

ÉCOLE ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

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Newsletter #13

March 23rd, 2021

Food for Thought:

“As life unfolds, we can become bitter or we can become better. It’s our choice.”

THANK YOU

.....to M. Campbell and his students for leading the third week of Lent liturgy.

.....to Mme Michelman and her students for leading the fourth week of Lent liturgy.

THE 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The 2021-2022 academic year calendar has been approved and released. Please find it attached.

GRADE 8 ECO-JUSTICE PROGRAM

GSCS' Grade 8 EcoJustice program will soon embark on their recruitment drive. They will present virtually at schools on the following dates: March 29, 2021 to April 1, 2021. EcoJustice is a grade 8 environmental, adventure program housed out of St. Frances Bateman and College of Education U of S. The term EcoJustice is an approach that analyzes the increasing destruction of the world's diverse ecosystems, languages and cultures by the globalizing and ethnocentric forces of Western consumer culture. EcoJustice scholars and educators also study, support and teach about the ways that various cultures around the world actively resist these colonizing forces by protecting and revitalizing their commons that is the social practices and traditions, languages, and relationships with the land necessary to the sustainability of their communities.

Link to information/videos:

<https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/elementaryschools/Documents/EcoJustice%20Information%202020%20Edited.pdf>

Important Dates: **Monday March 29th-April 1st, 2021:** Virtual classroom presentations. **Monday May 3, 2021:** Virtual Open House, **Thursday May 6, 2021:** Application Deadline. **End of May:** Roster is in place, letters sent out.

MARCH IS NUTRICIAN MONTH

March is Nutrition Month. St. Matthew school will focus on "FIRST SNACK; HEALTHY SNACK" Premier gouter/Bon gouter. Please encourage your child to make good choices when eating the morning snack. Also, this month we will have prizes for eating healthy snacks following the colours of the rainbow. Gouter ARC-En-CIEL will begin on Monday, March 22nd. See the details listed in the dates to note.

SILVER 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.



KINDERGARTEN 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.

PRESCHOOL 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:

😊😊 March 22nd to 26th

*With March being nutrition month, this week is “Healthy **Rainbow** Snack” week.
Prizes to be won in each classroom for participating.

😊😊 Wednesday, March 24th

*Rainbow Snack Day colour: **Yellow** - Eat a yellow snack today and get a chance to win a prize.

😊😊 Thursday, March 25th

*Rainbow Snack Day colour: **Green** - Eat a green a snack today and get a chance to win a prize.

😊😊 Friday, March 26th

*Rainbow Snack Day colour: **Purple** - Eat a purple snack today and get a chance to win a prize.
*Report Cards go home today

😊😊 Monday, March 29th

*Grade 8 Farewell photos

😊😊 Friday, April 2nd

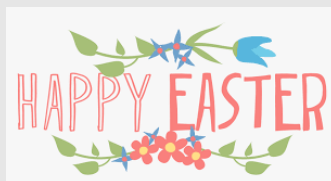
*Good Friday – no school

😊😊 April 5th to April 9th

*Easter break – No School

😊😊 Monday, April 12th

*CLASSES RESUME





Monday, April 26th

*Spring Photo Day: Pre-school, KA, grades 1 to 4, and 4/5B



Tuesday, April 27th

*Spring Photo Day: Pre-School, KB, KC and grades 5 to 8

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:



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

www.facebook.com/holyspiritsaskatoon

Holy Week: A Time for Renewal

In the course of our busy week, most of us have times set apart for certain things that are important to us—a workout, checking in on social media, or maybe even a short nap. We do this so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church’s liturgical year for our spiritual renewal. In fact, the word *holy* refers to anything that is set apart for God’s purposes. Holy Week is *holy* because it is time that is set apart for us to focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

The liturgies of Holy Week are filled with some of the richest and most ancient symbols of the Catholic faith. The waving of palms on Palm Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus’ triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

A cluttered and overburdened mental space can be one of the biggest obstacles to simple living. This coming Holy Week allow yourself time to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your mind, lay down your burdens, and renew your faith.

EASTER TRIDUUM (APRIL 1, 2, 3)

For the Easter Triduum we will be having a draw for people who would like to attend the following:

- Holy Thursday - 7 pm (Livestreamed)
- Good Friday - 3 pm (Livestreamed)
- Easter Vigil - 8 pm (Livestreamed)

To enter the draw click: <https://holyspiritsaskatoon.ca> and select **Information on Attending Mass**, or call the office 306-374-1425.

