THE GIFT OF READING
We are collecting books for less fortunate families in Saskatoon. Support the Gift of Reading by dropping new or nearly new books that you think any age would enjoy before Wednesday, January 27th, 2016.

SCHOOL CLOTHING – ORDER #2 Jan 25th to Feb. 12th
As a part of our 50th Anniversary celebration, parents, students and staff are invited to purchase St. Matthew Hoodies, shirts, shorts or sweat pants, toques. The ordering process is very simple. Click on the following link: https://stmatthewschool.itemorder.com/. Prices and images are available on the site. All payments are made through this secure website. Sample sizing is available at the front office at Arlington (Jan. 25th to Feb 5th) and Bateman (Feb 8th – 12th). You are more than welcome to come in and make sure you have the correct size. All orders will be delivered to the school in March. Don’t miss out on this amazing opportunity!

FRENCH IMMERSION WEEK
Next week, February 1st to 5th, we will be celebrating French Immersion Week at École St. Matthew School. The theme this year is “En français, je vis mon bonheur!/Loving Life en Français!” Thank you to the committee members who organized the activities during the week. The following activities will take place:

- During the week, teachers will be handing out pink hearts to students who are speaking French. The students will write their names on the hearts and place them in a draw bin for prizes.

Monday, February 1st
- All grades will be writing a collective story in French in the classroom. Completed stories will be posted on a bulletin board. (grades K-8)
- Daily French idiomatic expression of the day. (grades K-8)

Tuesday, February 2nd
- Reading with a partner. (K-5)
- Independent silent reading for 20 minutes. (Grades 6-8)
- Daily French idiomatic expression of the day. (grades K-8)

Wednesday, February 3rd
- French Canadian folk dancing session (Grades K-5)
- Mission Impossible game (Grades 6-8)
- Daily French idiomatic expression of the day. (grades K-8)

Thursday, February 4th
- French Canadian folk dancing session (Grades 6-8)
• Mission Impossible game (Grades K-5)
• Daily French idiomatic expression of the day. (grades K-8)

Friday, February 5th
• French movie, folk song singing and snack for K-8 students at Arlington. Grade 6-8 students will walk over from Bateman for the activity at Arlington and take the buses at the end of the day from Arlington.
• Daily French idiomatic expression of the day. (grades K-8)

ATTLE OF THE BOOKS
On Tuesday, February 2nd at 11:45 a.m. we will have the school tournament for Battle of the Books in the gym at École St. Matthew School (Bateman). Seven teams will attempt to answer approximately 20 questions about the eight books they have read. The team that is able to answer the most questions correctly will advance to the finals. The final competition will occur on Monday, February 29th at St. Luke School where the winning team will compete against top teams from participating schools!

Good luck to all participants and thank you for your participation! Please join us on February 2nd and/or February 29th if you can!

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École St. Matthew School 50th Anniversary
École St. Matthew School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary during the 2015-2016 academic year. Current students, parents and staff members are participating in many celebrations throughout the year and planning for the 50th Anniversary Community Evening is well underway.

Mark your calendar! On Friday, April 15th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, we are hosting our official 50th Anniversary Celebration. All past and present students, family members and staff members are invited to join in the celebration. The evening will begin with a short formal program that will include a blessing, O Canada and words of welcome. Following the formal program, visitors will be able to enjoy reconnecting with past acquaintances, touring the newly completed facility, enjoy the many displays and archival materials in a come and go format.

The 50th Anniversary Committee invites all past and present St. Matthew students, parents and staff to visit our official Facebook page École St. Matthew School 50th Anniversary for updated details. The committee would also love to receive any pictures, archives, stories that could be shared. These, as well as any questions can be emailed to stmatthew50@gmail.com.

St. Matthew is sponsoring a refugee family
It is with great joy that we can announce that St. Matthew is the first school in Saskatoon to partner with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon to privately sponsor a refugee family. This sponsorship is a concrete way we can teach our students to reach out and transform the world. Our students will be able to benefit enormously from this experience. The St. Matthew Refugee Sponsorship Committee has already received approval from our CSCC as well as from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon. All parties are fully supportive of this first time project.

Our refugee family sponsorship is a long term commitment that will have many opportunities for students, staff and students to become involved. We plan to kick off this project right at the start of Lent 2016. At that time, a very detailed letter will be sent home explaining the project’s details. Families can expect that staff will be using curriculum to integrate learning about refugees, senior students will be developing Lenten fundraising opportunities and families will have the opportunity to provide supports once the family arrives in Saskatoon. Our project can be looked at in 3 phases:
1) Pre-arrival (February 2016 to Arrival of Family → 18-24 months) ► Education and awareness, fundraising.
2) Arrival ► Continued education, support for the family.
3) Post arrival (12 months after arrival) ► Continued education, review of supports and family needs.

With every step forward we have taken on this journey, we have been amazed by the commitment of students, staff and parents. Before Lent, all families will get information on how they can help with this project. Until then, we encourage families to talk about this opportunity with their children and question them about what they are learning about in class.

