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Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Fall has arrived in full force! Just a reminder to all families to ensure their child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It is the expectation that students go outside for recess, so they should have jackets and perhaps even toques and mitts for the morning.

We have finalized our Halloween plans. We will have a costume parade right after lunch as well as a dance in the afternoon (one for younger grades and then one for older grades). As parents organize costumes, I would ask that we keep gory and scary costumes out of the school – those can be saved for trick or treating! I would also ask that Halloween masks NOT be sent to school for safety reasons.

Stay warm!

Shelly Lord, Principal

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Dates to Note . . .

Friday, October 17 – St. Luke Feast Day
Liturgy at 9 am – Gr 3A

October 20-24 – Education Week

Monday, October 27 – Living Rosary 9 am

Gr 4 Bibles – 11am

Thursday, October 28 – Lockdown Drill
(9:50 am)

Friday, October 31 – Halloween – Hot
Lunch, Costume parade, dance

School Times

8:35 a.m. - First bell

8:40 a.m. - Start of school day

10:10 a.m. - Recess

11:40 a.m. - Lunch Recess Cohort B

12:02 p.m. - Lunch Recess Cohort A

**12:25 p.m. - Start of afternoon
classes**

1:55 p.m. - Recess

3:10 p.m. - Dismissal

Cohort A

Kindergarten to Gr 3

Cohort B

Gr 4 to Gr 8

Have You Ever Wondered What You Should Do When You Have a Concern About Your Child's Teacher or Classroom?

Differences of opinion between home and school do occur. Many parents and teachers are challenged by how best to move forward to ensure a positive outcome. We would like to share a few ways in which parents and teachers can build bridges when they have differences of opinion related to the student, behavior and/or work in the classroom.

We suggest that concerns be expressed **first** to the classroom teacher (in person, *if possible*, as opposed to an email or text). The teacher is generally the one who has the *big* picture. Some parents feel that going directly to the school administrators is the first step; however, the administrators often lack the background information that is necessary to add clarity to a concern. While Shelly and Curtis are ALWAYS open to supporting students along with parents and teachers, we recommend you begin with the teacher. Remember they are the ones who

are with your child all day/every day. If you feel your concern is not understood or addressed by the classroom teacher, we will not hesitate to become involved.

It is important for both parties to remember that everyone is acting with the best of intentions for the child in question. However, in a classroom environment the teacher must also consider the needs of many students. This is something that parents may not be aware of or can forget. In the same way, teachers realize there are sometimes issues at home that must be taken into consideration. What each can do, however, is listen carefully to see if they can learn something from the other to improve the situation.

We can say with certainty that each teacher at our school takes their role very seriously. Each teacher has an individual approach to teaching and works hard in creating a welcoming classroom environment that is conducive to learning. In addition, all teachers and administrators have strengths and weaknesses.

It is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion, but still there is often frustration when someone doesn't share our point of view. Both teachers and parents need to remind themselves that differences in values can be bridged only by respect for each other's values and a willingness to compromise. In addition, teachers and parents should make sure to check the facts with each other before jumping to any conclusions or assigning blame.

In addition, parents and teachers may have very different perceptions of a student, and both are usually correct. It is not surprising that students behave differently in different contexts. By sharing their perceptions, parents and teachers each develop a greater understanding of the student thus facilitating a focus on mutually helping the child.

For parents, it's important to meet with the teacher as soon as possible when any concerns develop, to share these concerns, and to listen carefully to the teacher's perspective so that they really understand what happens in his or her child's classroom. Also, it is important to take this opportunity to share information with the teacher so that they can better understand and meet the needs of your child.

In closing, we recognize that you may not always agree with what happens at school. However, through open, respectful conversations with your child's teacher we can work together, as a team, to best meet the needs of your child within the constructs of the classroom and school.

Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch Days

The St. Luke CSCC will be hosting fun lunch days throughout the year using the Healthy Hunger platform. Please review the instructions below to set up your student's account. All funds raised through our Healthy Hunger Hot Lunch Days are put right back into your student's classroom to help sponsor field trips, purchase much needed classroom supplies and more. We thank all families in advance for your support of our lunch days, it is appreciated!

If your child is unexpectedly absent on a day that you have ordered lunch on, please contact your classroom teacher or the school no later than 11:00 am with instructions if it is to be set aside for you to pick up. Additionally, if your child is in Kindergarten, please note the days which they are attending school as not all lunches take place on Kindergarten days. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Setting up your family's account is easy!

1. Go to healthyhunger.ca and click on "register your student" to sign up for your free account and add all the children in your family who attend St. Luke. Please ensure you select the correct classroom for each student as this information is used by our vendors to help sort and pack the orders.
2. You can now view all the lunch dates on the calendar, review the menus and pricing and place your orders. Orders close FIVE days before the scheduled lunch date.
3. All payments are made online.

