



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #2 - October 2020

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Superintendent: T. Shircliff

GOSPEL VIRTUE

For the month of October, students and staff will focus on the **Gospel Virtue of GRATITUDE.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good

~ Psalm 107:1

Dear Jesus, thank you for all the blessings and the treasures you have showered upon us. Thank you for family, friends, knowledge, wisdom, and all your angels and saints who guide us in our journey of building up your kingdom. We ask you, Lord Jesus, to bless our gifts, bless our lives, and bless this day. Amen

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2	School Composite Photo Day
October 2	9:30 am – Gr 4/5 goes to Beaver Creek
October 9	2:45 pm – Virtual Thanksgiving Liturgy
October 12	Thanksgiving Day – <u>No School</u>
October 26	PLD – <u>No School for Students</u>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

- ✓ I would like to extend to you a thank you to all families for your support of our staff and new school protocols during my absence. I have been checking in and it sounds like everyone has adjusted well to our new routine. Thank you for using the screening protocols outlined above each morning with your child to help keep everyone safe. Our staff uses the same screening protocols each day as well. Together we will continue to ensure that St. Philip School will be a safe and happy place.
- ✓ I would like to inform you of my return to work on October 13th following Thanksgiving. I have been recuperating since my accident and I look forward to seeing everyone when I return. Starting October 13th, I will be working half time but will be checking emails regularly if you need to reach me.
- ✓ I would like to thank Mrs. Kobussen and Mrs. Clatney for their support of our school. They will continue to be available during my absence.

God Bless!
Mrs. Domoslai

NEWS ABOUT DISTANT LEARNING

Entry Points for Online and Face to Face Learning

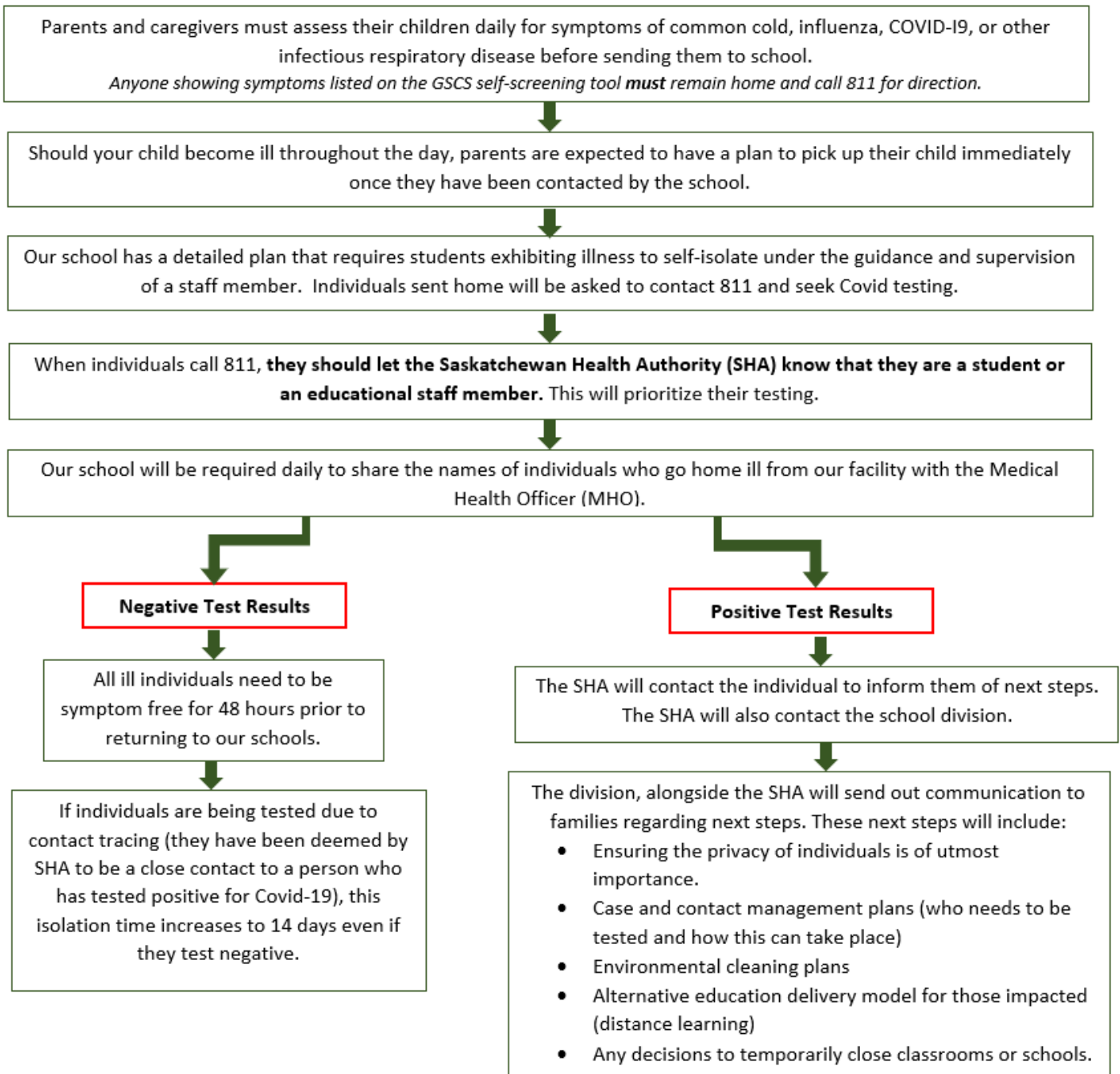
It is hard to believe that we are already in the third week of school. Our classroom groupings are made, and we are well on our way to an amazing first term. One of the many differences for this academic year is that we have some of our students who have opted for learning online and some who are learning face to face. In August, we shared that families opting for online learning would be able to re-enter into face-to-face instruction during natural transition times throughout the academic year. Below are the dates and deadlines established for transitions between online and face to face instruction. Having these defined dates reduces the challenges in calibrating what was taught online vs face to face, it reduces the possibility of outcomes being missed and allows time to build relationships with a new teacher and classmates.

