NEWSLETTER #1  September 10th, 2019

“We at École St. Matthew are called to live in God’s love. Our mission is to develop the whole person in the Catholic tradition: We instruct the mind, inspire the heart and instill character in each child entrusted to us by God.”

École St. Matthew School Mission Statement

Dear Parents and Students:

On behalf of the staff, we would like to warmly welcome all students and their families to École St. Matthew School for the 2019-2020 academic year. We hope that the summer break was restful and enjoyable for all. Bienvenue! The staff at École St. Matthew School strives to provide a Christian atmosphere of love, cooperation and security in which students are given the opportunity to grow in their faith, their academic work, and in their social, emotional and physical development.

Parents are an integral part of a child’s journey as a learner. We look forward to working together to make this a most enjoyable and successful year for your child/children.

THANK YOU . . .

. . . to the students for a wonderful beginning to a new academic year.
. . . to all the teachers for beautifully decorating your classrooms and the hallways.
. . . to Mme Tolmie & Mme Ishak-Stefo for answering questions of students, staff and parents during the first weeks allowing for a smooth start to the school year.
. . . to M. Christensen and Mme Higginbotham for having gone above and beyond during the summer to have our newly completed school facility looking clean and shiny.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

We would like to make a special welcome to the students who are joining us from other schools. We are happy to welcome you into our St. Matthew family. We extend a special welcome to all Kindergarten students who are just beginning their school experience.

MORNING DROP OFF

A reminder to parents that children should only be dropped off before 8:30 am if they are participating in the Before and After School Program or if they are part of an extra-curricular activity. Students who arrive earlier will be asked to wait in the boot rooms.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2019-2020

St. Matthew (K – 8)
9:00 - 10:30 am → Classes
10:30 - 10:45 am → Recess
10:45 am - 12:00 pm → Classes
12:00 - 12:45 pm → Noon Break
12:45 - 2:15 pm → Classes
2:15 - 2:30 pm → Recess
2:30 - 3:30 pm → classes

Students in Grade 5 – 8 go outside for recreation from 12:00 – 12:20 p.m. while the younger students eat lunch. At 12:20 p.m. students from K – Grade 4 go outside for their noon recreation and the Grade 5 – 8 students come in to eat their lunch.
TAFFING 2019-2020

Please find below, a staff list with assignments:

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PARENT MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Our annual Parent Meet the Teacher Night will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12th in the school gymnasium followed by brief classroom presentations.

We will begin with greetings from the parent council (CSCC) and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) followed by an introduction of the École St. Matthew School Staff. At 7:15 p.m., we will adjourn to the classrooms in order to give you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher. We will follow a different and less formal process this year. For approximately 45 minutes following the AGM parents will be invited to pop in to their child’s class for a meet and greet with the teacher. This will allow parents with more than 2 children to see each teacher. If you see several parents in one particular class you will be able to go to a different teacher’s class and return at your leisure to be able to meet all of your children’s teachers.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Hertz Northern Bus and the Catholic Board of Education have added another bus route to service our school. The new bus is a “Grey” bus and services part of the Stonebridge area. This gives us a total of 10 buses transporting students. This can get confusing, especially at the beginning of the school year. Every attempt is made to have buses depart school on time so that stop arrivals are also on time. Ensuring new students or students on new busses board the correct bus sometimes results in a 2 to 3 minute delay in leaving school. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but sometimes this minor delay can save major delays or undesired problems with transportation.

STUDENT VERIFICATION, HEALTH, MEDIA CONSENT FORMS

Three important forms were sent home with each child last week. Please take a few minutes to update and complete all forms and return them to the classroom teacher by Friday, September 13th.

The Student Data Verification Form (green): Please make sure that all information is correct. This sheet is the first source of telephone numbers and medical history in case of emergencies. You must sign at the bottom of the form and
indicate ‘yes’ or ‘no’ whether you want your child’s phone number published on the classroom list which will be sent home at a later date. The student’s name and phone number is all that will be sent home, not the address. Emails will only be shared with homeroom parents to facilitate communication. These email addresses will only be used for school activities.

