Food for Thought:

“The best thing to do behind one’s back is pat it.”

THREE WAY CONFERENCES
If you haven’t yet booked for the Three Way Conferences please do so online as soon as possible. Access to book conference times online for parents is active only until 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, November 9th. After this time, conferences will only be able to get booked by calling the school office.

Parent/teacher/student conferences for Grades 1 - 8 will be held on Wednesday, November 9th, 3:45 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 10th, 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Kindergarten conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 9th, 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 10th, 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please follow instructions below.

PTC SCHEDULER – PARENT INSTRUCTIONS
The Parent Teacher Conference Scheduler is designed to allow parents to easily book a time for their children’s three-way conference. There are a few simple steps to follow in order to do this.

1. Go to https://apps.gscs.sk.ca/ptc and login with your username and password. This is emailed to you by GSCS. If you did not receive an email containing your username and password, please check your junk mail box and then contact the school.
2. Use the dropdown list containing the names of all your children. Select the child (top left hand side) you wish to schedule an interview time for.
3. Select the teacher.
4. Select an available time.
5. Repeat #2 – #4 for siblings.

If you do not have access to a computer or do not have an email address, please contact Mme Denis to schedule your interview times. Please note that if you request that your interview times be booked by the school office coordinator, it is less likely that a family of 2 or more children would be booked back-to-back.

If you are having difficulty with the program or have any questions, please contact the school at (306)-659-7410.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Reminder: During the Three-way conferences please visit the French Scholastic Book Fair in the library. The book fair will be open on Wednesday, November 9th, from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 10th, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thank you to Nancy Coghlan for helping to coordinate these activities and to the parents and students who have volunteered to help out.

HOT LUNCH/HEALTHY HUNGER
Hello Parents,

Ordering for our November 17th hot lunch through Healthy Hunger is now available. Please order on line
EMEMBERANCE DAY – POPPIES
Donations for poppies will be collected at school and forwarded to the Legion on Louise Ave. **Wednesday, November 9**th will be the last opportunity to donate as there is no school for students on November 10**th** due to 3-Way Conferences.

A DVENT WREATH MAKING
Last week all families received a registration form for our Family Advent Wreath Making Night. École St. Matthew School is hosting a Family Advent Event on **Thursday, November 24**th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. That evening, St. Matthew families will create Advent wreaths and candles. The evening will begin with a liturgical celebration in which the meaning of Advent and the Advent wreath will be explained. Our grade 2 choir will also perform. Families will then build their own Advent wreath and roll candles. Father Darryl Millette will bless the wreaths. Dainties and refreshments will be available as families take this opportunity to socialize and build as a community. At this time, we would like to inquire as to how many families will be attending this evening. The cost to make the wreaths and candles will be approximately $35.00. The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation will be subsidizing a portion of the cost. Families who wish to participate in this Christmas event are asked to pay the sum of **$25.00** per family. To show your commitment, please send a cheque (made payable to St. Matthew School) or cash to Mme Denis at the front office before **Thursday, November 10**th. If your family wants to participate and the cost is prohibitive, please contact M. Colleaux (659-7411).

C ONGRATULATIONS . . .
. . . to Jacob H., Devon G. and the Pee wee Raiders Football team on their perfect undefeated season and title as city champions.

ENTAL OF SCHOOL HOCKEY HELMETS FOR SKATING
Classroom teachers will let parents know when their class is scheduled to skate. You may now rent a hockey helmet or skates (sizes 12Y to 5 in both hockey or figure skates) from the school office for the price of $5.00 plus a post-dated cheque of $25 for damage deposit, payable to École St. Matthew School. The $25 cheque will be returned to you upon return of the helmet or skates at the end of the season. A **CSA approved helmet is mandatory for all students skating in the school division**. Thank you.

OTE FROM THE ST. MATTHEW SOCIAL JUSTICE CLUB:
We are asking for your support with our next social justice campaign. We are participating in a collection of outerwear for the St. Michael School Community. We will be collecting gently used jackets, ski pants, toques, mitts, scarves etc. until **December 5**th. Bins will be located in the front entrance of the school. Thank you in advance for your support!

