



St. Nicholas North Stars  
"Be the Light" - Matthew 5:14

January 13, 2021

## ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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<https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/nc>

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### First Student Bus:

For up to date information call (306) 343-2125 or the Hotline at 306-343-3300  
or visit <https://saskatoon.firststudentinc.com/Cancellations.aspx>, where you can also subscribe to email updates or subscribe to their RSS feed.

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see"*

*~Hebrews 11:1*

## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

### Entry and Departure Doors Before and After School

Kindergarten Door – Kindergarten students  
Yellow Front Doors – 1D, 1G  
Yellow Bootroom Doors – 1/2F, 2J  
Green Bootroom Doors – 2/3L, 3R, 4R  
Green Tarmac Doors – 6F, 7K, 7/8B, 8M  
Front Doors – 4B, 5J, 5/6M

### Break Schedule

1/2F, 2J, 2/3L, 3R, 4R, 4B, 6F, 7K	KB, 1D, 1G, 5J, 5/6M, 7/8B, 8M
9:55-10:10 Recess	10:25 – 10:40 Recess
11:40 Outdoor Lunch Recess	11:40 Eat Lunch
12:00 Eat Lunch	12:00 Outdoor Lunch Recess
1:25 – 1:40 Recess	1:55 – 2:10 Recess

During the month of January we are focusing on our faith. Students in Mrs. Bazylak's grade 7/8 class continue to share prayers in the morning. Mr. Kroeker's grade 7 class will follow.

We continue to be thankful for all your support as we continue on this years school journey. Our students have adapted so well to the many changes and expectations. We asked for continued diligence in keeping children home when not feeling well, mask wearing, distancing when able, and extra handwashing, hand sanitizing and cleaning.

### STUDENT RETREAT – FRIDAY, JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup>

Our staff committee has been working hard at planning a retreat for students. We will have some activities planned with a focus on our theme of, "Finding Peace, faith, and hope in 2021". We look forward to spending time in prayer, following Covid expectations, on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.

### STUDENTS ARRIVAL

Parents/Guardians are reminded that students should arrive at school no sooner than 8:20 am, 8:30 am is ideal. Please use the assigned doors for entry. We do not have formal supervision on the playgrounds before school. Late students – students arriving after 8:40 am or 12:25 pm will need to use the front doors to get a late slip.

### DOORS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS



We continue to request that parents do not enter the school, as per school division policies. If you would like to drop off items for your child, please call the office at 306-659-7960 and we will come and get the items from you. Thanks for your cooperation. We hope things return to normal very soon.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MASKS

Just a reminder to wash masks after use. We also recommend with the colder temperatures that students have extra masks at school. When masks are damp they are less effective.

### TRAFFIC

#### Obey the right turn only sign when leaving parking lot

Speed limit is 30km/hr in the school zone

Parking is allowed in designated areas only

Stopping or parking in a school bus loading zone is not permitted.

Staff parking lot is open for drop offs at the current time, however, we will transition away from this practice in the future



**Thank You for helping to keep our students safe.**

### LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

In typical years we would practice lockdowns on 2 occasions within the school, once with Saskatoon Police support and once without. On Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> each class watched a video about lockdowns and the procedures we follow at school in the case of a necessary lockdown.

### LUNCH

Students are encouraged to go home for lunch, if possible, to reduce the number of students in classrooms during eating time. If students must stay we do expect them to follow the lunch expectations that were shared at the beginning of the school year. Students who have difficulty with this may be required to make other arrangements.

### CUTLERY/WATER BOTTLES

Please send any cutlery for children that may need it for their lunch. Also a reminder to send a filled water bottle as the water fountains are closed at this time.

### WINTER DRESS

With the arrival of colder weather, please remind children to bring extra warm clothes – toques, mittens, boots, ski pants. When the temperature reaches -26 degrees with or without wind chill, we have indoor recesses.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Boys and Girls Club offers before and after school care for students needing to arrive prior to 8:20 am or requiring care for after school hours. You can find the registration form and more information on their website at [www.bgcsaskatoon.com](http://www.bgcsaskatoon.com) or by calling 306-655-1450.

### DISTANCE LEARNING TRANSITION DATES

- February 12 - By this date, we ask that families inform schools if they plan to transition back to face-to-face or to online learning after the February break.
- March 26 - By this date, we ask that families inform schools if they plan to transition back to face-to-face or to online learning for the remainder of the academic year.

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

#### Come learn and play with us

Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-22 school year opened the beginning of January. Children who will be 5 years old on or before January 31, 2022 (birthday January 31, 2017) can register for kindergarten by contacting the school (306-659-7960) or visiting [www.gscs.ca/kindergarten](http://www.gscs.ca/kindergarten).



At this time, we are not able to give families a tour of the school or 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.

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at 306-659-7960 or [st.nicholas@gscs.ca](mailto:st.nicholas@gscs.ca).

## DATES TO REMEMBER

#### January 25th

- ◆ PLD - no school for students

#### January 28th

- ◆ Student Retreat - Kindergarten

#### January 29th

- ◆ Student Retreat

## DATES CONTINUED

### February 15th - February 19th

- ◆ Break - no school

### March 8th

- ◆ PLD - no school for students

### March 18th

- ◆ 3-Way Conferences - 3:30 - 8:00 pm

### March 19th

- ◆ 3-Way Conferences - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm - no school for students

### March 26th

- ◆ Report cards sent home

### April 2nd

- ◆ Good Friday - no school

### April 5th - April 9th

- ◆ Easter break - no school

### April 16th

- ◆ Staff Retreat - no school for students

### May 7th

- ◆ PLD - no school for students

### May 24th

- ◆ Victoria Day - no school



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## PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

### FRIENDS OF ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Every year the community council members plan a week to show our appreciation to the amazing staff that we have at our school. This year more than ever we want to show our staff how thankful we are for everything that they do. With Covid restrictions we will need to approach this in a different way as we cannot have homemade food items brought in, or have parents go in to decorate the hallways. A letter will be emailed out in the next week outlining our plans. We hope to make the week as special as we can for our staff.

#### MEETING

The next community council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm. If you are interested in "attending" please email [CSCCNICC@gscs.ca](mailto:CSCCNICC@gscs.ca) and we will send you a link to join the meeting.

If you are interested in helping out this year or have any questions, please contact Angie Prokosch at [CSCCNICC@gscs.ca](mailto:CSCCNICC@gscs.ca)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MOTHER TERESA PRESCHOOL - Now Accepting Pre-registration!

Curiosity starts here!

A unique and creative program for children ages 3 & 4.

Now accepting pre-registration for the 2021/2022 school year for past and present preschool families.

General registration opens February 1st at 7:00 pm and is offered on a first come first serve basis.

Please visit our website for more information on programs offered and access to our registration forms.

We look forward to having you join our preschool family!

[www.motherteresapreschool.com](http://www.motherteresapreschool.com)

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