Silent Reflection: Think about this silently in your heart. How is your life more difficult when you don’t obey God’s commandments?

Loving God, you give us rules just as our parents and teachers do. Help us to understand that rules can be gifts that help us to be better family members, better students, and better friends. AMEN

REFUGEE FUNDRAISER
Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped at the fastball tournament concession this past weekend including Dawn and Jason Dierker, Christie MacNeil, Sean Spence, Loren and Kate MacLennan, Krista Schreiter, Nicole and Tye Crerar, Danielle Fletcher, Tanya Holt, Simon Mellor, Erin Barbour, Andrea Cambpell, Krista Hayes, Jenn Molloy, Leah Hipperson, Roxanne Weech, Saima Imran and Nelly Kwizera. The St. Matthew Refugee Family Fund raised almost $1700.00!!!! This could not have been done without you! Special thanks goes out to Dawn Dierker and her family for offering and arranging this volunteer opportunity. Her family donated all of the beverages that were sold at the concession throughout the weekend, not to mention the countless hours they generously donated preparing for, setting up, taking down, and working at the concession. THANK YOU!! We are one step closer to our goal of $30,000.00!

Danielle Schock and your Refugee Family Committee

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL STAFFING 2016-2017
Tentative staff placements for the 2016-2017 academic year are now complete. It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to ten of our present staff members at the end of this school year. Mlle Nicole Johnson (Kindergarten Teacher and Release Teacher) has been transferred to École Sister O’Brien School. Mme Ginette Erlandson (Grade 4 teacher), Mme Jodi Campeau (Release teacher) and Mme Kari Felstrom’s (Release teacher) temporary replacement contracts end this academic year. We thank them for joining our St. Matthew family and wish them well in their future endeavors. Mme Val O’Grady (Grade 1 Teacher) and Mme Nikita Jundt (Grade 5 Teacher) will both be on Maternity Leave. We keep their families in our prayers as they wait in joyful anticipation of their new family members.

Mlle Kaylene Franson (Grade 1 Teacher) has been transferred to Saskatoon French School. Mlle Sheena Dubyk (Release Teacher) has been transferred to École St. Gédard School. Mme Carrie Muench has been transferred to École St. Gérard School as their new Vice Principal. M. François Rivard has accepted the position of Lead Principal for the 6 new schools for 2016-2017 and will transition to Principal of St. Lorenzo School for the 2017-2018 academic year.

We sincerely wish to thank these staff members for sharing their special gifts. We wish you all the best of luck in your new schools and new endeavors. École St. Matthew School reflects your dedication to the students, your caring and Christian disposition, and your love for the children entrusted to you.

We wish to welcome our new staff members to École St. Matthew School next fall. They are as follows: Mme Louise Brunet (from École St. Paul School), Mme Cali Tofi (new hire to our Division), Mme Celine Couture (new hire to our Division), Mme Terra Jeanneau (returning from Maternity Leave), Mme Andrea McKinley (from Sr. O’Brien). We welcome their gifts, talents, energy and experience and we know they will be wonderful assets to École St. Matthew School.

It is important to note that staffing is determined according to student enrollment and changes may occur between now and the beginning of the next school year.

LIBRARY
Library closes Friday, June 10th. Please make sure all library books are returned to the library as soon as possible after this date. As well, any library fines should also be paid by the end of the school year. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!
ST. MATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEEDED

This year, 5 positions on our École St. Matthew Catholic School Community Council will become vacant. 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 2016-2017 school year, please complete the nomination form on the last page of this week’s newsletter and return it to Mme Denis. You can also pick up a nomination form the office. **Nominations will close Tuesday, June 14th, 2016.** If necessary, our Catholic School Community Council election will be in September 2016.

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/mat/.

