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Hello St.Dominic Families,

**Welcome Back!** We are so happy to be back with our students and thrilled that the students are able to have outdoor recess again!

The month of March and the **Lenten journey** go hand in hand this year. We celebrated Ash Wednesday during the break and are on our way to Easter and will be living 40 days of doing more (almsgiving), doing less (fasting) and deeper (prayer) with Jesus. Classroom instruction, weekly liturgies and student led morning prayers will all create a meaningful experience for our students and staff. Please see the March calendar for Lenten liturgy dates. On **Holy Thursday**, we will send a short video of our classrooms learning and growing together through this amazing time in our liturgical year.

Our Lenten Project – **POOL OUR LOVE** – For the next 2 weeks starting on March 1<sup>st</sup>, we are asking students to bring **pasta and/or rice to donate**. Our collection will be donated to the Friendship Inn. Please make sure to **write your first name** on the donation – when the Friendship Inn uses the donation – special prayers will be said in thanks of your name! **Let's OVERFLOW our POOL with LOVE!**

**3 Way Conferences are among us as well in March!** We are excited to celebrate all the amazing growth of students since last reporting period. Please see the calendar and dates for important times that the conference scheduler opens. Our virtual conferences will be held **via telephone**. Some staff will be conducting interviews in order to eliminate some of the technical issues we experienced last conferencing time.

We are looking forward to a busy month of celebrating learning, sharing in the resurrection of Jesus and growing together in our faith.

God Bless,

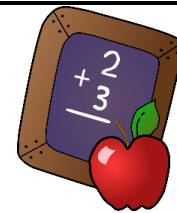
Mrs. Dust – Principal  
Mr.Couture – Vice Principal

Hands are for Helping and  
Use Kind Words  
Walk with Care  
Keep Mother Earth Clean

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. **COVID screening questionnaire:** please don't forget to ask your child the screening questions before sending them to school each morning! Your help is greatly appreciated! It is attached to the back of the newsletter for your reference!
2. – we need to remind PARENTS and CAREGIVERS that NO entry into the building will be allowed unless an emergency. Please use the DOORBELL at the front entrance. Someone will come and talk with you to see how we can help.
  - We truly appreciate this support in navigating to keep our students and staff as safe as possible.

**3 Way Conferences** – Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 3:45 – 8:00 and Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 8:45 – 12:30. Conference Scheduler **OPENS March 8<sup>th</sup> @4:00pm** and **CLOSES March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:00pm.**



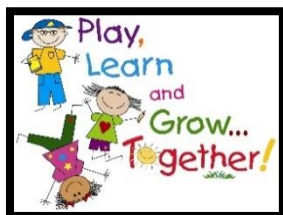
## VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR – March 19<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>

See attached letter with all of the details!

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION UPDATE

**Theodore court case appeal decision** - On February 25, 2021, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed Good Spirit (Public) School Division's application for leave to appeal the Theodore case to the Supreme Court of Canada. This means that the unanimous decision of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal that overturned the April 2017 trial decision stands. Good Spirit has exhausted their legal options, and the decision of the Appeal Court remains the law in Saskatchewan—which can be considered a victory for both religious and parental rights and freedoms.

An update from Board of Education Chair Diane Boyko can be found at <https://go.gscs.ca/theodore>  
Background information on the Theodore case can be found at [www.opencatholiceducation.ca](http://www.opencatholiceducation.ca).



## Kindergarten Registration

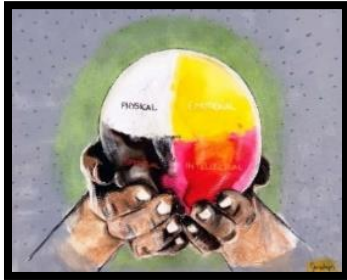
Kindergarten registration for the 2021-2022 school year are now being accepted! Children who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2021 can register for Kindergarten by contacting the school @ 306-659-7290 or [www.gscs.ca/kindergarten](http://www.gscs.ca/kindergarten).