E YE SEE EYE LEARN PROGRAM
Dear Parents,
Your child’s eyesight plays an important role in how he or she will do at school. But signs of poor eyesight are not always easily spotted. To ensure your child has the best chance of succeeding in the classroom, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools is partnering with the Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists to ask families to consider participating in the **Eye See... Eye Learn Program**. Pamphlets will be sent home to families with children in Kindergarten, and Grade One. Families are invited to have their son or daughter’s eyes examined by a Doctor of Optometry. There is no charge for any child up until age 18. Thank you for your help in ensuring you child has equal access to learning opportunities through optimal vision. Further information can be found at [http://optometrists.sk.ca/Eye+See...Eye+Learn+Program](http://optometrists.sk.ca/Eye+See...Eye+Learn+Program).

P COMING SCHOOL LOCKDOWN DRILL
The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. In partnership with the Saskatoon Police Service, all Saskatoon schools conduct two lockdown drills a year. One in the fall and one in the spring.

In the coming weeks, our school will be conducting a school lockdown drill. A school lockdown alerts staff and
students that an imminent danger exists inside or just outside the school. School personnel lock classroom doors and windows. Students and staff move away from windows and doors and remain in their classrooms until directed by emergency personnel that it is safe to leave. Students and staff will be notified that it is a drill. If you require more information about lockdown procedures, please contact your school principal.

DATES TO NOTE:

☻☻ Tuesday, November 8th
* CSCC – Annual General Meeting (AGM) 7:00 p.m.

☻☻ Wednesday, November 9th
* Celena visits K – 8
* 2:30 p.m. Remembrance Day Liturgy in the gym
* 8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (K) Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (No school for Kindergarten students only)
* 3:45 – 7:00 p.m. (Gr. 1 – 8) Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
* 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. French Scholastic Book Fair

☻☻ Thursday, November 10th
* NO SCHOOL for K – 8 students due to interviews
* 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (K - 8) Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
* 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. French Scholastic Book Fair
* Last day to order online for the November 17th Hot Lunch

☻☻ Friday, November 11th
Remembrance Day – NO SCHOOL

☻☻ Monday, November 14th
* Teacher Convention – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

☻☻ Tuesday, November 15th
* PLD – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

☻☻ Thursday, November 17th
* Hot Lunch (Healthy Hunger)/Bake Sale (1M & 4G)

☻☻ Wednesday, November 23rd
* 1:30 p.m. 6K – Tour of Sask Light & Power

☻☻ Thursday, November 24th
* 9:30 a.m. Mass @ Holy Spirit Church for K – 8. Parents are welcome to join us.
* 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Gr. 1C, 1M, 1K, 2G, 2W Skate @ Lions Arena
* 7:00 p.m. Advent Wreath Family Activity in the gym

☻☻ Friday, November 25th
* Progress Reports will be handed out

☻☻ Monday, November 28th – Wednesday, November 30th
* 1:15 p.m. 6K - Icon Workshop

☻☻ Thursday, December 1st
* a.m. 6/7Z - Junior Achievement
* 1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Gr. 3B & 3S Skate @ Lions Arena
Tuesday, December 6th
* 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Christmas Band Concert
* 12:45 – 2:30 p.m. All Grade 3’s go to WDM

Thursday, December 8th
* 1:00 – 2:15 Grade 6K, 5N, 6/7Z Skate @ Lions Arena

Wednesday, December 14th
* all day - Celena visits K – 8

Thursday, December 15th
* Hot Turkey Lunch/Bake Sale (2G & 3B)
* 1:00 p.m. 1C, 1K & 1M Skate @ Lions Arena

Tuesday, December 20th
* 9:00 a.m. Gr. 1s go to WDM

Wednesday, December 21st
* Last day of classes

Thursday, December 22nd – Tuesday, January 3rd
Christmas Break – No School

Principal
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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

St. Philip Neri Parish – St. Philip Neri parish (www.stphilipneriparish.ca - Mass schedule: Saturdays/5:00 p.m.; Sundays/9:30 & 11:30 a.m.; weekday masses/8:15 a.m. except for Mondays.
* Sacrament of Baptism - Those who may be interested in receiving the sacrament of Baptism are invited to contact Shirley at the parish.
* Youth Ministry - Those who are interested in attending the session “Learn About the Saints” in November or the Family Advent Wreath Making event in November, please contact Desiree (youth minister) at 306-343-0325 or by email at spnyouth@hotmail.com.

In Flanders Fields
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
For summer and winter, we have fought
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae