DATES TO REMEMBER
Feb 26  Ash Wednesday Liturgy – 10:45am
Feb 26  Boys Basketball Home game – 3:30pm
Feb 27  Battle of the Books (City Finals) – 1-2pm @ École St. Matthew school
Feb 27  Boys Basketball Home game – 3:30pm
Feb 27  Girls Basketball Away game – 3:30pm @ St. George
Feb 28  Healthy Hunger Lunch – EDO
Feb 28  Concours School Finals – Gr. 6-8 @ 9am
Mar 3  Boys Basketball Home game – 3:30pm
Mar 3  Girls Basketball Away game – 3:30pm @ St. Angela
Mar 4  Lenten Liturgy – Gr. 7 – 1pm
Mar 4  GSCS relays at Saskatoon Field House
Mar 4  Boys Basketball Tournament – 3-8pm @ Bishop Pocock
Mar 5  Little People’s Preschool Open House
Mar 5  Concours – City Finals – 6-7:30pm @ École St. Matthew school
Mar 6  Food Bank Field Trip – Gr. 8 – 9am-12pm
Mar 11 Reconciliation - 9:30am – Fr. Matthew

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 Nolan and Levi in grade 6. Merci to Janie 4M, Elijah 7P, Chloe SN, and Rose J. 3Z who were all so very helpful holding doors open for others. Merci Reid and Benn 8G who showed compassion for the younger students in our school. Thanks also to Kael, Oliver, Reese, Nicholas T. and Aiden for helping to keep the rink clear of snow. We would also like to thank our Student Leadership Team for organizing and hosting the family beach party dance! Your leadership is greatly appreciated. Keep putting your faith in action! You all make École Sr. O’Brien School a great place to be.

Lenten Activities
It is difficult to believe that we will be entering the Lenten Season tomorrow with our Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 10:45. Parents and loved ones are invited to join us at this liturgy which will be lead by Mme Macpherson’s grade 4 class. Family and friends are always welcome to our liturgies and celebrations!

We will also be doing many wonderful things this season to prepare ourselves for Easter. Below is a list of some of the activities we will be doing this Lenten Season:

Pool Our Love Campaign:
We have been partnered with the Friendship Inn and will once again be participating in the annual “Pool our Love” campaign. Here is a list of the items we will be collecting throughout the next 5 weeks:
Mar. 2 - 6: Sugar and Coffee
Mar. 9 – 13: Pancake Mix and Syrup
Mar. 16 - 20: Peanut Butter and Jam
Mar. 23 - 27: Canned Fruit and Vegetables
Mar. 30 – Apr. 3: Salad Dressings and Ketchup

Lenten Calendar
Each day during Lent, classes will consult a Lenten Calendar and students will participate in an activity or task to grow in virtue. These activities and challenges can be practiced at home as well. Please see the attached Lenten calendar for a description of these activities.

Stations of the Cross
Station images will be posted in the library during Lent and will be prayed weekly by classes or with care partners.

Basketball Shoot
Students who wish to participate will gather pledges and participate in a basketball shoot to raise money for our Lenten charity. The basketball shoot will take place during noon hours the week of March 30. The money raised will be donated to the Food and Nutrition program organized by Chalice, a Catholic organization that directly serves children in need around the world. More information regarding this event will be sent home soon.

BASP Parents
2019 Income Tax receipts are ready for pick up from the Before and After School Program!
Thanks, Celeste Engdahl

Pokémon Cards and Toys
We are asking that students refrain from bringing Pokémon cards and toys to school, as this has caused issues in the classroom and on the playground. If students have Pokémon cards and toys at school, we will ask that parents come collect them. Thanks for your understanding and support.

Spirit Days for 2019-2020
Our Student Leadership Team has planned for spirit days throughout the school year. Our next spirit day is not until April 22nd, in acknowledgement of the Lenten Season.
The remainder are as follows:
April 22nd: Western Day
May 7th: Blast from the Past Day
May 20th: Backwards Clothes Day
The Gr. 8’s are excited to perform on the stage at the Conexus Performance Center! Final trip payments are due this week and we still need 3 chaperones. Please fill out the chaperone portion of the final trip payment form if you are interested in helping us.

The Gr. 7’s have a Band trip to Moose Jaw, Thursday May 14 at the International Band and Choral Festival. Final trip payments are due in April and we will need 4 chaperones. If you are interested in chaperoning, please fill out the chaperone portion of the form when you get it.

**GSCS Foundation – Swing into Spring**
The Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation is pleased to invite you to the 20th annual ‘Swing into Spring’ Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at Prairieland Park – Hall B.
Once again, plans are well under way for a fabulous evening of fun, food, fashions, camaraderie and great prizes. Support school division employees as they step out of their traditional roles to walk the runway in the latest spring fashions. Please check the posters displayed at your school or the Foundation website at [https://gscs.ca/foundation](https://gscs.ca/foundation).
Early Bird tickets purchased before April 1, 2020 are $70.00ea or $75.00ea after April 1, 2020 Tickets are available through the Foundation office. Phone: 659-7003 Fax: 659-2013 Email: [catholicschools.foundation@gscs.ca](mailto:catholicschools.foundation@gscs.ca)
Your presence helps us put faith in education.

**Healthy Hunger**
Our next Healthy Hunger lunch will be: EDO on Friday, February 28th. Please visit [http://healthyhunger.ca](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](mailto:brent@evjen.ca)

Here are the upcoming lunch dates/restaurants for the year:
- **Wetzel’s Pretzels**: March 13
- **DQ**: March 27
- **Boston Pizza**: April 24
- **Subway**: May 22, June 25
- **Taco Time**: June 12
- **Wok Box**: May 8
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**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 March 11th 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, March 11th
Monday, April 6th
Tuesday, May 5th
Monday, June 1st

**ST. ANNE’S PARISH NEWS**

**Kids4Christ**
Our next Kids4Christ (Children age 3 – Grade 3) will be held on March 8th at 1:30 pm at St. Anne’s Parish Hall. The theme will be The Good Shepherd.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Silverwood Heights Community Association**
SHCA drop in classes are available for registration at registration.silverwoodcommunity.org. Are you interested in trying out a few classes before committing to an entire session? This is a great way to do it! We are offering Family Fitness drop ins as well as Tabata Tone, Piloxing, Butts and Guts, HIIT & Sculpt Express, Zumba and Yoga. *$10 yearly membership fee required and can be purchased at time of enrollment.