February 5th, 2020

Mr. Burton Harper
Principal
Mrs. Heather Garman
Vice Principal
Ms. Debbie Thurber
Office Coordinator

GSCS School
Trustees
Mr. Wayne Stus
Mr. Jim Carriere
Mrs. Sharon Zakreski-Werbicki

School Hours
AM
8:30 Doors Open
8:45 Warning bell
8:50 Classes Begin
8:50 – 10:20 Classes
10:20 – 10:35 Recess
10:35 – 11:50 Classes
11:50 – 12:30 Lunch Hour
PM
12:30 Warning bell
12:35 Classes Begin
12:35 – 2:05 Classes
2:05 – 2:20 Recess
2:20 – 3:20 Classes
3:20 Students Dismissed
3:30 School Bus Departs

Doors Open to Students Before School

Students should not enter the school before 8:30 a.m. Supervision is available throughout hallways after 8:30 a.m. Bishop Klein is fortunate to have a Before and After-School program run by the Boys and Girls Club of Saskatoon. If you need to have your child at school before 8:30, please contact the office for an application to the before and afterschool program.

DATES TO REMEMBER
- Tuesday, February 4th – Sacramental Preparation class @ 7:00 – St. Peter The Apostle Parish
- Thursday, February 6th – Let’s Talk Science class presentation – 3N @ 10:00
- Thursday, February 6th, February 13th, and February 27th – SS - Fairhaven Bowling lessons (PM)
- Thursday, February 6th, February 13th – Boys and Girls Basketball games and playdays – afterschool (various school locations)
- Friday, February 7th STAFF FAITH RETREAT – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- Tuesday, February 11th – Track Meet 4:00 – 8:00 Saskatoon Field House
- Wednesday, February 12th – 100 Days of School – Primary classroom activities
- Thursday, February 13th – Sistema trip to U of S – Quance Theatre @ 1:00
- Friday, February 14th – Valentine’s Day – last day of classes before the break
- Monday, February 17th – February 21st – February Break – NO SCHOOL
- Monday, February 24th – First day back from February break
- Tuesday, February 26th – E.D. Feehan basketball feeder tournament (PM)
- Wednesday, February 26th – ASH WEDNESDAY MASS – St. Peter the Apostle Parish
- Mondays and Wednesdays track practice @ 8:00

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE
- It is hard to believe that the month of February is upon us. We have been blessed with some great weather the last few weeks and we hope it continues. As the days get longer, the sun has a little more energy and soon we will be into puddle season!
- Please ensure that you review the dates for February calendar. February break is in a few weeks with many activities happening at Bishop Klein School.

FAITH RETREATS
- We are very fortunate to be able to share and celebrate our faith in a Catholic School. Bishop Klein Community School had their school wide student retreat on Friday, January 24th. Pure Witness Ministries led our whole student body in an energetic day to celebrate and focus on our Catholic faith.
- Every school in Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is allotted one day to gather to celebrate who we are as Catholic teachers and leaders. Bishop Klein staff will have the opportunity to attend a faith retreat on Friday, February 7th.
BUILDERS CLUB

- Our partnership with Kiwanis Builders Club continues to be strong into the new year. Our Builders Club meet every second week at lunch time planning and creating leadership initiatives throughout Bishop Klein School. One example is our members volunteering their recess and lunch hours to help supervise in our primary classrooms.

- You are also welcome to contact Bishop Klein and speak to Mr. Harper, the principal, in regards to our Kindergarten program. Arranging a personal tour for your son/daughter is a great way to introduce Kindergarten and the excitement of starting school.

- We are a safe, friendly Catholic school that helps each of our students reach their full potential. At Bishop Klein School we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, so they can make the world around them a better place. We are rooted in faith, growing in knowledge, reaching out to transform the world!

INDOOR TRACK SEASON

- Indoor track (4X100 relays) season has started in the new year. Students from grades 4 to 8 are welcome to sign up and join our indoor track teams. Students need to ensure they make practice times in order to compete in the track meets.

- Track practices will be every Monday and Wednesday from 8:00-8:30am.

- Our first track meet of the year will be on Thursday, January 23rd. It will take place during the school day, and students will be busing there. We will be attending a meet on the evening of Tuesday, February 11th (Elementary Relays) and another one in March (Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2020-21

Thinking about Kindergarten for this fall?

- We have started accepting registrations for Kindergarten 2020-2021! Children who will be five years old by January 31, 2021 are eligible to start school in September 2020.

- Please stop by the office to receive a registration form and Kindergarten information package or contact the school at (306)659-7150 for information.

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Parking

Thank you to all of our parents who are using street parking when dropping off your children. Many parents are "quickly" dropping off their children in staff parking, the alley, or in no parking locations. Do not park in these locations. Please note that parking in marked locations, behind staff vehicles, and in the alley will result in your vehicle being ticketed.

First Student is our transportation provider for GSCS. Please contact the office at (306)659-7150 in regards to transportation eligibility and inquiries.

If there are delays or cancellations with your child's school, there are a couple of options available to you to find out information quickly:

1. Call the First Student information hotline at 306-343-3300
2. Access the website for updated details of any cancellations or delays. This website gives you the option to subscribe to emails that will alert you to your specific school. https://saskatoon.firststudentinc.com

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- On Wednesday, January 29th our Builder’s Club members competed in our annual speech competitions. Teachers spent a great deal of time editing, practicing and preparing their students. The speech competitions provide an opportunity for students to develop strategies and build on their public speaking skills. We would like to thank all our students for their preparation and hard work in completing their speeches. Listed below are the winners of our speech competition:

  o Honorable mention – Allyson P. Gr. 4
  o 4th Place – Sam F. / Alina L. Gr.5
  o 3rd Place – Sierra P. Gr.5
  o 2nd Place – Olivia W. Gr.6
  o 1st Place – Alexi S. Gr.6

- Congratulations to Alexi S. She will represent Bishop Klein School at the Kiwanis Builder’s Club city competitions on Monday, February 10th @ St. Michael’s Community School.
ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH NEWS...

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES (AGES 7 & UP)

AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

*St. Peter the Apostle is still accepting registrations for Sacramental Preparation Classes

* For ages 7 and up

* Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and the $60 fee (cash or cheque)
  (if cost is an issue, let us know).

* Remaining class dates are: February 11 & 25, March 10, 24, & 31.

*** Please note: All classes are for both the children and their parents.

If you have any questions, please call 306-382-5503.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – SAFE ARRIVAL

Please use the SafeArrival System for all Absences. SafeArrival can be accessed the following ways:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at https://go.schoolmessenger.com). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

2. Use the SafeArrival website, https://go.schoolmessenger.com. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.

3. Call the toll-free number 1-844-425-7221 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

- Bishop Klein runs a Child Hunger Education Program. Children who come to school without breakfast or a lunch may access this program. Please remember that this program is to be used only when no other arrangements can be made. We understand that families have emergencies from time to time and need this program but because of limited funding, we hope that it is only used when absolutely necessary.