Unfortunately, we can not give school tours at this time due to COVID restrictions. Please continue to watch the newsletter for more information.

## CONTINUED NEWS ABOUT DISTANCE LEARNING ~

Entry Points for Online and Face to Face Learning – Next Transition Date:

**March 26** - By this date, we ask that families inform schools if they plan to transition back to face-to-face or to online learning for the remainder of the academic year.



## **TIPI TEACHING AND GOSPEL VIRTUES -**

### ***MARCH – STRENGTH & FAITHFULNESS***

### *Health & Wellness Team*

For the month of MARCH, we are focusing on **INTELLECTUAL HEALTH in the Medicine Wheel**. Take care of your brain! Intellectual health starts with keeping your brain hydrated and watering your mental garden. Plant seeds of positivity and don't worry if weeds start to grow. You can pull out weeds as they come and continue to tend to all the beautiful things your headspace needs. When your brain is happy and healthy, it is so much easier to practice a growth mindset. Take opportunities to learn new things by reading a book, watching an educational YouTube video, or explore your favorite subject through personal inquiry at home!

Remember, it's okay to not know everything or be good at everything! Use uplifting language like "I'm not good at this yet" or "I don't know that yet" and watch your mental garden bloom!

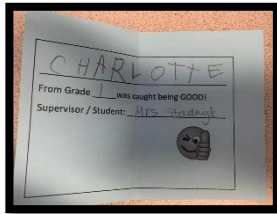


**REMINDER** – Please be aware that we are a **NUT-AWARE** and a **NO SEASAME SEED/OIL PRODUCT School** – We have students with severe allergies. Please be mindful when you are packing the great lunches that we see the students bring to school!

Our local parish, St. John Bosco is asking for our help. The **CWL group is gathering PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS to make mats for the homeless**. We ask that if you have any to donate to this great cause, please send with your child and they can bring to the office. We will quarantine them and then donate to the church.

**SAUL REIS Memorial Bench Project** – **Please see attached letter** and if you have any questions, please contact the school.

## FEBRUARY “I Was Caught Being Good” Winners.....



We continue to love seeing all the blue coupons being handed in at the office for students who are displaying behaviors from our tipi teachings/virtue focus for the month!

Our winners this month were: **Anthony L.** Gr.3/4, **Emily S** – Gr.1, **Charlotte K.** – Gr.1 and **Lincoln H.** – Gr.1.

<b>UPCOMING Dates:</b>	
Feb.26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lenten Liturgy</b> – Virtual via St.Anne’s Parish 9:30
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>CSCC Meeting – 7:00pm</b> <b>POOL OUR LOVE</b> Campaign starts – Please bring <b>Pasta and/or Rice</b> – Donations will be given the Friendship Inn
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Lenten Liturgy</b> – Gr.6 Leading
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spirit Day - HAT DAY</b> – If you can - <u>Suggested donation of \$1.00</u> – Money will be donated with POOL OUR LOVE Campaign
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PLD – NO SCHOOL for Students</b> <b>Conference Scheduler OPENS @ 4:00pm.</b>
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lenten Liturgy</b> – Gr. 2 Leading
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lenten Liturgy</b> – Gr.4/5 Leading
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Spirit Day</b> – GREEN DAY
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>VIRTUAL Book Fair STARTS!</b>
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CSCC Easter Basket Raffle Starts</b> – more information to come! <b>Conference Scheduler CLOSES @ 11:00pm.</b>
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Report Cards Sent Home</b> via EMAIL
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lenten Liturgy</b> – Gr.1 Leading <b>3 Way Conferences</b> – 3:30 – 8:00
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>3 Way Conferences</b> – 9:00 – 12:00
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Book Fair Closes
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Good Friday – NO SCHOOL</b> and Start of Easter Break (Back on April12th)

**Please see attached calendar for other important dates!**

*St. Dominic....Reaching Out ... to Transform the World!*