The Health Form (yellow paper): Please make sure that all information is correct and indicate student health conditions and contact information.

The Media Consent (orange paper): This form is necessary to provide the school division with access to student-related media such as interviews, videos, photos in part 1 of the document. Part 2 pertains to the school’s public use of educational student files and resources such as photos, learning related documents, etc. (applies to student use of Remind, Seesaw, Microsoft OneDrive and other mobile and desktop applications). Part 3 of the form pertains to media related access to students for photos, interviews, videos (CBC, CTV, Global, Star Phoenix…)

If you have any questions or if you need more clarification, please contact Mme Tolmie @ 659-7410.

SCHOOLS WIN TWICE RAFFLE (Volunteers needed!)
Every year, École St. Matthew School participates in the sale of Schools Win Twice tickets to support student activities at St. Matthew and within the larger Saskatoon community. This raffle would not be possible without amazing parental support as well as parent volunteers. This year, we are asking for a couple of parents who are able to assist Lorie Henderson in ensuring we continue to have a great raffle. If you are able to donate some of your time to count, organize or label tickets, please call Mme Tolmie 659-7410. The campaign will kick-off on Friday.

SEPTEMBER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Our first CSCC meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. on September 12th following the Parent Meet the Teacher evening. All parents are always welcome to attend. We will meet in the staff room.

NEWSLETTERS
Newsletters are sent home every second Tuesdays by email. Please take a moment to read all the newsletters as they are very informative and keep you up to date on the activities occurring in the school. Hard copies can be provided upon request.

ABSENT OR LATE ARRIVALS
Parents are asked to use SafeArrival if their son/daughter will be late or absent. If your child has not been cleared via SafeArrival by 9:15, you will receive an automated phone call and email from the program. SafeArrival instructions are available on our website. If your child is arriving late at school, please have them use the front door and stop at the office for a late slip.

MILK PROGRAM
Milk sales continue again this year. The price of milk is $1.00. Chocolate & white milk will be sold during the noon break. Milk tickets can be purchased at the office or students can pay directly when milk is delivered to the classroom. We will continue to honor last year’s milk tickets for those students who still possess them.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT
Parents are invited and encouraged to visit our school often and to be involved in as many ways as time allows: home-room parent, classroom volunteer, library volunteer, St. Matthew Catholic School Community Council Member, fund raising, etc. Your children are always richer for it and they enjoy seeing you at school. The staff welcomes your help and thanks you in advance.

HOMEROOM PARENTS
Traditionally each classroom organizes a hot lunch and bake sale with the Homeroom parents making the arrangements for the lunch. Throughout the year the Homeroom parents help with other school activities such as the Christmas Hamper Program and Play day. Each classroom needs to have 2-3 Homeroom parents. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child’s teacher or Mme Tolmie @ 659-7410.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS
In the past we have been blessed with a good number of volunteers who help with the shelving of books and with the circulation of books. Anyone willing to donate some time is invited to contact their child’s classroom teacher. Thank you!
DRESS EXPECTATIONS
As we hope to still have a few days of warmer fall weather we must also keep in mind that students at École St. Matthew School must follow our dress code below:
All students are expected to dress appropriately throughout the year. We ask that all students choose clothing that allows them to participate in school activities and does not compromise or distract the learning environment. The following rules will apply and will be left to the discretion of staff members to decide whether the clothing is appropriate:

• Tops should be modest: midriffs should not be showing. Students are asked not to wear halter tops, tube tops or spaghetti straps. Lasagna-wide straps only.
• Clothing should convey a positive lifestyle: slogans and/or pictures should not advocate substance abuse, vulgar, prejudicial or sexist mottos.
• Students are allowed to wear shorts or skirts at finger-tip length.
• Hats are not to be worn inside the building.
• Students are asked to have footwear. Bare feet are not safe and not allowed.
• Students should have a pair of gym shoes for indoor wear.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL – AN ALLERGY ALERT ENVIRONMENT
Several students attending our school have extremely serious life threatening allergies to various nuts and nut by-products as well as eggs, milk and food dye. École St. Matthew School is committed to providing a safe and positive atmosphere for all students, parents and staff. We kindly ask that parents not send any food that may contain nuts or nut by-products to school with their children. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Furthermore, if you have a child with severe allergies needing emergency medications, please alert the teacher immediately. We also remind you to update the medication that we have at the school. A signed permission slip and physician form is required each year for administering medication to students. Please check at the office or call if you haven’t already received the forms.

