**SAFE POSITIVE SCHOOLS WEEK – FEB. 13TH – 17TH**

Monday – K-3 Literacy Night 6:30-8:30 p.m. (See below for details)

Tuesday – Valentine’s Day Red and White Spirit
- Day Dance 12:45-1:30 K-4 and 1:30-3:15 Gr.5-8
  (Note: a suggested Loonie admission to support Jerry, our adopted child from Chalice)

Wednesday – Principal in the Pit reading to students
Thursday – School Lunch
- Imagine No Bullying Red Cross Saskatchewan Roughrider Presentation
  K-Gr. 4 at 12:45-115 p.m. and Gr. 5-8:130-3:15 p.m.

Friday – Red Cross Pink Day everyone is encouraged
to dress up in pink to show their support against bullying.

We will have the following guest readers through the week:
Mr. Chattin-Director of Education, Mr. Baglay –Network Superintendent, Mr. Rivard new principal of St. Lorenzo, Troy Davis – City Councillor, Tanner Zee-Cineplex Host, Hilltop players and Blade players.

Other Activities: Favorite Book Contest-Students will have an opportunity to guess the favorite book of each of our staff from the display in the front entrance. The student who is drawn each day with the correct answers will win a 15.00 gift card from Indigo.

**FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT!**

"CHILDREN WHO READ FREQUENTLY DEVELOP STRONGER READING SKILLS"

Explore our beautiful province with Family Literacy activities. Design a tourism ad for your own backyard! Skip your way across Saskatchewan! Branch out and create your own family tree! Flex your memory muscles with a Weird and Wonderful match game and so much more! This literacy event is a great opportunity to join in the fun and bring your whole family!

“We parents work all day and I don’t get to see my son in school working and playing. I enjoyed seeing him interacting with his peers in the school environment. We loved the active games, and interacting with everyone in a group setting.” 

Parent, Brevoort Park School, Saskatoon

When: Monday, February 13th
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: St. Peter School Gym

Many door prizes to be drawn

You can win a family ticket pack to a Blades game!

**MATH-A-THON**

It is that time of year again where students have a chance to get involved in an exciting event – Students will once again participate in our Math-a-Thon. Basic Concepts in Math is one of our goals in our Learning Improvement Plan. Yesterday, (Tuesday, Jan. 24th), the students received their pledge form and will receive a set of math questions from their classroom teacher. Students can collect pledges and study their math questions. Please return the money and pledge forms on or before Thursday, Feb. 2nd to your child’s classroom teacher. The math test will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7th. There are a lot of terrific reasons for participating!

1. The classroom with the highest average on the math test will earn an extra gym class taught by Mr. McIntosh and an ice cream sundae.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday, Jan. 25th**
- Jr. Boys Basketball Playday at Home 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 26th**
- Spirit Day – Twin Day, Triple Day, ....
- Story and Snack 8:30 a.m. – Library
- Gr. 4’s visit St. Peter the Apostle for Mass a.m.
- Fr. Shanyj visits Gr. 6’s and Sr.
- Gr. 7’s visit W.O.M. – a.m.
- Sr. Boys Basketball Playday at Home 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Sr. Girls Basketball Playday at Father Yachan 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 27th**
- Professional Learning Day – No School for Students

**Monday, Jan. 30th**
- Gr. 4 & 5 SWO will be attending the Blades Game at SaskTel Centre

**Tuesday, Jan. 31st**
- Forms for the St. Peter Activity Day (Gr.5-8) – go home
- Gr. 2’s visit Kindergarten Information Night – 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 1st**
- Gr. 4’s visit Cosmos Girls Centre p.m.
- Gr. 2’s Swimming at the Shaw Centre
- E.D. Feehan High School Gr. 9 Parent Information Meeting at 5:30 p.m. (supper provided)
- Jr. Boys Basketball Playday at St. Gerard School 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 2nd**
- Math-a-Thon Pledge Forms due
- Story and Snack 8:30 a.m. – Library
- Sr. Boys Basketball Playday at Bishop Klein School at 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Sr. Girls Basketball Playday at Home 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 3rd**
- Gr. 2’s Bake Sale
- Gr. 4’s visit Rogers Morrison Library – p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 7th**
- Math Test for Math-a-Thon

