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LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Newsletter #11

February 23rd, 2021

Food for Thought:

*Before God we are all poor. We are handicapped in one way or another. Sometimes it can be seen on the outside; sometimes it is in the inside. The healthy person may be closer to dying or even more dead than the person who is dying. They might be spiritually dead, only it does not show.
(Mother Theresa)*

THANK YOU

.....for all the special treatment during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week from parents, students and the CSCC. The "unsung heroes" theme was well received and appreciated. It was also awesome to see so many St. Matthew families in the video clip message produced by the school division. During a pandemic year where all school life is different it was a terrific way to highlight appreciation. Thank you very much.
..... to St. Matthew staff for the wonderful work that you do each day!

STAFFING UPDATE

Effective Monday, February 22nd, Mme Tolmie has returned to her position as Office Coordinator. Welcome back Mme Tolmie. Mme Ishak-Stefo will return to the morning secretary role and Mlle Lemieux will return to her full-time university studies. We also welcome back Mme Brunet from medical leave. Mme Brunet will return on Thursday, February 25th.

3WAY CONFERENCES

March marks the end of the second term of the school year. 3 Way Conference dates and times are listed below. If you haven't yet received instructions from your child's teacher about how to connect for a virtual conference, you will shortly. 3 Way Conference dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, March 18th

8:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Kindergarten KA/KB/KC only (no school for KB/KC today)

3:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Grades 1 to 8 (regular school day for grades 1 to 8)

Friday, March 19th

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for KA/KB to Grade 8 (no classes for any grade)

Parents will be able to book their conferences online beginning Thursday, March 4th at <https://ptc.gscs.ca> beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you have any problems logging in, please contact the office.

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The season of Lent began on February 17th with Ash Wednesday. Many faith-filled activities are being planned for this year's Lenten season and as usual, this will include some fund-raising which will be added to the "Share the Journey" campaign through [Development and Peace](#) in partnership with Holy Spirit Parish. Watch future newsletters for details.

S ILVER FOR GOLD – COLLECTION OF POP CAN TABS



Silver for Gold is a unique collaboration between Small But Mighty SK and EcoGenX Agricultural Recycling. It is an entirely Saskatchewan based initiative to fund childhood cancer research in Canada. Please collect your pop can tabs! They can be sent to the office at any time.

S T. MATTHEW SCHOOL – AN ALLERGY ALERT ENVIRONMENT

Please be aware that St. Matthew School is an allergy alert environment. Please do not send food with peanuts or tree nuts to school.



K INDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2021/2022

Registration for Kindergarten students has begun. If your child will be **5 years of age by January 31st, 2022**, he or she may begin Kindergarten in September 2021. Please share this information with neighbors who have Kindergarten age children. For more information, please call 306-659-7410 or check our website at www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/MAT.

At this time, we are not able to give families a tour the school and the opportunity to meet the teacher in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic. If we are able, we plan on having some form of information evening at the school after the Easter break.

P RESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2021/2022

Mes Amis Preschool is now open for registration. Registration forms are available online at <http://saskatoonmesamis.ca/>. Questions regarding registration may be emailed to mesamispreschool13@gmail.com. Follow the link below for a sneak peak of the presentation of Mes Amis Preschool. https://drive.google.com/file/d/11kBN_nnCtCACdq8MLAZuXZrtK_pO1jHc/view?usp=drivesdk

DATES TO NOTE:



Wednesday, February 24th

*Pink Shirt Day – Wear pink against bullying



Thursday, March 4th

*3 Way Conference scheduler opens at 10am for bookings at: <https://ptc.gscs.ca/>



Friday, March 5th

*Staff Retreat – **No School for Students**



Monday, March 8th

*PLD – Professional Learning Day– **No School for Students**



Wednesday, March 17th

*Wear green for St. Patrick's Day!





