REFLECTION: In Matthews Gospel this past Sunday, Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before all, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The physical properties of salt and light have powerful effects on human living. Salt is multi-potent: it preserves, breaks down, purifies, heals, melts, cleanses, and brings out latent qualities. Light is multi-effective: it reveals, clarifies, focuses, warms, signals, and helps things grow.

Faithful discipleship must embrace all of these potencies and effects to preserve and carry forward Jesus’ saving mission. Disciples call for the latent good in others, heal abrasions, and bring out latent qualities. Light is multi-effective: it reveals, clarifies, focuses, warms, signals, and helps things grow. Faithful discipleship must embrace all of these potencies and effects to preserve and carry forward Jesus’ saving mission.

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

Monday - K-3 Literacy Family Fun Night doors open at 6:15 and the 1st session begins at 6:30 p.m. The 9:30 p.m. (See below for details)
- Saskatchewan Blades Guest Readers a.m.
- Valentine’s Day - Red and White Spirit
- Day Dance 12:45 p.m.-1:30 p.m. for K-4 and 1:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m. for Gr. 5-8 (Note: a suggested Loo... admission to sponsor Jerry, our adopted child from Chalice)

Wednesday - Guest Readers: Mr. McIntosh in the Pit and Troy Davies, City Counsellor - Library
- School Subway Lunch
- Guest Reader: Greg Chatlain, Director of Education a.m. and Saskatchewan Hillsoppa a.m.
- Imagine No Bullying Red Cross Saskatchewan Roughrider Presentation K-Gr. 4 at 12:45 p.m.-1:15 p.m. and Gr. 5-6 at 1:30 p.m. - 1:35 p.m.
- Friday - Red Cross Pink Day everyone is encouraged to put dress up in pink to show their support against bullying.
- Guest Readers: Mr. Bazylak, Network Superintendent, Mr. Rivard, Principal of St. Lorenzo and Tanner Zoe-Cineplex Host

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

Also, each day we will start off with DEAR – Drop Everything And Read.

LITERACY FAMILY FUN 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
  Doors open at 6:15 with our 1st session starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 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, a Blades autographed team stick, a number of book draws and a creative craft basket!

MATH-A-THON

A Big Thank You to our students and parents for your efforts in raising just over 7400.00! This was the largest amount we have fundraised over the last 7 years! We will announce the following winners at our assembly on Friday, Feb. 10th at 9:15 a.m. for our K-Gr. 4 students and at 10:00 a.m. for our Gr. 5-8 students.

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.
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 $20 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 to be the Principal for ½ of the day.

The St. Peter School Community Council will be using these funds to support our students in having 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 totaling $7,200.00 for the entire school! We have reached our goal!

KINDERMATEN INFORMATION FOR THE 2017-18 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.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

This term, teachers from Grades 1-8 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/chevrier/.

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.

WWJD FOR JANUARY

Congratulations to all our students who were recognized for their good deeds for the month of January. The following students were drawn for our pizza lunch.

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A special thank you to Pizza Hut for providing the pizza and covering the cost of the lunch!

VALENTINE DANCE

We will be having a Valentine Dance on Tuesday, February 14th. The dance begins at 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Kindergarten to grade 4 students and continues from 1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. for the grade 5 to 8 students.

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 session beginning at 7:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the Theatre.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS (CSCC)

Family Movie Night featuring “Secret Life of Pets” is this Friday, February 10th. Admission is FREE!! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m. Come in your P.J.’s. Concessions available.

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! Volunteers are needed for this event. Please don’t wait to be asked... VOLUNTEER! Email Candice at clamon@shaw.ca. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact any member of the CSCC before April 17th.

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

Through your generous support the Math-a-thon raised over $7,400! Thank you very much! Each classroom receives $300 from this fundraiser to support physical education. There are about 130 students who will enjoy an ice cream sundae on Friday, February 10th for their part in the fundraiser.

The next meeting will be after the CSCC meeting on April 10, 2017.

SCHOOL LUNCHES - HEALTHY HUNGER

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 Jenny’s on May 12th all 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 Candice @ (306) 669-4870 or clamon@shaw.ca. Please see www.healthyhunger.ca to register your children, make their selections for the lunch and pay online.

BETHLEHEM PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Our Grade 8 parent night will be held on Thursday, February 9th beginning with tours of the building from 7:00 pm to 7:30 p.m. and an program and registration information session beginning at 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Theatre.
UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

It is important that we have current information on file for your child(ren) in case the school needs to contact you. If there has been a change with your contact information, please call the office. Thank you.

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, ski pants 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.

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. Supervision on the playground begins at 8:40 a.m. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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

1121 Northumberland Ave., Saskatoon, SK S7L 3Z8
Parish Office: 8 Moore Place
Phone: 306-382-5033  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 1 Feb – Mar 29 no group Feb 22
ages 11—13 | Wed | 7:30pm—8:30pm 1 Feb – 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 1 Thursdays 1:00pm – 9:00pm  No Fee
Pre-registration is required.