborecki. We welcome **Michael Smela** as our new Principal. Michael comes to us from Holy Trinity.
- ❖ We thank **Leanne Anderson** for her work with our Grade 8 students. We wish Leanne all the best at Holy Cross High School. We welcome **Daniel Jarcan** who will be joining us from St. Angela.
- ❖ We thank **Lana Reeves** for her work as our Release (science) teacher. We wish Lana all the best at Bishop Klein. We welcome **Cynthia Foster** who will be joining us from St. Kateri.
- ❖ We thank **Melanie Espeseth** for her work with our Grade 6 students. We wish Mel all the best at St. Angela. We welcome **Michael Clark** who will be joining us from St. Lorenzo.
- ❖ We thank **Joanne De La Rosa** for coming out of retirement again for us to work with our Grade 7 students. We welcome **Michael Pesenti** who comes to us from Georges Vanier.
- ❖ We welcome **Arielle Popick-Peterson** as our Grade 4 teacher who will be joining us from St. Dominic. Arielle will be replacing **Maria Santoro** who will be our new CCT.
- ❖ We thank **Cheryle Risling** for her work as our CCT. We wish Cheryle a happy retirement.
- ❖ We thank **Lana Janzen, Maegan Urdal and Sadie Weimer** for their work as an Interpreter for our Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. We wish Lana a happy retirement. We wish Maegan all the best as she welcomes a new addition to her family. We wish Sadie all the best as she goes back to school.
- ❖ We thank **Heidi Munro** for her work as an Educational Assistant and wish her the best.

2026 - 2027 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Ministry of Education has approved the calendar for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Please visit: www.gscs.sk.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/phi for the next school year calendar along with information and newsletters.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our students who recently received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Semanu E, Jandrey G, Jansen G, Hendrik J and Capri M) and Confirmation (Max M and Brighton M). May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you and may your hearts remain close to Jesus.



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 spdirector@pcdcearlylearning.ca. **[Priority will be given to St. Philip families]**. Once again, a great opportunity for our young students and their families.

NEW CANADIANS REGISTRATION



NEWCOMER REGISTRATION CENTRE

Please make an appointment using
the QR code below:



Or visit our website at
<https://go.gscs.ca/newtocanada>

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC)

The Annual General CSCC meeting is on **Tuesday, September 15th** at 7:00 pm in the library following the Meet the Staff BBQ. The CSCC will be electing positions for a minimum 2 year commitment. The following are vacant position descriptions:

Chairperson:

- ❖ Conduct CSCC meetings
- ❖ Ensure that all members have input on discussion and decisions
- ❖ Prepare meeting agenda in consultation with the Principal and other committee members
- ❖ Liaison with Principal
- ❖ Oversee Council operations
- ❖ Establish networks that support the Council
- ❖ Act as spokesperson for the Council

Vice Chairperson:

- ❖ Chair meetings & prepare agenda when Chairperson is unavailable.
- ❖ Support Chairperson in his/her duties
- ❖ Perform responsibilities assigned by the Chairperson
- ❖ Normally become the Chairperson in the next term

Treasurer

- ❖ Record all expenses and revenue
- ❖ Report to the school community Council by accessing a financial report showing all transactions through GSCS online web portal
- ❖ Prepare all monies for deposit
- ❖ Reconcile purchase card each month
- ❖ Prepare an annual report
- ❖ Coordinate Schools Win Twice ticket sales
- ❖ Coordinate Christmas Raffle after Advent Liturgy

Secretary:

- ❖ Take minutes at Council meetings and report
- ❖ Receive and send correspondence on behalf of the Council
- ❖ Take charge of any official records of the Council
- ❖ Maintain a membership list of all Council members
- ❖ Ensure that appropriate notice is given for all Council meetings
- ❖ Post meeting minutes on OneNote binder

Members At Large:

- ❖ Coordinate Family Bingo
- ❖ Coordinate Staff Appreciation week activities
- ❖ Coordinate Family Carnival
- ❖ Coordinate CSCC Year End Treat in June

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 Aubry Claypool Thompson at cscpcphic@gscs.ca. All are welcome to attend the AGM. Thank you for your cooperation, support and your interest in the St. Philip CSCC. Together, we make St. Philip a great school for every child to learn, grow and succeed.

POP CAN TAB COLLECTION



Thank you, St. Philip School! We have collected another five-gallon pail of tabs. **Let us continue collecting the tabs during the summer and have another five-gallon pail of tabs to donate in September.**

Bring the tabs and used markers to the office when you return to school!



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



May our loving God watch over you and keep alive in your heart all that you have learned this year. May the God of all creation, who comes to us in Jesus, and lives among us in the Holy Spirit, keep you safe, happy and holy this summer and always. Amen

*From the Staff of St. Philip School
Have a safe and great summer everyone!!!*





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Present the 19th Annual

KIDS IN THE PARK

2026 DROP-IN SOCCER PROGRAM

WHAT: FREE Drop-in Soccer for any age, ability, and gender.

WHERE: All summer long hourly programming **Monday to Friday** from **July 2 to August 20** during **daytime hours**.

WHEN: Travels city wide to City of Saskatoon Summer Playground Program Sites. Visit our website for a complete travelling schedule including dates, times and site addresses.

Program travels to 45 different locations for a full schedule visit our website!

OVER 2,500 CHILDREN AND YOUTH PARTICIPATE EACH SUMMER!



CONTACT US:

saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca

306-975-3413

FUN FOR ALL AGES! STAY ACTIVE!

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Indoor Soccer Starts in October:

Registration is July - August

Visit our website at saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca or phone (306) 975-3413



SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INC.

Indoor Soccer

U5 to U19

REGISTRATION:

July to Early-September

**Check with your Zone or Community Association
for registration information.**



Indoor Season Info:

Mini U5—U9	12 games
City League U11—U19	10-12 games
Alliance Youth League U11—U13	15 games
Alliance Youth League U15—U19	12-13 games

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Register according to your birth year:

Community Association Programs: (Community handles registration, coaches, and equipment):

Born 2022	U5 Community League (Timbits)	Register with Community Association
Born 2020 / 2021	U7 Community League (Timbits)	Register with Community Association
Born 2018 / 2019	U9 Community League	Register with Community Association

Zone Association Programs: (Zone coordinates registration, coaches, and additional player development):

Born 2020 / 2022	U7 Development League	Register with Zone (home zone recommended)
Born 2018 / 2019	U9 Development League	Register with Zone (home zone recommended)
Born 2016 / 2017	U11 Youth League	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2014 / 2015	U13 Youth League	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2012 / 2013	U15 Youth League	Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2010 / 2011	U17 Youth League	Register with any Zone
Born 2008 / 2009	U19 Youth League	Register with any Zone

**Tentative Game Days, Registration Dates, and Contact Info for Community
Associations and Zones will be posted on our website.**

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