DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 3  Ag Experience at Prairieland Grade 4M (full day)
Oct 4  School Liturgy – 2:30pm
Oct 5  Professional Learning Day—No School
Oct 8  Thanksgiving Day—No School
Oct 10 School Mass - 9:30am @ school gym
Oct 11 Booster Juice Healthy Hunger Lunch
Oct 17 Meet the Teacher BBQ – 5:30 pm
Oct 17 CSCC annual AGM – 5:30 pm
Oct 22 Living Rosary – 2:30 pm
Oct 24 Family Pizza Healthy Hunger Lunch
Oct 26th-27th Student Leadership Conference

SCHOOL NEWS

Healthy Hunger
We had our first Healthy Hunger hot lunch last week. Please visit http://healthyhunger.ca to sign up for the Healthy Hunger Program. Our next Healthy Hunger lunch is a Booster Juice lunch on Thursday, October 11th.

Meet the Teacher
Meet the Teacher Community Building Night has been set for Wednesday, October 17th from 5:30-7pm. Come have some food and spend some time getting to know the staff and families of École Sister O’Brien School.

Family Time and Self care
We all need time to disconnect in order to refresh our minds and bodies.

We know and value the importance of selfcare for ourselves and our families. The Staff at Sister O’Brien will ensure that we are respecting your precious family time and we will work hard to not disrupt your evenings and weekends while you are disconnecting from your daily hustle and bustle in order to care for yourselves and your families.

Thank you all very much for supporting our Sister O staff as well. As a staff we are dedicated to the care and education of the students we serve. We appreciate that you also respect our time with our families and loved ones. We all need time to recharge in order for us to take care of others as well as we do.

Please know that our staff is not expected to check or respond to work emails in the evening or on weekends. Throughout the work day, it can be very challenging to find time to check our emails -- our time with students is very precious to us. We absolutely want to have constructive and valuable conversations with our families and please know that parents are always welcome to come in and say hello or set up times to meet with teachers.

During the school day, parents and guardians are asked to call the main office if you wish to contact your child’s teacher or if you have a message for your child. This way, we can ensure that they will get the message promptly. It’s always best to speak to each other in person or on the phone as Emails and text messages can be taken out of context, forwarded or altered.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mme Muench.

Arriving at School
Before school supervision will be provided to students thirty (30) minutes prior to the beginning of classes each day. Students are not to arrive at school prior to 8:30 am unless they are registered in the before and after school program. Supervision will be provided in the school but will not be provided outside in the areas surrounding the school. Supervision after school will include supervision as students who access bus transportation wait for and load the buses and as students exit their classrooms.

Noon Lunch Expectations
Ensuring that the noon lunch break is a safe, healthy and faith-filled environment for all elementary students to eat lunch and play requires a shared responsibility between the home and school. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools offers supervised lunch breaks as a service to parents and guardians.

Parent/Guardian responsibility: The support of parents/guardians is critical to ensure that a safe, caring environment is maintained in your child’s school. This includes

- Reading and reviewing rules and expectations with your child on a regular basis
- Provide written communication if your child will be leaving the school during the lunch break
- Informing the school in writing, if your child’s noon lunch plans change during the course of the year
- Helping your child understand that eating lunch at school is a privilege
- Working collaboratively with school staff to resolve issues as quickly as possible
- Following school guidelines about nut products and other potential allergens in lunches
- Providing healthy lunches

A student that is registered to eat at school:

- Must remain on school property at all times
- Understand and follow the expectations outlined by their teacher/school
- Provide the teacher with written permission from a parent/guardian before the lunch break
if the student must leave for an appointment or for other reasons
- Be respectful to classmates, staff and the school environment

Nut Alert
We strive to provide a safe and healthy environment for all. Our Nut Alert is: “We have children in our school with life-threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts. Please do not send foods to school which contain nuts or their by-products.” Please ensure that a list of ingredients is available when treats are sent to school to be shared. Thank you for your efforts in keeping our school Nut Free!

Newsletter Online
Please note that our school newsletter is always posted on our school website: https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/obr
If for some reason you have not received our newsletter via email, or you would like to reread a previous newsletter, you can find them all on our website. If you require a paper copy, please see Mme Wilson in the office.

Safety Patrols
After consideration and consultation with our CSCC and the Saskatoon Police Service we will no longer be having Safety Patrols. We will continue to provide staff supervision for students arriving and departing from school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS
Schools Win Twice Tickets
CSCC and École Sr. O’Brien School thanks you for your support in this initiative! Half of the proceeds from the tickets sold by our students in this fundraiser go directly into making our school even better! Weekly prizes for students that are selling will be given out and several cash prizes for the top sellers as well.

CSCC Bottle drive
The CSCC held a bottle drive to raise funds for our classrooms. Thank you so much for supporting this event.

CSCC Annual AGM
The CSCC will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in conjunction with the family meet the teacher evening on Wednesday, October 17th @ 5:30 pm. At the AGM the CSCC will deliver the annual report, fund raising activities planned for the school year and how the proceeds benefits École Sr. O’Brien School and the children that attend. The AGM is an annual requirement and we are also required to hold elections for the following vacant positions - Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and a number of Members at Large vacancies. Everyone is welcome and anyone interested in any of these positions, please contact Lolita Humm at 306.683.6316 or at lhumm@shaw.ca.

CSCC Pumpkin/Spaghetti Squash Carving & Painting
Save the Date: October 29th at 6:15pm in the school gym the CSCC will be holding a Pumpkin/Spaghetti Squash Carving & Painting. Donations of pumpkins and spaghetti squash needed! Pumpkins will be priced at: $2.00 for a small, $5.00 for medium. A letter will be sent out to pre-purchase pumpkins. Face-painting will also be available for $1.00 and done by the Grade 8 students. Money raised for this event will be for new school jerseys.

COMMUNITY NEWS
The Silverwood Heights Community Association (SHCA) offers high-quality, local programming for toddlers to seniors. We have four registration sessions - fall, winter, spring and summer. Sign up for community newsletters at silverwoodcommunity.org. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, or are interested in volunteering with us, please contact programming@silverwoodcommunity.org. Our meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of the month at Silverwood Heights School library. All are welcome! You can also check out the website: https://www.silverwoodcommunity.org/

PARISH NEWS
Are you curious about becoming Catholic? Do you want to find out more about sacraments and faith formation opportunities for families? Are you wondering how to experience more peace, hope and joy in your life? Please contact Trina at St. Anne's Parish at (306) 931-4700.

Kids 4 Christ
Kids 4 Christ is beginning this month. Children ages 3 - grade 3 are invited to join us at St. Anne's Parish for faith, fun and friendship! Watch for details in upcoming newsletters or visit St. Anne’s Parish for more information.