

St. Maria Goretti Community School

Newsletter #8 – April 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

April

- 1 Staff Retreat – No School for Students
- 4 Lenten Liturgy – Gr. 6/7 – 12:30pm
- 11 Lenten Liturgy – Gr. 1/2 – 2:30pm
- 8 Porteous Lodge – Gr. 7/8 – 2:00pm
- 15 Porteous Lodge – Gr. 1/2 – 2:00pm
- 18 Holy Thursday Liturgy/Washing of Feet – 9:00am
- 19 Good Friday – No School
- 22-26 Easter Break – No School

Principal's Pen

Thank you for joining us during the 3-Way Conferences to celebrate your child's learning. Report cards were sent home on Wednesday, March 28th. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by or call us. We look forward with great joy to the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. Throughout Lent, our school community has been focusing on the importance of this liturgical season as we prepare to enter into the Triduum, the holiest days of the year. I would like to extend my very best wishes to all families for a happy and Holy Easter. May the peace of the risen Christ bless your homes, your hearts and your families.

*God Bless!
Mrs. Maria Monteiro*

Gospel Value for April

COURAGE

I have courage. I am willing to try new things. I admit mistakes and learn from them. I listen to my heart. I have the courage to do the right thing.

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.

Please call the school (306-659-7340) to report if your child is going to be late or absent. If they are 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.

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.

Our kindergarten open house will take place on January 24, 2019 at 5:30pm and February 1, 2019 at 9:00am.

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

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.**

FASHION SHOW AND DINNER

The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation is pleased to invite you to the 19th annual 'Swing into Spring' Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Prairieland Park – Hall A. Once again, plans are well under way for a fabulous evening of fun, food, fashions, camaraderie and great prizes. Support school division employees as they step out of their traditional roles to walk the runway in the latest spring fashions. Please check the posters displayed at your school or your parish bulletin boards or the Foundation website at <https://gscs.ca/foundation>

Early Bird tickets purchased before April 5, 2019 are \$70.00ea or \$75.00ea after April 5, 2019.

Tickets are available through the Foundation office.

Phone: 659-7003 Fax: 659-2013 Email: catholicschoolsfoundation@gscs.ca

Your presence helps us put faith in education.

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.

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.

WET 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 have rain boots, jackets and an extra set of clothes just in case they get wet.

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).

Pool Our Love

During Lent, we have been talking to our students about giving to others who are not as blessed as we are. We have once again been participating in the Pool Our Love project with the Friendship Inn which ended March 29, 2019. We did an excellent job of meeting our goal by filling the pool. Thank you for participating!

KHL

KHL season wrapped up with an awesome tournament on Wednesday, March 27th. The team played three games and represented our school very well.

Three-Way Conferences

Thank you, parents and students for joining in the Three Way Conferences. Please call if you still want to meet with your son or daughter's teacher. Our goal is always 100% participation. Attendance for Three-Way Conference: K – 82%; Gr 1/2 - 77%; Gr 2/3 - 82%; Gr 3/4 - 82%; Gr 4/5 - 82%; Gr 6/7 - 63%; Gr 7/8 - 73%; START – 100%