**Wednesday, Feb. 8th**
- Gr. Immunizations –a.m.
- Gr. 3, 4, 5 SGW (Gr. 6) (Gr. 7) (Gr. 8) going to swimming at Lakeview Civic Centre – p.m.
- Newsletter
- Jr. Boys Basketball Playday at Home 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 9th**
- Gr. 6’s students visit and tour Bethlem High School p.m.
- Bethlem High School Gr. 4 Parent Information Meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.
- Story and Snack 8:30 a.m. – Library
- Sr. Boys Basketball Playday at Home 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Sr. Girls Basketball Playday at SaskTel Centre 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 10th**
- Math-a-Thon Assembly at 8:15 a.m.
- Subway paper orders and online orders are due
- C.S.C. Family Movie Night – 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, Feb. 13th**
- Safe Positive Schools Week – See below for more details
- Literacy Evening 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. See below for more details

**Tuesday, Feb. 14th**
- Spirit Day – “Red, White and Pink Day” – See below for more details
- Valentines Dance K Gr. 4 12:45-1:15 and Gr.5-8 1:30-3:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15th**
- Forms due for the St. Peter Activity Day (Gr.5-8)
- PR Relay Meet - Field House

**Thursday, Feb. 16th**
- Story and Snack 8:30 a.m. – Library
- Subway School Lunch
- Gr. 4’s visit Lerness Recycling – a.m.
- Red Cross Saskatchewan Roughrider Presentation K-Gr.4 at 12:45 - 1:30 p.m. and Gr. 5-8 1:30-3:15 p.m.
- Sr. Boys Basketball Playday at Father Yachan School at 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Sr. Girls Basketball Playday at Home 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 17th**
- Pink Day
- Bethlem High School Registration Forms due

**Monday, Feb. 20th to Friday, Feb. 24th**
- February Break – no school for students

**Tuesday, Feb. 28th**
- Week

**Wednesday, Mar. 1st**
- Jr. Boys Basketball Playday at Home 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Mar. 2nd**
- Jr. Girls Basketball Playday at St. Dominic School 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Friday, Mar. 3rd**
- Gr. 4’s visit St. Peter the Apostle for Mass a.m.

**Friday, Mar. 10th**
- E.D. Feehan High School visit and tour for Gr. 8 students interested in attending...

**REFLECTION:** In this past Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee were he saw Simon Peter and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, as they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come follow me, and I will make you fishes of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed Jesus. Jesus never forced himself upon people, his way of invitation was by attraction, not by threat. He noticed people, he noticed their needs, he had time for them, and most of all he had compassion. As Christians, we too want to aspire to these characteristics.

At the center of Jesus’ life is a living heart: the heart that reaches out to all. We are never neglected nor ignored by Jesus. Later on Jesus gave Simon Peter a new name and called him Cephas, when translated meaning Peter. Jesus gave Peter a very special leadership role within the early Christian community. He became the 1st Pope of the church. Our school is named after the patron saint.

This is the beginning of the community of disciples we now call the Church. It began with simple attraction and connections, so much so that people dedicated their life to Him. In the pit at the front entrance of our school, you will see our school logo with the image of Peter casting out a net symbolizing the Gospel passage, “Come follow me, and I will make you fishes of people.” Matthew 4:19
2. The student who raises the most money in each class will be given the honour of being “Teacher” for part of the day.
3. For students who raise $30 or more will receive an ice cream sundae.
4. The student who raises the most money from K - Gr. 4 will get to be the Principal for ½ of the day and the student who raises the most money from Gr. 5 – 8 will get the rest of the Principal’s duties.

All prizes will be announced at the assembly on Friday, Feb. 10th at 9:15 a.m.

We thank our students and parents in advance for their participation and support in this learning opportunity and an important fundraiser for our Catholic School Community Council (CSCC). The St. Peter School Community Council will be targeting these funds for students to have physical education opportunities outside the school. Our school, being the largest Catholic Elementary school in Saskatoon, limits the number of gym classes scheduled for each class. Each classroom will receive $300.00 for this opportunity totalling $7,200.00 for the entire school!

