

St. Maria Goretti Community School

Newsletter #6 - February 2019



St. Maria Goretti is a Catholic school where we view Jesus as our teacher and role model. Our mission is to provide an inclusive, faith filled Catholic Education where we all feel safe, respected and comfortable. Together we will foster reverence for God, respect for learning, others and self, plus responsibility for our actions. Our school mission statement guides our actions as a school community. "Love, Forgiveness, Hope"



Mark Your Calendars

February

- 4 CSCC Meeting @ 11:30am
- 4 Porteous Lodge – Gr. 2/3 @ 2:00pm
- 6 Swimming Trip – Shaw (Gr. 1-8) @ 12:30am
- 11-15 Staff Appreciation Week
- 14 Pink, Red, & White Day
- 14-15 Teen Aid (Gr. 6/7)
- 14 Shrek Jr. at George Vanier (Gr. 1/2, 2/3, 3/4)
- 18-22 February Break – No School
- 25 Porteous Lodge – Gr. 3/4 @ 2:00pm

Principal's Pen

Thank you to everyone who was able to come out to our Family Engagement/Wellness Expo Evening in Jan. If you missed the presentations there are some handouts at our front office that you can pick up.

We are very blessed to have such an excellent staff at our school. We have identified Feb. 11 – 15th as staff appreciation week and I encourage you to remind them how much we appreciate their service.

Our students continue to grow in their reading and math skills. It is important to read with your child every night. We thank you for supporting our efforts at school. Our next CSCC meeting is on Monday, February 4th at 11:30 am. Please join us if you are free and help support our school community.

Stay Warm and God Bless!

Mr. D. Todos

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.

Gospel Value for December

LOVE

I am a loving person. I show my love with thoughtful acts, kind words and affection. I treat others the way I want to be treated.

Principal: Mr. D. Todos **Vice Principal:** Mr. R. Strawson
Office Coordinator: Ms. H. Clouthier
Trustees: D. Berscheid, R. Boechler, T. Jelinski
Superintendent: Mr. G. Martell

REMINDERS!

Outside front doors will not be opened until 8:15 am. Please DO NOT send your children to school before 8:15 am.

If your child is going to be late, please remind them to check in with the office before they head to class.

Our school is a NUT ALERT school meaning no nuts or food containing nuts are allowed into the school. We are also FRAGRANCE FREE ZONE.

Please make sure that you, or your children, are not walking through the staff parking lot to get to the school. This is for the safety of everyone.

Three-Way Conferences

Three-Way Conferences will occur on Thursday, March 7th from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm and on Friday, March 8th from 8:45 am to 11:30 am. Kindergarten interviews will be Thursday ONLY.

There are no classes for students in morning or afternoon on Friday, March 8th. A reminder sheet with your time for the conference will be sent home on Wednesday, March 6th.

Parents, we appreciate your efforts to attend the conference with your child.

Please call 306-659-7340 for a conference time by Wednesday, February 27th before 3:00 pm. We will assign times for those that have not signed up.

Professional Learning Days (PLD)

Saskatoon Catholic Schools 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. **The remaining PLDs for the 2018 - 2019 year are: Monday, March 11th, Friday, May 17th and Monday, June 10th.**

Kinsmen Hockey League

Our Kinsmen Hockey League Team will soon be up and running. Students have been outfitted with loaned equipment for the season courtesy of the Kinsmen Club. The students will play at Kinsmen Arena. Players must be between 10-13 years of age. No players can be registered with Saskatchewan Minor Hockey Association. When players commit to being on the team, they should attend all games.

Sat. Feb. 2—bus leaves school at 11:15 am

Sat. Feb 9—12:00pm bus

Sat. Feb 16—12:00pm bus

Sat. Mar 2—11:00am bus

Sat. Mar 9—11:00am bus

Wed. Mar 13—2:45pm bus

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Monday to Friday from 3:30 to 6:00pm. Limited spots, parents will be contacted when a spot becomes available. **The program is available to families if the parents are working and/or going to school.** Registration forms are available at the office. For more information, call the Boys and Girls Club at 306-683-8378.

Cool Moves Volleyball

Volleyball Saskatoon's Cool Moves Volleyball WINTER Program for girls and boys is held on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:30pm from January 16th to March 13th at the Henk Ruys Soccer Center in Lawson at 219 Primrose Drive.

Mini Volley for 6-8 year olds, Atomic 9-11 year olds, and Tripleball for 12-13 year olds. Come and learn how to play volleyball. Cost is \$140.00.

For more information, text or call Michael Rusk at 306-609-0105 or visit www.volleyball@saskatoon.ca.

COLD WEATHER

Students are expected to go outside for recess and noon breaks if the temperature and wind chill are within the guidelines (-25° or warmer). Please ensure that your children are dressed warmly for the cold weather - winter jackets with functioning zippers, winter boots, toques, mitts and ski pants. If your child does not have these please let the school know. If the busses are not running, parents need to inform the school if their child will be absent. Please note that even if the busses do not run, the school is still open.

PRE-K SPOTS AVAILABLE!!

We currently have **morning** and **afternoon pre-kindergarten spots** available. If you have any friends, family, or neighbors that may be interested, please refer them to our school (306-659-7340).

Kindergarten Registration

Thinking about Kindergarten for this fall? Now's the time to come in and register your child! Our school is friendly, safe, welcoming and ready to help each of our students reach their full potential. We nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to reach out and help others – at home and around the world. Children who will be five years old by January 31, 2020 can begin kindergarten in fall 2019.

Please call our office Today!

You may also learn more at www.gscs.ca. We are rooted in faith, growing in knowledge and reaching out to transform the world!

School Wellness Team has a New Nurse !

We would like to introduce you to our new Nurse Practitioner Don Ragush.

Don will be available to see students and families for those minor medical procedures or to just answer questions Wednesdays from 9 - 12 noon. Stop by his office located by the gym and introduce yourself to him. No appointment required.

Medical Bus :

Located at the Shell Parking Lot - Corner of 22nd Street and Avenue P on Wed. and Thur. afternoons.