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WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022

## Greetings from your Administrative Team...

May 22-29 marks Catholic Education Week. This week is especially set aside to celebrate who we are as Catholic schools and how the connections of home, parish and school are an important part of Catholic Education.

As a staff of Holy Family, we experience the gift of Catholic education every day as we serve your children. Our Catholic Schools join with the family to help students understand their special place in the family, the Church and society. We respect the diversity in religious backgrounds and welcome all! We work to build the Holy Family on earth. Catholic education is a gift!

This year's theme, Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together, reflects the recognition that after two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, we know for certain that there is much to rebuild, restore and renew together in 2022 and beyond.

Every year at this time our thoughts straddle between looking back and looking forward. While we try to stay in the present moment as much as possible, the end of the school year and the thought of a new one just months away has much weight on our minds. Our goals as administrators is to work closely with our staff to ensure Holy Family School is indeed a *place for everybody, where everybody has a place.*

As we begin this work of creating balanced, inclusive communities of learning for next year's classroom groupings, we just wanted to share a little bit about this process. To begin we collect information and data on each and every student we have registered for next year. This year that will include conversations with classroom teachers, learning assistance teachers, educational assistants and administration. In addition to these conversations at the school level, we will be sending out a digital form for parents to fill out with each of their children. Once we have all of this information we will begin sitting down in grade alike groups and placing students based on their individual needs and the needs of the group as a whole. While this work is preliminary, pending final teacher allocations in the fall, it is an important step in understanding the needs of all of our students. We appreciate your support, input and patience with this process, as it is an important one for all involved.

We will once again send out a survey for you to complete with your child/children. Please fill this out prior to the beginning of June. If you have concerns please email [lmcgettigan@gscs.ca](mailto:lmcgettigan@gscs.ca).

*L. McGettigan* Principal  
*E. Jones* Vice Principal

## Dates to Remember...

- May 11**  
Anxiety in Children Presentation – 7-8 PM  
in the Music Room at Holy Family School
- May 12**  
Hot Dog Orders are due today (optional)
- May 13**  
Staff Retreat – No School for students
- May 17**  
Gr. 5T & 5W – Clip 'n Climb – PM
- May 18**  
Gr. 1B & 1/2W – Forestry Farm – AM  
School Track Meet – Gr. 4-8 – schedule to be determined soon  
Hot dog lunch and concession (optional)
- May 19**  
School Track Meet – Gr. 4-8 – schedule to be determined soon  
Hot dog lunch and concession (optional)
- May 20**  
Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Tim Hortons  
Gym Blast – Gr. 6-8 AM  
Spirit Day – wear your houseleague colors  
Forestry Farm – Gr. 3 Smart PM
- May 23**  
Victoria Day – No School for students
- May 22-29**  
Catholic Education Week
- May 24**  
Bike Safety – Gr. 3's only Weinheimer
- May 26**  
Treaty Medal Installation – 9:30 AM  
(students only)
- May 27**  
Special Olympics – at E.D. Feehan
- May 30**  
Shekinah Retreat Centre – Gr. 6 Meier –  
9AM until 5 PM (note late return)
- May 31**  
Spirit Day – everything but a backpack  
(bring all your school items in anything  
except a backpack)  
Kindergarten Come and Go -4:30-6:30PM  
Bring yourself and your child anytime for a  
tour and meet the teacher.



## News from the Office

### Field Trips

As the year is coming to an end, there are many field trips that are being planned. Please always check the Edsby calendar as it will be the most up to date calendar we have. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the office.

### Safety At Our Crosswalks

This is just a reminder to be safe when crossing our streets at the crosswalks. Please don't ever assume that a car will stop. Make sure that cars come to a complete stop before crossing the streets. We do not want any of our students hurt. Please talk this over with your child(ren) and remind them of this very important safety concern.

### Parking Out Front

Parking is always an issue out front of the school - please remember to not get out of your vehicle, as these are drop off and pick up spots only. Traffic jams are very common around 3:30 as well – to help avoid this – you could tell your kids to meet you at the Willowgrove square area or arrive 10 -15 minutes later to help avoid the line ups. There is no great solution to this parking issue, so please try your best to help us with it. Also, **do not park in the Daycare spots** – these are courtesy spots meant for parents with young children and babies who are taking their kids to and from the daycare.

### School Arrival

Students should not be at school prior to 8:45 in the morning. Exterior doors will remain locked until 8:45AM. If students need to arrive early, we have a Before and After School Program available through Preston Early Learning. In addition, students are asked to proceed directly into the school when they arrive since there is no supervision on the playground prior to 9AM.