KINDergarten INFORMATION

January is Kindergarten registration month for the 2017-2018 school year. If your child will be 5 years of age by January 31st, 2018, they will be eligible for English or French Immersion Kindergarten next fall. Our school offers half-time Kindergarten in both English and French. This would include Monday and Wednesday full days or Tuesday and Thursday full days with each group alternating Fridays. If you were unable to attend one of the Open Houses, drop by the school at your convenience to register your child.

We will be having our Kindergarten French Immersion Information Night on Monday, January 30th at 7:00 p.m. Parents are asked to bring a copy of their child’s birth certificate, hospitalization card and if your child has been baptized in the Catholic Church, please bring a copy of the certificate. We look forward to meeting you and your child. If you have any questions or would like to register your child, please call the school at 659-7440 or come by the school for a visit.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

This term, teachers from Grades 1-6 will begin teaching the Fully Alive Program. This Family Life program has been approved by the Bishops of the Diocese of Saskatoon since 1989. The program is the result of years of consultation and work by bishops, Catholic educators, Catholic school trustees, and parents. Fully Alive’s approach to human life, relationships, and sexuality is guided by our Catholic faith and by the wisdom accumulated through many years of Christian human experience. Fully Alive is organized into five themes:

• Theme One — Created and Loved by God: The first theme provides the foundation of the program. We are created in the image of God, and God loves and sustains each one of us. This theme explores some of the ways in which each person is unique and irreplaceable, yet shares a common human nature with all others.
• Theme Two — Living in Relationship: Human beings are created to live in relationships with others. The bonds of family and friendship, which are explored in this theme, are central in our lives, and shape our identity and our development.
• Theme Three — Created Sexual: Male and Female: Sexuality is a fundamental dimension of our identity as children of God. In this theme, sexuality is presented as a gift from God that is intended for life and love.
• Theme Four — Growing in Commitment: God’s call to faithfulness is explored in this theme. Learning to be committed and trustworthy is a lifelong challenge that begins in childhood.
• Theme Five — Living in the World: Our relationships with others go beyond the circle of family and friends. In Theme Five, we examine what it means to participate in society, and to fulfill our responsibilities to care for and build God’s world.

The new revised program no longer has the Family Edition books. Instead, the developers of the program have provided material online. These resources can be found on the Fully Alive blog site http://blog.scs.sk.ca/cheveler. If families do not have access to the internet, please request the print material from your child’s teacher. These materials will enable you to follow and reinforce the concepts being covered in class at home. In conjunction with the Fully Alive Program, the Teen Aid program for Grade 6-8 students will be offered to our students from February 13th – 17th. If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to talk to your child’s teacher or call Mr. McIntosh.

SPRIT DAY

This Thursday is Twin Day! Students are encouraged to dress alike with 2 or 3 more friends and show off their school spirit. We look forward to the many creative ideas on dressing alike on Thursday!

ST. PETER SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAY – SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP OR BOWLING AND SWIMMING

On Friday, March 17th, as a part of our physical education program, the students in grades 5 to 8 will have an opportunity to take part in an Activity Day. Students will be able to choose to go downhill skiing/snowboarding or bowling and swimming. Each student will receive an Activity Day information package on Tuesday, January 31st. Please note that the forms will be due back on Wednesday, February 15th.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS (CSCC)

Family Movie Night showing “The Secret Life of Pets” is February 10th. Admission is FREE!!!! Doors open at 6.30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7.00 p.m. Come in your PJs and be comfy. Concession available. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please don’t wait to be asked...VOLUNTEER! Email Candice at clammon@shaw.ca.

We are holding a BINGO on April 28th. There will be great prizes! Pizza will be available to order in advance. Bring the entire family! We will need volunteers for this event as well. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact any member of the CSCC before April 17th.

We are sorry to say that Barb McClary has left the Co-chair position. We wish her all the best!