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***No school for KB/KC**

*3 Way Conferences: 8:45am to 7pm. for Kindergarten only
3:45pm. to 7pm for Grades 1 to 8



Friday, March 19th

***No school for students**

*3 Way Conferences: 8:30pm to 1:00pm for Grades KA/KB to 8



Friday, March 26th

*Report Cards go home today

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Holy Spirit Parish Liturgies/Events: Phone 374-1425; Fax: 374-3190 www.holyspiritsaskatoon.ca;

www.facebook.com/holyspiritsaskatoon

How Can Lent Be Different This Year?

Lent is here again. With the year we just experienced, it sometimes seems like it never ended. I know we've given up a lot this past year because of COVID, but how can we bring greater meaning to this season? I'd like us to imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Let's even try and imagine that God is going to help transform our lives.

Preparing our hearts for this transformation is a process. We need to practice this with a sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time to dread in some way, then we've already set ourselves up to not getting very much out of it. It's time to start anticipating that something wonderful is about to happen.

Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. That there is something coming, that we can truly look forward to. With this mindset, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do, is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. So, what things can help us to increase our awareness?

We can let our homes be places full of reminders – things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that take us elsewhere. It's helpful to display some symbols that will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families.

We can make sure that we have a crucifix in a central place in our home during Lent. A bowl of water placed on a table can be a reminder of our baptismal promises. A candle can be lit at supper time to remind us of the light of Christ among us in Lent. Placing a Bible in a central place in our home can remind us of God's Word in our lives on this Lenten journey. This year's Lent can be different. With the right mindset and open heart, Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a blessing.

Celena Komarnicki - Youth Ministry Coordinator - Holy Spirit Parish



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri Parish - The registration for the preparation for First Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri parish has begun in January 2021. This is for all of those who have children about age 7 or 8 who desire to celebrate this Sacrament. This same group will be invited to prepare for First Communion in the Spring of 2021. Contact person, Shirley, pastoral associate, 306-343-0325.



Black Legacy Month



Bboyizm Dance Company
Street Dance



Suzan Richards
Afro-Caribbean Dance



Just Jamaal the Poet
Spoken Word & Songwriting



Scribes & Griots
Electronic Music



Kathryn Patricia
Visual Arts & Music



Leslie McCurdy
Historical Theatre



Jacqui Du Toit
South African Storytelling



Jimmy Baptiste
Murals & Graffiti



Wise Atangana
Percussion and Slam Poetry

Celebrate the achievements of Black artists today!

Online programs and **Videos-On-Demand**

available for your classroom or the whole school.

To book a MASC artist, contact reservations@masconline.ca



ST. MICHAEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL



STORYTELLING CELEBRATION

Where: St. Michael Community School Facebook Page
Platform: Facebook Live
Date: Febraury 25th, 2021
Time: 6:30 PM

SPECIAL GUEST STORYTELLERS





**TALK
ABOUT
WATER**

2021

LET'S TALK ABOUT WATER

YOUTH FILM PRIZE

Calling all youth filmmakers to submit a two-minute film about this year's theme: valuing water

Your film could win \$5,000 for video equipment for your school

FILM COMPETITION & FESTIVAL: JUNE 21-25, 2021

PURPOSE: The Let's Talk About Water - Youth Film Program provides a formula to improve communication around water issues by using film as a bridge between scientists, students and community. The overarching goal is to engage elementary and high school teachers and students including Indigenous students to encourage youth creativity, awareness of water issues, and help in bringing student views and voices to the fore front using films.

ELIGIBILITY: Elementary (Grade 5-8) & High School (Grade 9-12) students

IMPORTANT DATES

- **YOUTH FILMMAKING WORKSHOP:** MAR 4, 10am CST
- **INTENT TO SUBMIT A FILM DEADLINE:** MAR 15
- **FILM SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** APR 30

Visit the Let's Talk About Water website for feature film showings, and public forums

More information:

- 🌐 letstalkaboutwater.ca
- ✉ water.talk@usask.ca



Global Institute for
Water Security
USASK

Film making resources for teachers:

letstalkaboutwater.ca/resources



SASKATOON
Phantoms
FASTBALL

2021 Registration is Open
All Ages U6 to U16
www.saskatoonphantoms.com