ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

École Sister O’Brien School is a Catholic elementary school offering a French Immersion program to approximately 280 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Since religious education is an important and vital part of our students’ school daily lives they are actively engaged in religious formation by planning school-based liturgical celebrations and attending masses at St. Anne’s Parish. Students are engaged in daily religious instruction and prayer, which embraces and strengthens our Christian identity. Our school personnel strive to create a Christian community by focusing on the gospel virtues of faith, hope, trust, love, wisdom, courage, justice and reconciliation.

École Sister O’Brien School is proud of its Christian foundation and its engagement in a school-wide environmental initiative: the Viriditas Project, which challenges us to be keepers of the Earth. This project engages parents, staff and students in different environmental initiatives: solar cooking, recycling and a garden project. The student body continues to be proud of serving as local stewards of our learning community.

École Sister O’Brien School has a strong supportive parent community with an active parent council and strong involvement in their children’s academic lives. These include: classroom helpers and representatives, field trip volunteers, and other collaborations in various committees that promote positive and rich experiences for the student body. These visible supports have contributed to the development of a positive school culture and a professional learning community at École Sister O’Brien School.
ÉCOLE SISTER O’BRIEN STAFF (2015 – 2016)

Administration:
Marc Colleaux – Principal
Curtis Pek – Vice-Principal

Classroom Teachers: FRENCH IMMERSION

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Curriculum Support:

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Facility and Office Support:

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STUDENT GUIDELINES

SCHOOL DAY
1ST Bell: 8:55 a.m. Classes begin: 9:00 a.m.
Recess: 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.
Lunch dismissal: 12:00 noon. Classes begin: 12:45 p.m.
Recess: 2:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Dismissal: 3:30 p.m.

RECESS/NOON BREAKS
Students need fresh air and are expected to go outside during recess and noon hour breaks. Exceptions are made for inclement weather where there is extreme cold (i.e. – 27 C) or very wet conditions. Please dress appropriately for all weather conditions. Students who cannot go outside for medical reasons should bring a note from their parent(s).

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
The students of École Sister O’Brien have the following rights and responsibilities:

1. The students have the right to effective programming that develops their abilities and skills. It is their responsibility to monitor their ways of working and to cooperate with teachers and peers.

2. The students have the right to have their voices heard. It is their responsibility to be respectful listeners and communicators.

3. The students have the right to feel secure and safe in their learning environment. It is their responsibility to act in a Christian manner when engaging with others.

4. Students have the right to privacy and to personal space. It is their responsibility to create a positive and supportive school climate by being trustworthy and truthful in all things.
EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

École Sister O’Brien School is for learning and appropriate behavior is expected.

1. Students are expected to attend school regularly, participate willingly, and perform tasks to the best of their ability.

2. Students are expected to use appropriate language and treat others in a fair and inclusive manner. Verbal abuse (name calling, swearing), physical abuse (hitting, punching, kicking, etc.) and bullying will not be tolerated.

3. Students are expected to respect others’ safety, well-being and property. Safety on the playground is a priority. Therefore students will need to exercise extra caution and attention to others when playing on the equipment.

4. Students are expected to be accountable for their behavior. They will be mindful of the consequences for inappropriate behavior, which will be progressive from lenient to severe: quiet verbal reprimands, denial of privileges, school community service, removal from class, detention, alternative out of class programming and/or suspension. Parents will be notified by a phone call or letter in regards to more serious situations.

5. Students are expected to show pride and respect for the school facility. Muddy and wet footwear is to be removed upon entering the building and placed on boot racks.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to take pride in their personal appearance. They are encouraged to dress appropriately for an educational setting.

