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GOSPEL VIRTUE - SELF-DISCIPLINE

I have self-discipline. I use my time well and get things done. I choose my actions with detachment.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1	9:00 am – St. Philip the Apostle Feast Day Mass at St. Philip Neri Church
May 1	10:25 am – School Assembly in the gym
May 1	CSCC Co-Op Gift Card fundraiser begins
May 1	Flower Power Kick Off
May 1	Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off
May 5	8:40 am – Gr 8 goes to University of Saskatchewan BioTech Blast
May 5	6:00 pm – CSCC Meeting in the library
May 7	Deadline to order Flower Power
May 8	PLD – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May 11 - May 15	Catholic Education Week – Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Holiness
May 11	8:40 am – Gr 8 Band goes to Moose Jaw Music Festival
May 12	10:30 am – School Perimeter Lockdown Practice
May 12	10:00 am – Gr 8 goes Paddleboarding at the U of S
May 13	9:00 am – Quad-School Outdoor Track Meet – Gr 4 – Gr 8 – Gordie Howe Sports Complex
May 14	3:00 pm – Flower Power pick up in gym
May 15	Pre-Registration forms due
May 15	8:40 am – Teen Aid for Gr 6, Gr 7 and Gr 8
May 15	CSCC Co-Op Gift Card fundraiser ends
May 18	Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL
May 20	9:00 am – Gr 1 goes to Wanuskewin
May 20	12:30 pm – Gr 4/5 goes to Cosmo Industries
May 21	9:00 am – Deadline to order Freezies
May 21	6:00 pm – CSCC Carnival
May 22	Staff Retreat – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
May 23	Deadline to order Healthy Hunger – McDonalds
May 27	10:30 am – School Wide Living Rosary – Glorious Mysteries – in the gym
May 27	12:30 pm – Gr 6 goes to Hunter's Bowling
May 28	10:55 am – World Catholic Education Day Liturgy in the gym led by Gr 1
May 28	11:45 am – Healthy Hunger – McDonalds (for those who ordered)
May 28	Gr 3 Freezie Sale
May 29	12:25 pm – School Assembly in the gym
May 29	Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

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

Amen.

GOD BLESS ALL MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS

ADMIN MESSAGE

- As we continue in this joyful Easter season, we are reminded that **Christ is risen! Alleluia!** This message of hope and renewal is at the heart of all we do in our school community.
- The month of May will be filled with meaningful opportunities for us to grow in faith together. We will celebrate the feast day of St. Philip Neri on May 1, followed by Catholic Education Week from May 11–15, where we will reflect on the gift of Catholic education and our shared mission. On May 27, we will gather as a school community to pray the Rosary together, and on May 28 we will celebrate World Catholic Education Day.
- In addition, our staff will be participating in a faith-filled retreat on May 22 as we continue to grow spiritually and strengthen our commitment to serving our students and families.
- We are also looking forward to our annual Track and Field Meet on May 13—a wonderful day that celebrates participation, perseverance, and school spirit.
- May is going to be busy and exciting! Make sure to keep an eye out on Edsby for updates and reminders!
- Thank you for your continued support as we journey together in faith and learning.

Blessings!
Paola Kobussen, Principal

SCHOOL PERIMETER LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

As required by our Division safety protocol, a Perimeter Lockdown practice will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 10:30 am. Classroom activities will continue as planned but during this time entrance and exit to the school will only be through the main doors. All students will remain inside the school for the duration of the practice.

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

The pre-registration form will be emailed to you. Please take time to fill in the online form and submit it back to us before Monday, May 11th. **Please fill out One Registration form for each student.**

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

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

We would like to thank everyone for their generosity with our Lenten fundraising during our Lenten journey. A generous donation of non-perishable food items was given to the Saskatoon Food Bank. Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the Lenten fundraisers for Development and Peace throughout the Lenten season. **\$215.00** was raised in total for Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School to help the displaced students from Ukraine.

FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISER



May 1st is the day for online orders through Brightwater Greenhouse - <https://brightwater-greenhouse.square.site/>. Deadline to order Flower Power is Thursday, May 7th.

Please don't forget to select and check St. Philip as your delivery school.

CSCC Co-Op GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

The CSCC is pleased to host a Co-Op Gift Card fundraiser. **Selling is open May 1st to May 15th**. Card denominations available are \$25, \$50 and \$100. Cards can be used to buy groceries, gas or home building supplies. Please print the attached order form.

<https://gscsca.sharepoint.com/sites/PHIOffice/Shared%20Documents/My%20Documents/CSCC/COOP%20sales%20form.jpg>

OUTDOOR TRACK SEASON


Our Grade 4 - 8 students have begun to prepare for our outdoor track season. We will be participating in a Quad-School track meet with Saskatoon French School, St. Luke School and St. Dominic School on Wednesday, May 13^h. Students will participate in a variety of track and field events with the opportunity to advance to the GSCS track meet. Those students who qualify will represent St. Philip at the Division-wide meet on Tuesday, June 2nd. Both track meets will be held at Clarence Downey Speed Skating Oval.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart fundraising kickoff will be held on Friday, May 1st. Students are encouraged to do online fundraising and all donors will receive automatic tax receipts. The school has set a fundraising goal of raising \$500 this year! Please visit jumpropeforheart.ca to check for the list of prizes. The fundraising campaign will last 4 weeks with the Jump Off set for May 29th!

Please see the postcard that was sent home with all students to register your child.

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 Sarcan 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: **Friday, May 8th and Monday, June 8th.**

HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES – last Thursday of the month



St. Philip School will continue to use Healthy Hunger as a means to order and pay for school lunches online. At the end of each year, Healthy Hunger deletes all data from their website so all parents will have to register their children on the website. Please see attached [Healthy Hunger Parent Letter](#), before you can place an order. Once you register your children, then you can select the lunch your children would like and pay for it online with a credit card or interact card. Parents can make changes and cancellations to lunch orders anytime up to 5 days before the school lunch date. Your payments can also be refunded online. If you do not register your child in advance, the order will not be processed. Healthy Hunger lunches will be **May 28th – McDonalds**.

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: **May 5 and June 16**. If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Aubry Claypool Thompson at cscpphic@gscs.ca or our Principal, Paola Kobussen at pkobussen@gscs.ca. All are welcome!

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



ROCK YOUR ROOTS

To sign up, please open this link [Rock Your Roots](#)

First Nations, Métis and Inuit Education

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WALK FOR RECONCILIATION & NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Friday, June 20, 2025

• Victoria Park

• Walk is from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Events are from 12:00pm to 4:00pm

SIGN UP **HERE**

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