PERFUME, COLOGNE AND SCENTED PRODUCTS
Due to a sensitivity of some students and staff to perfume, cologne and scented products, we would ask that parents, students and staff refrain from wearing perfumed products while they are at school. Thank you.

ANIMAL ALLERGIES
Several students at École St. Matthew School have allergies to animals. We would ask that you refrain from bringing pets to the school unless it is for a special occasion such as ‘Show and Tell’ and it has been cleared with the classroom teacher ahead of time.

COLE ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL: A NUTRITION POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT
Nutrition Positive Program (NPP) is a program that exists to create and support a healthy food environment in Saskatoon school communities. Through nutrition awareness and education policies/activities, the program works to achieve short and long term health and learning benefits for children. NPP is coordinated by organizations including Saskatoon Catholic Schools, Saskatoon Public School Division, Saskatoon Health Region, Child Hunger & Education Program and the University of Saskatchewan Nutrition and Dietetics Division.

YMCA BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
The Before/After School Program will once again be offered by the YMCA. The program will be held in the gym at École St. Matthew School on Arlington. The program will run from 7:30 - 8:55 a.m. and 3:15 - 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the YMCA at 652-7515 ext. 245.

PARKING
Are you blocking a driveway? Often vehicles dropping off/picking up their children are blocking driveways. Please be considerate of our neighbours. According to the City of Saskatoon’s By Law 7200, vehicles are illegally parked if they are 1 metre on either side of a driveway.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
FIRST RECONCILIATION/CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION Registrations are now being accepted for Sacramental Preparation at Holy Spirit Parish. The usual time for the celebration of these sacraments is at the Grade 2 level. Older children are also welcome to attend the program. The children journey in a program that helps them
discover God’s forgiveness through joy, love and peace, 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. Registration forms can be found at holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

A Parent Meeting will be help Thursday, October 10 at 6pm at the church.

PLEASE NOTE: First Reconciliation classes will be held in the Fall of 2019 ONLY. Confirmation and First Communion classes will be held January to April, 2020 ONLY.

We require a copy of the child’s Baptism certificate, and $40.00 fee per child to cover the cost of books, and materials. These requirements are due at registration. For more information visit the Church Website: holyspiritsaskatoon.ca or email Erin Gratton at erin@holyspiritsaskatoon.ca

DATES TO NOTE:

😊 Thursday, September 12th
* 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Parent Meet the Teacher Night
   Following the CSCC Meeting in the gym

😊 Thursday, September 19th
* 4L visits the WDM in the afternoon
* Deadline to order Subway hot lunch at www.healthyhunger.ca

😊 Thursday, September 26th
* Hot Lunch by Subway (orders must be placed in advance at www.healthyhunger.ca)
* Bake Sale by 7C & 1M

😊 Friday, September 27th
* Orange Shirt Day- Wear an orange shirt to honour the Indigenous children who were sent away to residential schools in Canada.

😊 Monday, September 30th
* Picture day for Pre-K, KA, KC, Gr. 1 to Grade 4

😊 Tuesday, October 1st
* Picture day for Pre-K, KB, KD, Gr 5 – 8 and anyone who was missed on October 1st

😊 Friday, October 11th
* PLD – No School for students

😊 Monday, October 14th
* Thanksgiving Day – No School

😊 Friday, November 1st
* Picture Day Retakes

M. Colleaux  D. Denis
Principal     Vice-Principal
Marc Colleaux  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.

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 relationship 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) 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.

😊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.