- Students in all grades are allowed to wear shorts of appropriate length during the very warm weather.
- As a general rule short shorts, halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops and brief T-shirts are not considered appropriate.
- Undergarments must be covered and shirts need to overlap the tops of bottoms so that midriffs are not exposed.
- Students are not permitted to wear clothing with crude, rude or suggestive sayings and/or pictures imprinted on them.
- Hats are not allowed to be worn inside the building.
- Students wearing objectionable clothing will be given alternate clothing to wear or will be asked to have clothing brought from home.
- Students should have a pair of indoor (gym) shoes which are not worn outside.
- All student’s boots, shoes, etc. should be clearly labeled with their name
- It will be left to the discretion of staff to decide whether clothing is appropriate.
STUDY HABITS

Success comes with CONSISTENCY
- doing your best on every assignment
- completing all assignments conscientiously with special regard for organization, neatness and legibility
- handing in assignments on or before due dates

Success comes with RESPONSIBILITY
- ask for missed assignments from the classroom teacher and peers when absent from class
- use agenda daily to list assignments, upcoming tests, and events

Success comes through STUDYING
- review written notes to remember important facts and concepts
- prepare for tests by organizing your study times well in advance of examination dates

GENERAL INFORMATION

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Educators of the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division are committed to providing strong academic, social, and religious programs, which foster positive self-esteem and character development. Assessment and evaluation of student achievement are an ongoing and integral part of the learning process and supportive feedback is important between parents, students, and teachers. Assessment and reporting will be regularly communicated to parents/guardians and students, via: phone calls, notes, samples of work, student portfolios, progress reports, and three-way interviews. Parental support and feed-back in efforts to make learning meaningful and appropriate for your child/children is greatly appreciated. We encourage parents to share any information with the classroom teacher that may enhance the learning opportunities for their child. If questions or concerns arise, please call the school.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be on time for school. Please call the office at 659-7480 to communicate your child’s absence or changes in the regular routine. We will phone home if your child’s absence is unaccounted for. Student safety is our primary concern.
Our band program is offered to students from Grades 6 - 8. Students learn to play their instruments in a group setting with a music specialist and receive lessons twice a week during school hours. Performances will take place throughout the school year in our school and community. Parents will be informed of such happenings and will be invited to support the music/band program.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

We are please to be able to offer a before and after school program for children who require care outside of school hours. This program provides care before school (7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.) and after school (3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Dawn Zimmerman at 933 – 1074.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Students in grades 3 – 8 have the opportunity to get involved in a number of extra-curricular activities. These activities take commitment and effort from staff members and students. The school community appreciates the sharing of their talents and abilities in the following activities:

- Cross country running
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Track and Field
- Choir
- Safety Patrol
- Student Leadership
- Social Justice & Environmental Initiatives (Viriditas Project)

**PERSONAL BELONGINGS**

We ask to please identify your child’s personal supplies and belongings with their name or initials. Periodically, we place lost items on display and the ‘Lost and Found’ fills up quickly. Students are encouraged to look there for missing items and parents may check at any time. Remember, expensive items are brought to school at one’s own risk. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity and clothing depots at the end of the school year.
*Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller blades, etc.*
Upon arrival on the school grounds, for safety reasons, students are requested to walk their bikes and scooters, and carry their skateboards. Roller blades are to be taken off at the school entrance and heelies are not permitted. Scooters, skateboards and roller blades are to be carried to the classroom and housed in the locker area. Bikes are to be locked on the playground and at owners’ risk.

**PRESCHOOL**

Little People’s Preschool is a one to five day morning and afternoon program and/or a one to five day afternoon program for three and four year old children. This is a non-cooperative preschool, and offers a wide variety of wonderful experiences for this age group. For information please contact Heather Rhodes at 382-7092 or 659-7480.

**SAFETY PATROLS**

Students from grades 5 – 7 have the opportunity to be involved in the Safety Patrol program at École Sister O’Brien School. These students will receive training to patrol the crosswalk directly in front of our school on Silverwood Road. Patrollers share and accept the responsibility of guarding the school crosswalks at 8:45 am and 3:30 p.m. each day of the school week. Pedestrians are asked to obey the patroller signals. We appreciate the great effort and service modeled by these students.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Effective the 2013 – 2014 school year there are no school fees for students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. The Board of Education will provide the school with a grant of $25.00 per student.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS**

School newsletters will be sent home every second Wednesday via email to every family. Our newsletter is also accessible on our school web site located at [www.gscs.sk.ca/obr/](http://www.gscs.sk.ca/obr/). Please take a moment to read the newsletters carefully for important notices, reminders and up-to-date coverage of school events. Also watch for classroom newsletters that highlight special programs, events and projects in your child’s class. Parents may choose to receive a hard copy of the newsletter. In this case, please inform the school office.