If your child/children arrive late, the door they normally enter in will be locked, so please have them enter through the front door and *let the office know they have arrived.*

### Attendance and Edsby

Please remember to use Edsby to report all absences and planned absences. If you still have not received an invitation to Edsby, please let the school know. Once you have accepted, you will also see all of our newsletters, calendar of upcoming events and any other important information. You are not able to put your child's entry into Safe Arrival anymore, so please make sure you have an account through Edsby. If you need any assistance, please contact the school office at 306-659-7850 and we can help you.

### Kindergarten Come and Go

On May 31, from 4:30-6:30 PM, we will be hosting a Come and Go for all the new Kindergarten students and their families. Come any time and meet the teacher and have a tour of our school. We look forward to meeting everyone.



### Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches

Here is a list of our upcoming Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches: Check the Calendar, fun lunches are listed until the end of June.

Friday, May 20 – Tim Hortons

Friday, June 3 – Boston Pizza

Friday, June 10 – Taco Time



Instructions are now posted on our Edsby "River of News" (which is the banner across the top of the Home Page). If you are having any issues, please follow the directions on that form or contact their 1-800 number. All proceeds help pay for many student initiatives as well as special school events and projects. This is optional.

**Special Note:** Grade 2 Haynes and 2/3 Weinheimer will not be at school for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Healthy Hunger lunch – there is lots of time to cancel your orders in case you have already signed up for it.

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### First View App

First Student is now offering a secure bus tracking and parent communication app. FirstView helps you better manage your time during the hectic before-and-after school rush by putting your student's up-to-the-minute bus information in your hands. Easy to download, set up and use, FirstView is packed with helpful features to give you peace of mind, including estimated bus arrival time, opt-in messaging regarding delays and issues, customizable alerts for when the bus is a chosen distance or number of minutes away, secure password protection and built-in customer support. To download the APP, please go to [firstviewapp.com](http://firstviewapp.com). Our school code is **RG7D**. If you have any issues, please contact their customer support.



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## Community News



### Mother Teresa Cooperative Preschool - 2022-23 Registration Now Open!

The preschool program is for children ages 3 and 4; morning and afternoon sessions available. Information, including a virtual open house, and online registration form available on the website at: <https://www.motherteresapreschool.com/>  
Limited spaces available - register today! See the poster below.



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Parent Central provides reliable information and resources for parents and caregivers of children aged 0 - 6 in Saskatchewan. It connects families, and those who serve them, to supports and programs available in their communities. Parent Central also includes a search function for licensed child care in the province, including updated availability in each centre.

Visit the site at <https://parentcentral.sk.211.ca/>



## Before Kindergarten

Help prepare your child for school and commit to reading 1,000 books with them before Kindergarten! Once you register, you and your child will earn badges and literacy tips for reaching various milestones.

For more information and to register, visit [saskatoonlibrary.ca/1000-books-b4k](http://saskatoonlibrary.ca/1000-books-b4k)



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### 2022/23 Registration Now Open!

A unique and creative program for children 3 & 4 years old.

Morning and afternoon programs available. Please visit our website for more information and to access our online registration form.

We look forward to having you join our preschool family!

[www.moherteresapreschool.com](http://www.moherteresapreschool.com)

Save the date!!  
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# Summer Day Camp

Choose your week:  
July 11-15 or August 8-12

Camp runs 9am - 3pm  
Before and after care available

\$100 for first child  
\$75 for each additional child

limited to 20  
children per camp!



watch our Facebook Page and website  
for registration information



## Supporting Your Child's Reading Journey

For parents and/or caregivers of children in Grades 2 to 4.

Join us to: Share reading tips, learn about the qualities of good readers, and discover tools and strategies to strengthen your child's skills at home.

Date: **Wednesday, May 25th, 2022**

Time: **6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Location: **Online via Zoom**



To find out more about upcoming workshops or to register, please call READ Saskatoon at (306) 652-5448 or visit [READsaskatoon.com](http://READsaskatoon.com).



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Grow together.

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## TD Bank Presents Theatre in the Park 2022 *wâhkôhtowin* May 5<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>



Sum Theatre invites you, your family, and your friends to Theatre in the Park! Every summer, we visit local parks across Saskatchewan, performing an original play and creating fun community-building events. This year's play highlights the importance of community by drawing on the Cree teaching of *wâhkôhtowin*, which refers to the kinship between all things. The show is free for everyone - there are no tickets. All you need to bring is a blanket or something to sit on. Rain or shine, the show goes on! The show is rain-proof, so we invite you to bring an umbrella if there's a chance of precipitation.

More information at [sumtheatre.com](http://sumtheatre.com)