NEWSLETTER #10 — January 21, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER
Jan 22 Pajama Day
Jan 23 Track at the Saskatoon Field House 5-9pm
Jan 24 Family Pizza Healthy Hunger lunch
Jan 25 Track Semi Finals and Finals at the Saskatoon Field House 1-4:30pm
Jan 27 PLD - No School
Jan 27 Kindergarten Open House 1-3pm & 7-8pm
Jan 29 Grade 7 to Granite Curling Club (am)
Jan 31 Grade 4 to Optimist Hill (pm)
Feb 5 Gymnastic Kit arrives (until the 18th)
Feb 5 BJM open house and information night—7pm
Feb 6 Wapiti Ski Trip
Feb 7 Tim Horton’s Healthy Hunger lunch
Feb 7 Grade 8 class to visit BJM (pm)
Feb 10-14 Staff Appreciation Week
Feb 11 CSCC meeting @ 6:30pm
Feb 11 Health and Sciences Academy open house for Grade 8 students and parents—BJM—7pm
Feb 12 Winter Formal Dress Day
Feb 12 School Mass with Fr. Matthew @ 9:30am
Feb 12 Subway Healthy Hunger lunch
Feb 12 Patti and Colm from St. Anne’s visit (am)
Feb 13 “Winter Beach” Family Dance 6:30-8:30pm
Feb 13 Senior Girls Basketball home game-3:30
Feb 17-21 Winter Break—No School
Feb 24 Classes resume

SCHOOL NEWS

Faith in Action
École Sister O’Brien School is an amazing place to be and it’s all because we have students, staff and families who put forth the effort daily to “Put their Faith in Action” by doing random acts of kindness. Bravo et merci to the grade 7 class for being “snow angels” in the community. The grade 7 class spent some time shoveling snow for people in the community! We heard from many people that this was a great surprise! Also, thanks to Nate E., Bentley E. and Zarah H. who are all in Mme Bearss’s grade 1 class. You went above and beyond with your recycling duties last week! Merci beaucoup a le monde! Keep putting your faith in action!

Polar Bear Club at École Sr. O!
Just a reminder to always check to ensure your children are well dressed for good old Saskatchewan weather. Some students feel that because they ride the bus, they don’t need mitts, toque’s, etc. but getting outside during the recess breaks is important for improved student learning. If the temperature is -26 degrees or warmer including wind chill, we have outdoor recess. If the temperature is -27 degrees or colder (including wind chill), we have indoor recess.

We also have a “Polar Bear Club”, which means a staff supervisor will go out with students who want to go out even if it is an indoor recess. These students must be well dressed. In the event of dangerous wind chill temperatures, nobody will be allowed to go outside. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

If the wind chill is colder than -35 then there is no polar bear club. The Environment Canada chart says that frostbite can occur within 5 to 10 minutes of exposure so that’s why we use -35 as a cutoff for polar bear club.

Spirit Days for 2019-2020
Our Student Leadership Team has planned for spirit days throughout the school year. Our next spirit day is Pajama Day on Wednesday, January 22nd.

The remainder are as follows:
Feb. 12th: Winter Formal Dress Day
April 22nd: Western Day
May 7th: Blast from the Past Day
May 20th: Backwards Clothes Day
June 9th: Wacky Hair Day
June 25th: Classroom Challenge Day

All students are encouraged to participate in our school spirit days. Please remember that the school dress code still applies.

On school spirit days, students can donate $1 which would allow them to wear a hat that goes with the theme of the spirit day. For example, on Jersey day, if students wear a Rider’s Jersey, they are invited to wear a sports hat. If students wish to wear a hat, they are asked to bring a donation of $1. The Student Leadership Team will use the proceeds from wearing hats to support various SLT activities in our school.

Contacting Staff & Students During School Hours
During the school day, parents and guardians are reminded to call the main office if you wish to contact your child’s teacher or if you have a message for your child or their teacher. This way, we can ensure that they will get the message promptly—especially in the case of teacher absences etc.

Kindergarten Information Day/Evening
The Kindergarten open house/information day will be the afternoon of Monday, January 27th between 1-3pm we will have drop-in time for parents and future 2020-2021 Kindergarten students. Children will be able to see the classroom space, explore different learning centers in the classroom, do a school tour, etc.
That same evening, from 7-8pm, parents are invited to come for a parent information session located in the library -- we would prefer that children NOT attend this event as the information is geared towards parents. Other parents will be in attendance to answer questions. Mme Klatt will also provide times throughout the remainder of the year when she is having a “family day” for potential new students and families to drop in and see her classroom in action.

**Track**

Our school track team will be participating in the Knights of Columbus indoor track meet on Thursday, January 23rd from 5-9pm at the Saskatoon Field House. Today, student athletes who are participating in this event were sent home with the important information regarding schedules etc. Please note that track teams that move on to the semi-finals and finals will have to run again on Saturday, January 25th in the afternoon. Students are to arrive at least 30 minutes before their race time. For more information, please contact M. McCormick or call the main office.

**Lost & Found**

Please check the lost and found – we have laid it out on a table beside the gym. Our lost and found box is normally located in the nurse’s room across the foyer from the office. All items that are not claimed will be donated over the February break.

**Ski Trip to Wapiti**

We are booked for our ski trip to Wapiti Valley on Thursday, February 6th, 2020 for Grades 5-8. Mark your calendars! Please contact Mme Muench for information.

**Healthy Hunger**

Our next Healthy Hunger lunch will be Family Pizza on: Friday, January 24th.

Please visit http://healthyhunger.ca at any time to sign up for the Healthy Hunger Program.

If you are having trouble placing an order or if you have any concerns regarding the Healthy Hunger program, please email Brent at: brent@evjen.ca

Here are the upcoming lunch dates/restaurants for the year:

- **Subway:** February 12, May 22, June 25
- **Taco Time:** June 12
- **Family Pizza:** January 24
- **Tim Hortons:** February 7
- **Edo:** February 28
- **Wetzel's Pretzels:** March 13
- **DQ:** March 27
- **Boston Pizza:** April 24
- **Wok Box:** May 8

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**Little People’s Preschool**

Registration opens to the current or returning families on January 30th, and to everyone on February 14th. You can hand in your registration forms to the staff at Little People’s Preschool or drop them off at the school office. Please contact Theresa for more information: (306)292-7299.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS**

The Sr. O’Brien Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) needs parent volunteers for school community initiatives. If you have any questions, please contact Mme Muench. Our next CSCC meeting is scheduled for tonight, Tuesday February 4th at 6:30 pm.

All parents are invited to attend! Please come out and learn more about the Catholic School Community Council.

**Dates for the CSCC meetings are as follows:**
- Tuesday, February 11th
- Tuesday, March 11th
- Monday, April 6th
- Tuesday, May 5th
- Monday, June 1st

**ST. ANNE’S PARISH NEWS**

Our next Kids4Christ (Children age 3 – Grade 3) will be held on February 9th at 1:30 pm at St. Anne’s Parish Hall. The theme will be David and Goliath.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SHCA News:**

Registration in limited SHCA programs is still available at registration.silverwoodcommunity.org. There is space in some children’s dance and movement & music classes (2-7 year olds), Stay Safe (9-13 yrs), Babysitting Course (11-15 yrs) and Teen Fit (11-15 yr olds). Check the start dates of some of these classes as some do not start for a week or two. Limited registration is available in many adult classes as well! Check schedules at silverwoodcommunity.org.