The CSCC and Friends of St. Peter School are two small groups of eight people. WE NEED YOUR HELP if we are going to continue putting on events and fundraising. Please come to the next meeting on April 10th. Childcare is provided.

FRIENDS OF ST. PETER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Students are collecting pledges for the Math-a-thon until February 2nd. Each classroom receives $300 from this and other fundraisers to support physical education. The Math-a-thon also enhances the learning of math skills in a fun way. The math test is February 7th. We have lots of PRIZES. The classroom with the highest average on the last Sarns extra Phys. Ed. time and ice cream sundae; the student that raises the most money in each class gets to be a “teacher” for part of a day and an ice cream sundae; each student that raises $30 or more gets treated to an ice cream sundae; and the top fundraiser in grades K-4 and 5-8 will be principal for half a day! We appreciate your support of this fundraiser!

Through your support and the hard work of the students, the Cookies Crumbles, spring rolls and Tubbyme Time Towels fundraiser raised $4,400. The next meeting will be after the CSCC meeting on April 10, 2017.

PRE-REGISTRATION

We initially were going to send home pre-registration forms to all our families, but an office coordinator was hired for St. Lorenzo who will be calling all the families in The Hamptons by the February break to discuss the placement of your children for next year. If you have any questions, you can call our school for further information.

ST. LORENZO RUIZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL UPDATES

A reminder that student registrations are now being accepted. Families can get all the registration information on our school website https://www.qcs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/s. Although registrations are accepted all year, we hope to have the vast majority of registrations complete by the end of January, 2017. Having accurate registration numbers helps with staffing and resource allocation.

Kindergarten 2017-2018 at St. Lorenzo School

Hey Hampton Village families, it's time to register for Kindergarten! For the 2017-2018 school year, St. Lorenzo will be offering full day/alternating day classes, (either Monday/Wednesday and alternating Fridays or Tuesday/Thursday and alternating Fridays) If your child will be five-years-old before January 31, 2018, he or she can begin kindergarten in September 2017. Early registration is very important; it helps us plan resources, programming and transportation. We will be having a Kindergarten Information Evening on January 31 at 7pm at St. Peter School (202 Summer Crescent). We hope to see you there!
ST. LORENZO PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

Thank you to the parents who came out to the St. Lorenzo Playground meeting on January 18th. Our main goal was to set up the Association Executive. Thank you to Kristy Parfitt who will be Chair and Lisa Koberski who will serve as Secretary. Unfortunately, we still need to find a Vice Chair and a Treasurer in order to create our Playground Association so that we can move forward with the St. Lorenzo playground. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill in the link below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zlYtmOf2NEOhxF1neacjzpcMc4h4xJycG9UQEUxMkg3NzVTFHNDVFFNLXJja1gUQ0UxMjBQYUg3VUg3UjlJV1BXMC4u

Parents in attendance heard the good news that grant writer hired by Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools was able to secure just over $50,000 for the St. Lorenzo Playground. This is great news! We are currently waiting to hear back from the City of Saskatoon about their commitment to supporting our playground. All funds will be held by GSCS until our association is formed.

François Rivard
St. Lorenzo Principal

SCHOOL LUNCHES - HEALTHY UNGER

Our next school lunch is on Thursday, February 16th from Subway. The last day to order a Subway lunch is Friday, Feb. 10th. You can also order your child’s lunch from Jerry’s on May 12th at the same time. If you do not have access to a credit card or a debit card, you will still need to register your child online and have your child pick up a paper form from your child’s classroom teacher to order their school lunch. Students who are not registered in advance will not have their orders processed. If you have any questions please call or email Candide at (306) 668-4870 or stamro@shaw.ca. Please go to www.healthyhunger.ca to register your children, make their selections for the lunch and pay online.

FIRST BUS – WEATHER

Bus service will be cancelled when the temperature with wind chill at 7:00 a.m. is -45°C or colder. If your child’s bus does not show up at their stop, please remind your children to return home. For information on any cancellations or delays with First Bus, you can call their hotline at 306-343-3300 or go to their website https://saskatoon.firststudentinc.com and click on Delays and Cancellations. For your information: Red Bus is route 786, Light Blue Bus is route 783, Pink Bus is route 784 and the Black Bus is route 785. If you need further information, please call First Student Bus at 306-343-2125.