- **September 30th – Families are able to transition from online to face to face until this date. Students will continue to learn in their cohorts until the end of the first reporting period.**
- November 27th - By this date, we ask that families inform schools if they plan to transition back to face to face.

- December 18th - By this date, we ask that families inform schools if they plan to transition back to face to face after Christmas.
- Due to the fluidity of the current COVID landscape, we will identify further transition periods later in the year.

Families are asked to connect with their online teachers, as well as their home school administration when they plan to make a transition from online to face to face learning.

COVID SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE



STUDENT ENTRANCES

All students are to use their assigned entrance door each day to enter and leave the building. Students can only use the front door entrance when they are late or going home ill. If you are picking up your child early for appointments or other reasons, please arrange to pick them up at their assigned entrance door. Parents are kindly asked not to enter the building. Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep our students and staff safe.

BE SEEN IN JEANS

Our school staff will be supporting the Greater Saskatoon Schools Foundation by paying to wear jeans on the following dates: September 18, October 2, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 16, May 14 and June 4. As well, our staff will wear jeans to support the United Way October 19th - October 23rd.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS (PLD)

GSCS have professional learning days for elementary school staff for staff meetings, planning, collaboration and professional development. On these days there are no students at school: **Monday, October 26th**, **Monday, November 16th**, **Monday, January 25th**, **Monday, March 8th**, **Friday, May 7th** and **Monday, June 7th**.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The annual general CSCC meeting is on **Tuesday, October 20th** at 6:00 pm **online**. The CSCC will be electing positions for a minimum 2 year commitment: Chairperson, Hot Lunch Coordinator, Room Parent Coordinator and Member at Large. The following are vacant position descriptions:

Chairperson:

- ❖ Conduct CSCC meetings
- ❖ Ensure that all members have input on discussion and decisions
- ❖ Prepare meeting agenda in consultation with the principal and other committee members
- ❖ Liaison with Principal
- ❖ Oversee council operations
- ❖ Establish networks that support the council
- ❖ Act as spokesperson for the council
- ❖ Coordinate Flower Power plant fundraiser

Hot Lunch Coordinator:

- ❖ Coordinate CSCC Christmas hot lunch and June hot lunch BBQ
- ❖ Coordinate Family Bingo in the spring

Room Parent Coordinator

- ❖ Attain a list of room parent contact information from office coordinator
- ❖ Liaison between room parents and CSCC
- ❖ Contact (usually by email) room parents to disseminate information from council to parents/guardians regarding council activities
- ❖ Coordinate Staff Appreciation week activities

Member at Large

- ❖ Postering and advertising for CSCC events
- ❖ Coordinate a School Clothing sale every second year

If you are interested in letting your name stand for any of the elected positions, please contact Lindsay Patola at lindsay.patola@gmail.com. Please also contact Lindsay if you require any additional information about these elected council positions. All are welcome to the AGM even if you do not wish to become a regular member of the council. Thank you for your cooperation, support and your interest in the St. Philip CSCC. Together, we make St. Philip a great school for every child to learn, grow and succeed.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Student Leadership Council will not be meeting due to COVID restrictions.

HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES



Due to COVID restrictions, Healthy Hunger lunches have been cancelled until after Christmas Break.

SCHOOLS WIN TWICE TICKETS

The "Schools Win Twice Raffle" is postponed until further notice due to COVID restrictions.

GRADE 5 AND VETERAN'S VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

Due to COVID restrictions, Grade 5 will not be going to the Veteran's Village.

3-WAY CONFERENCES

We will continue to use the ONLINE parent teacher conference scheduler for all parents and families to sign up for the 3-Way conferences. Please note that there will be NO paper sign up sheet at the school, all sign up is to be done online. Families who are NOT new to St. Philip School were provided login credentials last school year and were instructed to keep those login credentials for future use as they will be required for upcoming school years. Only new families and families who have changed their main contact phone number were emailed login credentials on September 30th. If you received an email with your login credentials, please be sure to keep that email for future reference as you require that information in order to log in.

STUDENT ABSENCE (SAFE ARRIVAL)



Thank you to all parents who have been using this new system. To those who still have not signed up to Safe Arrival, you have three convenient ways to report absences, and you can report planned absences in

advance:

1. On your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** and then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** and then **Report an Absence**. **It is important to sign-up using the email address you have provided the school.**
3. Call the toll-free number **1-844-425-7221** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

School newsletters and other information will also be sent to you through SchoolMessenger Automated Notification system
broadcasts@schoolmessengermail.com. Please

ensure you have this email address on your approved sender list so it won't be filed as junk or spam.

Please note that you are not able to redial the school if you are replying to an automated voice message. Redial will not reach the school but rather the Division office. Please call St. Philip directly (306-659-7450) when replying by telephone. **As a reminder: all students who arrive late need to check in at the office for a late slip.**

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be emailed home the **last week of each month** (except for September and January) and will be posted on our website:
www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/phi.

EXTERIOR DOORS

Due to safety, all exterior doors will be locked, except for the main front door, during the school day from 9:00 am until 3:30 pm. Students and visitors are reminded that entrance to the school throughout the day will be through the main entrance only. All visitors should report to the office.

UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION

Please call the school and let us know if you have changed your telephone number or have moved. In case of an emergency, we need accurate, updated information to contact you.

STAFF MEETINGS

Teaching staff gathers Tuesday mornings for prayer and a brief meeting at 8:10 am; therefore, teachers will not get to their classrooms until shortly before 8:30 am. If you need to call and leave a message, please feel free to do so and your call will be returned.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Our telephone system has changed. Our telephones are now on automated answering. Please listen carefully to the prompts. To leave a message for teachers "press 9". To report your child's absence "press 4". For **emergencies** "press 0". All calls will be directed to voicemail and messages will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

OUTSIDE FOOTWEAR

Parents, students and staff are reminded to remove any wet outside footwear when entering the school. This will ensure the floors will be kept dry and clean for those who do remove their footwear. Thank you for keeping our school safe and clean.

MEDICATION POLICY

The School Division policies outline appropriate procedures dealing with a variety of emergency situations, which includes administration of emergency medical assistance or medication. Prior to administering medication (prescription or non prescription). It is stated that a letter from the child's parent/ guardian and a letter from the physician is to be received at the school. If this applies to your child, please contact the school for more information.

ALLERGY ALERT



We have a number of students at our school that are **highly allergic to peanuts and nut products.**

Anaphylaxis is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within

minutes. Because of the seriousness of this danger, we ask that you are careful to avoid sending these foods or foods containing them to school. A reminder that if you have a child that needs medical treatment that is life threatening, please contact the principal at the school. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

For the safety of our students, please do not use the staff parking lots as a drop off or pick up zone. When dropping off your children, please use Haultain Avenue and drop them off by the gym doors.

SCHOOL ZONES

- The speed limit in school zones is 30 kms/hr
- U-turns are prohibited
- Parking is allowed in designated areas only
- Stopping or parking is not allowed in a school bus loading zone
- Jaywalking is prohibited; pedestrians must cross at intersections or marked crosswalks

CRAYOLA COLOR CYCLE



This is an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills! The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and

Canada since 2013 and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food and power vehicles.