MES AMIS PRESCHOOL (located within École St Matthew School) is currently seeking a Teacher for the 2016-17 academic year. Candidates are required to be bilingual and have Early Childhood Education training or experience. A Bachelor of Education is preferred, but not required. If you or someone you know is interested or you have questions about the position, please contact the Mes Amis Preschool board at mesamispreschool13@gmail.com.

MES AMIS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2016/2017

Mes Amis Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2016/2017 school year. If you have friends or neighbours with children that will be 3 or 4 this fall, please let them know! Registration forms are available at the École St. Matthew School office or online at http://saskatoonmesamis.ca/.

DATES TO NOTE:

©© Wednesday, June 8th
* 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Kindergarten Open House (for new 2016-17 Kindergarten students) in small gym
* Young Saskatchewan Writers Celebration in Library
* 12:45 – 3:30 p.m.  Jr. Achievement session

©© Thursday, June 9th
* 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Kindergarten Open House (for new 2016-17 Kindergarten students) in small gym

©© Friday, June 10th
* Cardboard Boat Races – Gr. 8
* Last day for Library

©© Monday, June 13th
* a.m.  2G & 2W go to Fire Hall on Taylor

©© Tuesday, June 14th
* 9:00 a.m.  Kindergarten Literacy Support visit
* 1:30 a.m.  Yearend mass @ Holy Spirit Church
* 7:00 p.m.  CSCC meeting in Staff Room

©© Wednesday, June 15th
* a.m.  KA/KC go to Forestry Farm

©© Thursday, June 16th
* Gr. 1 – 3 Literacy Support
* a.m.  KB go to Forestry Farm
Friday, June 17th
* 9:00 a.m. Junior Achievement session – 6K
* 12:45 p.m. Junior Achievement session – 6/7Z

Monday, June 20th
* 9:15 a.m. Gr. 1 go to the Forestry Farm
* 10:00 a.m. Gr. 8 Fair – “Knowledge Sharing Gathering”

Tuesday, June 21st
* 6K excursion to Lyle farm
* 12:30 p.m. 1O’G go to Children’s Discovery museum “La princesse dans un sac”
* 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Gr. 8 Farewell @ Holy Spirit Church

June 22nd – 24th
* Gr. 8 Camping trip @ Bosco

Wednesday, June 22nd
* 9:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. 3C & 3/4S go to Forestry Farm
* 2:30 p.m. Poetry Café

Thursday, June 23rd
* Gr. 6 trip to Moose Jaw
* 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Yearend Celebration for KB

Friday, June 24th
* 9:30 a.m. 6/7Z Zerr yearend farm trip
* 10:30 a.m. Kindergarten Yearend Celebration for KA & KC
* 12:45 p.m. 7D – Grip-it Climbing

Monday, June 27th
* 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Gr. 3 – 8 go to George Ward Pool

Tuesday, June 28th
* 9:00 a.m. Yearend assembly
* LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR STUDENTS

Thursday, June 30th
* Last day for Staff

Enjoy the summer holidays!!

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 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. 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](http://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: Weekdays Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m.; Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

* **Baptisms** - Families who are preparing for a new addition to the family are invited to contact Shirley at the parish for information about the Sacrament of Baptism.

* **Rite of Christian Initiation** - It is not too early for anyone who is considering inquiring about the Catholic faith to contact Shirley at the parish to find out more information. Information for those in Grades 5 to 8 who have not yet received the Sacraments are also invited to inquire.

😊😊 **Reconciliation Saskatoon** - This week marks the beginning of a month of activities for Reconciliation, which will culminate in the “Rock Your Roots” Walk for Reconciliation on **June 22nd** in Victoria Park. The Walk is a unique opportunity for everyone to learn about and support Reconciliation in their community. Beginning at **10:30 am**, the Walk will follow a short route along the river and end in Victoria Park with a community BBQ. Students and families can engage in learning activities in our teepee village and watch cultural performances organized by Gordon Tootoosis Nikāniwin Theatre. Visit our Facebook page or [www.otc.ca](http://www.otc.ca) for more program details as they become available.