Dear Parents and Students:

Instead of the traditional ‘Food for Thought’ I would like to take this space in the last newsletter of the school year to wish all École St. Matthew School families a blessed and restful summer holiday! May the vacation time provide all with the rejuvenation and relaxation that is well-deserved. I would like to extend special well wishes to all families who will not be returning in the fall. May your memories of the École St. Matthew school community be filled with fondness and pride. For those returning, we hope to see you back safe and in good health in September for the 2019–2020 academic year.

God Bless,
M. Colleaux

Year-End Progress Reports

This year the progress reports will be handed out on Thursday, June 27th, which is the last day of classes for all students. If your child will not be in attendance on June 27th, please provide your child’s homeroom teacher with a self-addressed and $1.05 stamped business size envelope (4 1/8 x 9 ½) in order to receive the progress report in the mail. School supply lists will be included with each progress report.

Staffing 2019 – 2020

It is the time of year when staffing for the next school year occurs. Part of this process means saying farewell to parting staff. Sadly, we must say farewell to Mme Lucie Altman (retiring) M. Jacob Stebner (transferring to Saskatoon French School), Mme Carly Normand (on maternity leave), Mme Lanette Daley-Tennent (on maternity leave) Mme Heather Whyte (on maternity leave), Mme Pearson (taking a leave to travel), M. David Marsh (returning to university), and M. Tyler Schlichemeyer (returning to university). Thank you to all the parting staff for all that you have done for the École St. Matthew School community. You will be missed. We wish you all of God’s blessings.

We wish to welcome the following staff members who will be joining our school community in the fall: Mme Nicole Wingertter (returning from maternity leave), Mme Anna DiSanto-Johnston (coming from Saskatoon French), Mlle Regina Prost (coming from Saskatoon French School), Mlle Gabriela Camalari (former “Les Amis” Pre-School teacher) Mme Lisa Brisebois (coming from Cardinal Leger), Mme Jerraie Oberg (band teacher from Lloydminster) and Mlle Grainne Brophy, who will take Mme Whyte’s place as preschool teacher.

Lost and Found

Students and parents, please look through the Lost & Found items set up on tables at the front of the school. All unclaimed items will be boxed and sent to a local charity at the end of the school year.

Milk Sales

Milk sales are finished for this school year. If you have milk tickets remaining, they can be used next school year.

Silver for Gold – Collection of Pop Can Tabs

Don’t forget to continue collecting your pop can tabs for the Silver for Gold Campaign over the summer! Pop can tabs can be dropped off in the box at the main office anytime throughout the 2019/2020 school year.
Bussing for New School Year
If you are aware of an address change or any change of information that will be happening over the summer, please contact the school prior to the end of June.

Swimming at George Ward Pool
On Thursday, June 27th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., students from Grades 3 to 8 will be basking in the sun (hopefully!) and enjoying swimming at George Ward Pool. What a great way to finish off a wonderful year!

Beginner Band Workshop – Grade 6
On Saturday, September 28th, 2019. Students from schools on the west side of the river are invited to attend in the morning, and students on the east side of the river are invited to attend in the afternoon. Questions may be directed to your school band teacher, and more detailed information will be provided to you by your band teacher early in the fall. Stay tuned!

Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) Nomination
Our CSCC is looking for new volunteers for the 2019 – 2020 school year. A Catholic School Community Council is an advisory group established at each school which focuses on enhancing student learning and well-being. The Catholic School Community Council is also the official connection to Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board of Education. If you are interested in being part of the École St. Matthew Catholic School Community Council for the 2019-2020 school year, please complete the nomination form that was emailed with this week’s newsletter and return it to Mme Tolmie. You can also pick up a nomination form the office. If necessary, our Catholic School Community Council election will be in September 2019 following the AGM.

Kindergarten Registration 2019/2020
If your child will be 5 years of age by January 31st, 2020, he or she may begin Kindergarten in September 2019. 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 www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/MAT.

Summer Registration Centre for New Canadians
If someone you know is new to Canada and would like to register their children in a Catholic school, please invite them to book an appointment at the Newcomer Registration Centre. Please call 306-659-7000.
Summer Registration Centre: August 19-23 & August 26-29 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
420 – 22nd Street East

Saskatchewan Rattlers Basketball Team Tickets
The Rattlers are excited to host a “School’s Out!” themed party at their next home game, on June 27th. We are looking to give students, staff and families an exclusive discount of 20% off of our regular Bronze ticket pricing of $22, to bring the cost down to $18 per single ticket. Tip-off is at 7pm at the Sasktel Centre. We are hoping to have a magician, a reptile show, face painting, great music, great basketball, and a rockin’, yet wholesome “School’s Out!” party time! Tickets can be purchased at https://saskrattlers.spinzo.com/schools-out?group=schools-ecfb&viewcode=p972tf4

June 19 – 21
*Grade 8 Camping trip @ St. John Bosco Wilderness Camp
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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

**Baptism for Older Children**
In the past couple of years we have had inquiries from the parents of a number of children who have not been baptized; and now the child is showing a keen interest in receiving the sacrament of Baptism. Because of this, Holy Spirit parish offers a process for children 8 years old and older who would like to explore the possibility of being baptized and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

As the children come together for these learning opportunities they experience sessions that are not only teaching them about being a Catholic Christian but are also life-giving both for them and their parents. They learn lots with fun and they form relationships with the other children.