October 31 - Subway
November 14 - Bar Burrito
November 27 - Dairy Queen
December 19 - Boston Pizza
January 30 - Subway
February 13 - Santa Lucia Pizza
March 6 - TBA
March 27 - Boston Pizza
April 23 - Dairy Queen
May 13 - Subway (Tri-school Track Meet, lunch for those grades attending delivered to Gordie Howe)

St. Luke CSCC

CSCC Meeting Highlights – October

 **Traffic Safety Blitz a Success:**
Volunteers handed out flyers and reported

violations; winter campaign reboot planned. Ongoing parent violations in bus loop remain a concern.

🍖 **BBQ Fundraiser Raised \$1,109.55:** Motion passed to purchase a BBQ griddle (up to \$550). BBQ was well-received and likely to return next year.

🍁 **Active Fundraising Season:** Clothing sale, beef jerky orders (due Oct 31), and hot lunch profits ongoing. Grade 8s planning events including a jewelry sale and spring market.

- 👤 **Principal Report Highlights:**
- Enrollment up to 479; more EA hours approved.
 - Terry Fox Run raised \$502.
 - Core French programming review proposed – community input encouraged.

📅 **Next Meeting: Tuesday, Nov 18 @ 6:30 PM**
Meetings will alternate Tues/Thurs moving forward.

Our Fall Fundraiser Has Begun!

We're excited to kick off this year's fall fundraiser in partnership with Cowboy's Caviar! Back by popular demand, we're offering five delicious flavors of premium beef jerky. Order forms were sent home just before Thanksgiving, and all orders are due by **October 31st**.

Every purchase helps make a difference—proceeds will go directly towards supporting student learning in a meaningful way. Thank you for your continued support!

The Grade 8's virtual bottle drive is still underway to support their year-end trip to Camp Kadesh. Support your favourite Grade 8 'Team' by entering one of the group codes when you use Sarcan's Drop & Go recycling service. Team codes can be found in the Edsby River of News.



SafeShip Nurses

Health Moment – Safe & Spooky Halloween!

Hello Parents & Guardians of St. Luke School!



With Halloween just around the corner, excitement is growing - costumes, pumpkins, and treats! As your Safe SHIP nursing students, we want to share some helpful reminders to ensure this spooky season is fun, safe, and healthy for all our St. Luke families. Halloween is a wonderful time for children to get creative, connect with their community, and enjoy a little extra sweetness. However, with all the excitement, it's easy to overlook safety and healthy habits. A few small steps can make a big difference in keeping everyone safe while still enjoying all the fun the night brings!

Costume Safety

- Choose costumes that are **bright, reflective, and weather-appropriate**. The end of October can be chilly, so layering warm clothes underneath is a great idea.
- Ensure costumes fit properly to prevent tripping and use **face paint instead of masks** if possible - masks can limit visibility, especially while walking at night.
- Remind children to carry a **flashlight or glow stick** so they can see and be seen by others.

Trick-or-Treating Tips

- Encourage kids to **travel in groups** and stay close to familiar, highly-populated, well-lit areas.

- Remind them to **look both ways before crossing the street** and walk (not run!) between houses.
- Check all candy before eating - only enjoy treats that are in sealed, undamaged packaging.

Healthy Habits & Moderation

- Before heading out, serve a **balanced meal or healthy snack**. A full stomach helps prevent overindulging in sweets later on.
- Encourage moderation by letting children pick a few of their favorite treats to enjoy each day, rather than eating everything at once.
- Balance out candy with nutritious snacks the following week - fruits, veggies, and plenty of water can help offset all that sugar.

Inclusive & Fun Alternatives

- For celebrations or parties, consider **non-food treats** like stickers, pencils or small toys.
- Participate in community **pumpkin walks, costume parades, or craft nights** for festive fun without focusing on candy.

Family Activities

[Free] Spooky Stroll @ Western Development Museum - October 25-31

[Free] Boo Town Trick-or-Treat - October 31 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

[\$] Pumpkins After Dark - October 9 - 31, 2025 Prairieland Park

[\$] Halloween Terror Trail – Fri/Sat/Sun October 17 – November 1

[\$] Nutrien Wonderhub’s Night at the Boo-seum – October 25

More activities:
<https://www.familyfuncanada.com/saskatoon/halloween-terror-trail/>

OR



Halloween can be both healthy and happy with a few mindful choices. From all of us at Safe SHIP, we wish your families a safe, fun, and **SPOOKTACULAR** Halloween season filled with laughter, creativity, and memories to cherish!

Holy Spirit Parish News....

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

Fr. Joseph Salihu, Pastor

www.holyspiritsaskatoon.ca



Feast of St. Luke – October 18