GIFT OF READING

We are collecting books for children from less fortunate families in Saskatoon. Support the Gift of Reading program by dropping off books (in good condition) that your family no longer uses by Wednesday, Feb. 1st. There will be a drop off box for your books in the pit. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL MEETING

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools will hold its Annual Meeting of Electors on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 5 pm at St. Frances School, 2141 McPherson Avenue. Board Chair Diane Boyko, Director of Education Greg Chatlain and Superintendent Joel Lloyd will each report to the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools’ community. Electors are welcome to make presentations at the meeting. Those wishing to do so must contact the Secretary to the Board of Education at 306-659-7040 before 4 pm, Tuesday, January 31. Parents, families and community members are invited to attend this meeting to learn more about the school division’s vision and goals.

COLD TEMPERATURES

We continue to notice that some students are not dressed for the cold temperatures. Please remind your children before they leave for school to wear their winter jackets, toque, mitts and boots so they are comfortable on the playground during the recess breaks. Indoor recesses will occur if the temperature/wind chill exceeds -25°C.

SCHEDULE AND EXPECTATIONS FOR SLEDDING

Now that the snow has arrived, students can bring their sleds to school to slide on the hill during recess. We have reviewed the expectations of using the hill with all our students today. Please remind your child(ren) of the following expectations:

1) Students can only use carpets or soft sided sliders. No wood, metal, or hard plastic sliders are allowed.
2) Slide down the hill feet first.
3) Maximum of two people per carpet or slider. Students should not make trains or put multiple sliders together.
4) Students slide down the middle of the hill and return to the top, walking up along either side of the hill or up the designated walk way up the middle of the hill.
5) Any student not following the expectations will lose their privileges from using the hill.

Below is the schedule for sledding on the hill:

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SCHOOL ARRIVAL REMINDER

Students are welcome to go to their classrooms at 8:30 a.m. each morning. If your child has to arrive at school earlier than this time they are welcome to attend the Before & After School Program (244-7820). We ask that students do not arrive at school prior to this time so adequate supervision is available.

PARKING REMINDER

We remind parents not to park in the staff parking lot as well as to pay attention to our signs in front of the school. Our school buses have a designated location directly in front of our school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

PARISH NEWS

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH

11711 Northumberland Ave., Saskatoon, SK S7L 3Z8
Parish Office: 8 Moore Place
Phone: 306-382-5503 Fax: 306-384-3333 Email: stpta@sasktel.net
Weekend Mass times: Saturday at 5 p.m. & Sunday at 11 a.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment
Building Healthy Families - (at John Lake School)
Being a parent is a tough job. We get lots of information on how many things impact our children in their healthy growth and development but we don’t usually get a toolkit complete with resources to help us raise healthy, competent, happy, successful children/youth. Join us to explore a variety of parenting topics such as brain development, influences on our child’s developing personality, skill building, discipline and nurturing, and many more.

January 18, Feb 1 &15, March 1 & 15 9:30am – 11:30am
No Fee ---- Drop in – No childcare available

THE FOLLOWING IS HELD AT THE SASKATOON COMMUNITY SERVICE VILLAGE:

Taming the Worry Dragon (For Parents and Children) Children explore their feelings of fear, anxiety, and worry in a supportive environment, while learning skills and strategies to cope. Concurrent parent group. There is a concurrent parent group.
Fee $160.00

ages 7—10 | Wed | 6:00pm—7:00pm | Feb 1 – Mar 29 no group Feb 22

ages 11—13 | Wed | 7:30pm—8:30pm | Feb 1 – Mar 29 no group Feb 22

Bridging the Gap (For Parents of Out-Of-Control Teens) is an ongoing support group for parents whose adolescent is having severe behavior and/or relationship problems

January 5 – March 30 | Thursdays 7:00 pm – 9:00pm | No Fee
Pre-registration is required.