The sessions will begin towards the end of September. We will meet approximately every two weeks after school for one hour. The day of the week will depend on which day works best for most families. Please contact me for more information or to register. I look forward to telling you more about this beautiful process!
Sharon Powell, Faith Formation Coordinator 306-374-1425 or sharon@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca.

**St. Philip Neri parish** ([www.stphilipneriparish.ca](http://www.stphilipneriparish.ca)) Parish facebook page: Saint Philip Neri parish

*Mass times – Weekdays Tuesday through Friday 8:30 am.; Saturday 5:00 pm. and Sunday, 9:30 am and 11:30 am.*

**Interested in Bible Quizzing?** Come and check out this ecumenical youth activity with Catholic leadership, which will run during the 2019-2020 school year. Memorize scripture, meet new friends! (Grades 7-12) Try it out/Information night: June 23, 2019, 6:30 to 8:30 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family. For more information, email leah.perrault@gmail.com. Parents are welcome to attend the info night, but not required.
Brevoort Park Community Safety Meeting - June 19th at 7PM - Brevoort Park School Recreation Unit/ Paddling Pool. Recent concerns were raised by community members regarding graffiti, vandalism, theft, other crimes and police response. As a result, the Brevoort Park Community Association will be hosting a Community Safety Meeting. This is an open meeting for everyone to share their experiences, concerns and seek possible crime reduction options. Our Police Liaison will be in attendance and elected officials have been invited. We hope to see you there as a safe community is important and affects us all.

Bring Back the Bees Initiative: A local company, Meraki Scalp Micropigmentation, is giving back to the environment by supporting Bring Back the Bees. A portion of their sales will go towards purchasing soil and sunflowers seeds to be given away to children to plant and help our bee population. They are currently looking for empty cereal boxes to plant in. If you have any empty cereal boxes to donate, please send them to the office at St. Matthew School.

Saskatchewan Volleyball Association - Elite Academy: The highly successful end of the summer camp is happening again this year. This camp has sold out the last two years is well on it's way to selling out again this year. This camp is on August 26 -29th is Saskatoon at the SaskTel Sports Center. It is designed to prepare athletes for their high school tryouts. Each of the 12 two-hour sessions is dedicated to promoting behavior that will help the athletes in "Making the Cut" onto the high school or school team. The coaching staff members are all recognized for their success in working with the camp's targeted age group and we aim for a ten to one athlete to coach ration.

Persephone Theatre is happy to provide you with information on our 2019 Summer Camps as well as upcoming options for classes beginning in the fall. Registration for camps is open, and we would be happy to answer any questions or assist in registration through our Box Office at 306-384-7727 or the School of Theatre office 306-384-2126 ext 234. Information and registration is also available online at www.persephonetheatre.org . Registration for fall/winter classes opens on July 2nd, so now is a great time to get a jump on ensuring you get the classes you want. Our programs offer opportunities for ages 3 – 60+ and fulfill many areas of the arts education curriculum; benefitting the individual in methods of communication, expression, and creation.

Camp Voyager: This year Camp Voyager returns in July with an abundance of activities planned to include sports, arts, history, culture and language. There is something for everyone! This is a summer camp that is offered completely in French and in the lovely town of Gravelbourg, SK. There are three themes offered this year: Super Heroes for (6 to 9 years old) from July 7 to 12; The Three Elements: Sports-Science-Arts (8 to 12 years old) from July 14 to 19 as well as July 21 to 26; The Voyageurs (11 to 14 years old) from July 28 to August 2. The camp is a great opportunity for the children to speak French during the summer, which is the one time during the year where the school is unable to provide this experience. We know that learning French is not easy, particularly as a second language, so we are here to help. For more information go to www.campvoyageursk.com.

Blackstrap Youth Camp offers week long camps that give children aged 8 to 14 the opportunity to experience God in nature, while also providing them with a classic summer camp experience that will last a lifetime. Four different weeks of camp are being offered in July and the beginning of August. For more information or to register, please visit our website: https://blackstrapyouthcamp.org/

Fête du Soleil Camp is intended for French-second-language students entering kindergarten up to grade five. This quality program is led by bilingual monitors, hired by Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan (CPF-SK). The day camp will provide your child with opportunities to experience and use French in a stimulating but relaxed setting outside the classroom. Children will enjoy many activities involving arts and crafts, music, drama, sports, and science.