St. Matthew Refugee Family Sponsorship Committee

SCS Parent and Student Mathematics Learning Community
Join the Mathematics Learning Community for parents, guardians, and students and gain access to the English version of the textbooks (Grade 3 – 10) and Student Practice and Homework books (Grade 1 – 9). To register for this learning community, visit the Cyber School website http://www.gscs.sk.ca/cyber and scroll down to the bottom of the
page. Under “Stuff” select Math Learning Registration. Scroll down on this page and select “I Agree”. Fill out the registration form and within a few days you will receive by email a username and password. Once you have your username and password, you can access the learning community by going to http://hybrids.gscs.sk.ca and clicking on GSCS Parent and Student Mathematics Learning.

If you have any question, please contact:

Diana Sproat (Mathematics Consultant) dsproat@gscs.sk.ca

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2016/2017**

If your child will be 5 years of age by January 31st, 2017, he or she may begin Kindergarten in September, 2016. Please contact the school to register your child or drop in for a visit. Please share this information with neighbors who have Kindergarten age children. For more information, please call 659-7410 or check our website at blog.scs.sk.ca/ma.

**ES AMIS PRESCHOOL EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 2016/2017**

St. Matthew families are encouraged to submit their preschool registrations by **February 2nd** in order to guarantee their spot. Registration will open to the general public on **February 4th**. Please also join us for the Open House on **February 4th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Preschool Room. Registration forms are available at the École St. Matthew School office or online at http://saskatoonmesamis.ca/. Questions regarding registration or the Open House may be emailed to mesamispreschool13@gmail.com.

**THE GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION** is pleased to invite you to the 16th annual ‘Swing into Spring’ Fashion Show & Dinner on **Thursday, April 28th, 2016** at Prairieland Park – Hall B. 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.

Early Bird tickets purchased **before February 29th**, 2016 are $65.00 ea or $70.00 ea after February 29th, 2016. Tickets are available through the Foundation office.

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

Your presence helps us put faith in education.

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* Refugee presentations for K – 8
* 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Sr. Boys Basketball Playday @ St. Matthew – Arlington

Monday, February 8th
* 8:00 a.m. Track practice for Arlington students only
N.B. Wednesday practice cancelled

Tuesday, February 9th
* 8:00 a.m. Track practice for Bateman students only
* PR Relay Meet
* Hot Lunch/Bake Sale (10’G & 8M)
* 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – Celena Visits Gr. 4-5

Wednesday, February 10th
* Ash Wednesday
* 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Mass for K - 8 @ Holy Spirit Church

Thursday, February 11th
* Gr 1-3 Literacy Support Visit
* 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. – 3C, 3S, 4G skate @ Lions Arena
* 3:30 p.m. Sr. Boys Basketball Playday @ St. Luke

Monday, February 15th – Friday, February 19th
* February Break – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Wednesday, February 24th
* 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – KC & 6K Carepartner Activity

Thursday, February 25th
* 3:30 p.m. Sr. Boys Basketball tournament @ Fr. Robinson

Monday, February 29th
* Moving day!! NO SCHOOL for all K – 8 students at both Arlington and Bateman locations.
* 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Battle of the Books GSCS City Finals for St. Matthew winning team only @ St. Luke School

Principal
François Rivard

Vice-Principal
Daniel Denis

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Holy Spirit Parish Liturgies/Events: Phone 374-1425; Fax: 374-3190 www.holyspiritsaskatoon.ca; www.facebook.com/holyspiritsaskatoon - Sunday Mass Schedule: Saturday -5:00 pm; Sunday -10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm

* Registration for Sacramental Preparation is now being accepted. Celebration of these sacraments is usually at the Grade 2 level. Older children are also welcome to attend the program. The children journey in a program that helps them discover the gifts of God’s Holy Spirit, how the Spirit is present in their lives, and how in the Eucharist they are nourished by Jesus, the Bread of Life. The program is age appropriate and is supported by family and parish life. The sessions begin Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 pm.

Registration forms and more information is available from Celena – (306) 374-1425, via email at celena@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca, or on our website at www.holyspiritsaskatoon.ca.
Please note that we require a copy of the child’s baptism certificate, $40.00 fee per child to cover the cost of books, materials and snacks. These requirements are due at registration.

St. Philip Neri Parish – St. Philip Neri parish (www.stphilipneriparish.ca) - Mass schedule: Saturdays/5:00 p.m.; Sundays/9:30 & 11:30 a.m.; weekday masses/8:15 a.m. except for Mondays.

* Looking ahead! - The celebration mass for Confirmation/ First Communion is Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Please watch the church bulletin for information about when the preparation classes are being held. Pre-registration is necessary. Registration begins on Monday, February 29, 2016.

* Marriage preparation course - If you know anyone who would be interested in participating in the parish course, they would need to pre-register. The first session is on Sunday, February 21st at St. Philip church.

* Ash Wednesday - There will be a basket in the welcome area of the church for any palms from the past year that are no longer needed. There will be a 7:00 p.m. mass on Wednesday, February 10th. Everyone is invited.

* Stations of the Cross - Each Friday at 5:00 pm. during Lent, everyone is invited to the come and pray the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!