Draw closes Mar. 24. Only those drawn will be notified by Mar. 26

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 4) Easter Sunday Masses are not part of the draw but you will need to sign up to attend:

- 10:00 pm
- 12 noon (Livestreamed)
- 2:00 pm
- 4:00 pm

The Sign Up for Easter Sunday can be found on our website at <https://holyspiritsaskatoon.ca> Please select **Information on Attending Mass**

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.










☺☺ **Teen-Aid Parent Workshop: Chastity – Equipping Youth to Thrive in a Confusing World**
Teen-Aid believes that parents are the primary educators for their children. We are offering a parent workshop and resource booklet designed to empower you the parent to promote a respectful and freedom based lifestyle for your teen. Please join us for an evening of life-giving and nurturing information, providing you with tools to encourage a lifestyle that protects the mind, the heart, the body and soul. This presentation is for parents with children, from ages 11-19. It will be held at Holy Spirit Parish, on April 12th at 7:00 pm. The presentations takes about one hour followed by a time for questions and discussion.

Here are some of the topics we cover in the presentation:

- What is chastity and why does it matter?
- The Difference Between Chastity and Abstinence
- Media Influences
- The Important Role of Parents
- Ideas on dating
- Parental Rules and Boundaries
- Communication
- Information on STI's and more

In keeping with government regulations, we will cap the attendance at 30 people and ask that masks be worn during the presentation. Seating arrangements will accommodate physical distancing. Registration is required. A Parent Booklet will be supplied. Donations will be accepted. Please RSVP to Florence Paquette, teenaidssaskatoon@gmail.com or 306-262-1084. Also, if you have any questions at all, please send those to the email as well. We look forward to seeing you there!

École St. Matthew School 2021-2022 CALENDAR

LEGEND	
	Stat Holidays
	Staff Retreat
	School Vacation
	Professional Learning Day
	Division Opening Mass
	Teacher Convention
	Student First/Last Day
	Elementary Progress Reports
	3 Way Conferences - No School

AUGUST						
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Sept. 1 Students attend AM only

Kindergarten follow staggered start schedule

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Reporting Period Nov. 16-20
November 12th Holiday

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Reporting Period Mar. 14-26

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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@sask.ca

Film making resources for teachers:
letstalkaboutwater.ca/resources

Global Institute for Water Security



"Marjike" by Gary Sutton, 2017

"12th Moon" by Leah Doron, 2019

Virtual Exhibit

MARCH 11 TO APRIL 24, 2021

Walking Gently: Spirit Stories and the 13 Moons

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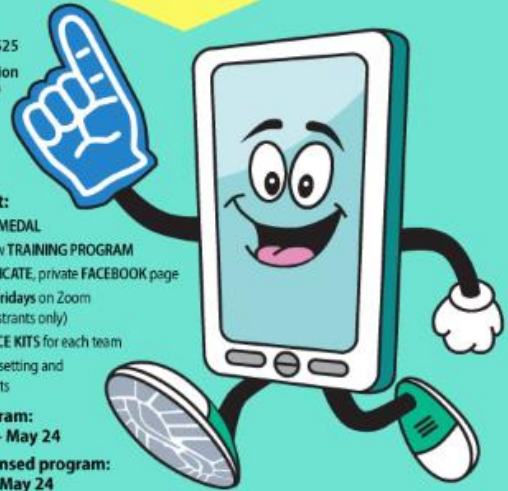
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March 15 - May 24

6-week condensed program:

April 12 - May 24

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SASKATOON PHANTOMS FASTBALL



2021 Registration is Open

All Ages U6 to U16

www.saskatoonphantoms.com



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PELICAN WATCH CONTEST

Guess the closest date and time of the first pelican's arrival at the weir to **WIN PRIZES!**

Multiple prizes available for the closest guesses, including a \$500 prize pack from local businesses!

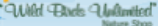
Enter until March 31st at meewasin.com

The American White Pelican, once on the endangered species list, are now a thriving population and have been making their return to the South Saskatchewan River since the late 1970's, an area that Meewasin stewards and works to conserve.

DID YOU KNOW?

Arrival times over the past 23 years have been between April 4 and April 20!

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