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Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Greetings From Your Admin Team...

We would like to welcome each of you to a new year at Holy Family School. We would like to thank our families for the patience, trust and support as we worked through our classroom placements. This is a process that we do not take lightly, and we want to ensure that each and every one of our students are in the best place possible for learning.

We feel very honored to serve as the administrators at Holy Family School. Ours is a sacred task to work with all of our staff to create a Christ-centered welcoming school where we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others.

Your school team is ready, willing and dedicated to providing a quality education with high expectations for learning in a welcoming environment where Holy Family will truly be a place for everyone where everyone has a place. This team is ready and prepared with a great deal of experience, ideas and energy! Together we are looking forward to meeting and working with you to ensure a positive educational experience for your child.

L. McGettigan Principal
E. Jones Vice Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Monday and Tuesday September 13 & 14th

School Pictures

Tuesday, September 28th

Opening Year Mass at the Cathedral

Wednesday, September 29

Orange Shirt Day

Thursday, September 30

Professional Learning Day – No school for students

Monday, October 11

Thanksgiving Day – No classes for students

Monday, November 1

Professional Learning Day – No classes for students

Our Staff

Please welcome new staff members to our Holy Family.

Ms. A. Diakow	Teacher
Mrs. E. Jones	Vice Principal
Mrs. M. Jones	Office Coordinator.

All will be a great addition to our wonderful staff.

News from the Office:

Picking up students early If you are planning on picking up your child early from school, please put a note into your child's planner or backpack as well as on Edsby. Due to the large number of students in our building, we cannot always get to each and every message that needs to be sent. Teachers have the responsibility of running the classroom and cannot keep track of each individual pick up times. If you need your child to meet you outside at a certain time, please call the office 10-15 minutes prior to pick up and we can page them to come and meet you.

Thanks for your help with this.

Reminder: Please remember this is a Scent Free and Peanut Free school. Any hand sanitizers that kids bring to school must be unscented.

Parent Parking

Parents are welcome to park in the angled parking spots located in the parking inlet in front of the school. We ask that you park only in these stalls and not along the opposite side since this is posing safety issues. **When parked in the angled stall, please remain in your vehicles since this is a quick drop off and pick up area. Also students are not to be dropped off or picked up from the staff parking lot as this causes safety concerns.**



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 in 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.

School Day Schedule

8:55AM Warning Bell
9AM Prayer and Classes Begin
10:15-10:30AM Recess for Grade 6-8
10:30-10:45AM Recess for K – Grade 5
12:00-12:45AM Lunch and Recess
2:15-2:30 Recess for Grade 6-8
2:30-2:45 Recess for K – Grade 4
3:30PM End of School Day



First Student Notification Subscription:

First Student has a website that parents can subscribe to that will email notifications when a route is delayed or cancelled. This subscription is the best way for parents to know the status of their bus. Here is the link to get to the webpage. Once you get to that cancellation page, in the top right corner there is an icon that says subscriptions. Click on that to register.

<https://saskatoon.firststudentinc.com/Cancellations.aspx>

Emergency Medical Forms:

Please send back your updated emergency medical forms as well as any medication that you would like to have stored in our first aid room.

School Photos

On Monday, September 13th and Tuesday, September 14th, school photos will be taken. On Monday, students from Kindergarten – grade 5 will have their pictures taken and on Tuesday, Kindergarten and grades 6 – 8 will have theirs taken.

Student Safety

All exterior doors, except for the main front doors will be locked during the day. **Parents may enter the school this year but we ask that you check in at the office when you arrive.**

Schools Win Twice Tickets

The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation will run the 2021 Schools Win Twice Raffle. This will be done online so there will be no need to collect paper books. More news to follow.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Safe Positive Schools

Please find attached an informational letter titled Fair Notice to Parents about Student Violence/Threat/Risk Assessment

Family Health Information

Throughout the school year, we will be posting information from the Population and Public Health about topics of interest to child health and family wellbeing. Our first insert is about immunization.

Attendance

Until you receive an email regarding Edsby registration, please continue to report your child's absences either by phoning (306) 659-7850 or emailing the office at Holy.Family@gscs.ca. There will be an invitation email being sent to you tomorrow.



CATHEDRAL OF THE
HOLY FAMILY

We are Holy Family

"Come Spend Time with Family"

Sunday Mass Times

9AM, 11:30AM & 6:30PM

123 Nelson Road

Office Hours: 9AM – 4:30PM Monday thru Friday

Phone: 306-659-5800

www.holyfamilycathedral.ca



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!