St. Philip students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house - even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. A drop-off box is located in the office.



POP CAN TAB COLLECTION



Silver for Gold is a fundraiser to collect aluminum can tabs to raise money for Childhood Cancer in Saskatoon, run by the online community, **Small But**

Mighty YXE. Silver for Gold is not just about collecting tabs and donating

money towards Childhood Cancer; it is also about raising awareness of children and families affected by cancer, within our community & across the province.

Please donate your pop can tabs to this worthy cause! It's as simple as removing the tabs from your cans, collecting them in a ziplock bag and dropping them off at the office!

ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH

Phone: 306-343-0325; Fax: 306-343-0900;

Website: www.stphilipneriparish.ca;

Facebook: Saint Philip Neri Parish

Weekend Masses: Saturday ~ 5:00 pm;

Sunday ~ 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays ~ Fridays at **8:30 am**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before School and After School care is handled through PCDC.



- Quality care for school age children before and after school.
- Care for full days on PLDs, school breaks and summer.
- Open Mon-Fri, 7:30am - 6:00pm

For more information, please contact Shelley at 306-659-7106 or sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

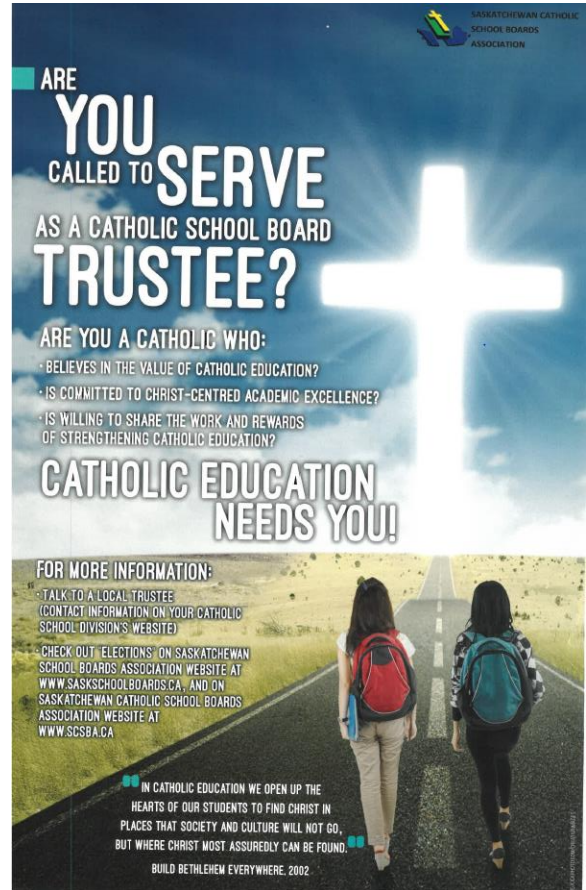


Indoor Programming cancelled
for the Fall session.

As of August 17th, Saskatoon schools have cancelled all school bookings, so we regretfully have to cancel our indoor programming.

“Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Reopening Plan supports the safety and well-being of students, staff members and families. The health and safety of our students and staff is of upmost importance.

Due to additional safety measures being implemented to protect against the spread of COVID -19, Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools will be cancelling all rentals in our facilities until Dec 31, 2020.”



COMMUNITY EVENTS

SASKATOON YOUTH SOCCER INC.

Indoor Soccer

U5 to U19

Fall Season Register by Aug-Sept
Winter Season Register by November
Check with your Zone or Community Association
for registration details for both seasons



Indoor Season Details:

Fall Season: October to December 2020

Winter Season: January to March 2021

Mini U5 – U9: Each season to have 6 games
Youth U11 – U13: Each season to have 10 games
Youth U15 – U19: Each season to have 9 games

306-975-3413

Register according to your birth year:

Community Association Programs: (Community handles registration, coaches, and equipment):

Born 2016 Mini Under-5 Timbits Register with Community Association
Born 2014 / 2015 Mini Under-7 Timbits Register with Community Association
Born 2012 / 2013 Mini Under-9 Register with Community Association

Zone Association Programs: (Zone coordinates registration, coaches, and additional player development):

Born 2014 / 2015 Mini Under-7 Development Register with Zone Association (home zone recommended)
Born 2012 / 2013 Mini Under-9 Development Register with Zone Association (home zone recommended)
Born 2010 / 2011 Youth Under-11 Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2008 / 2009 Youth Under-13 Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2006 / 2007 Youth Under-15 Register with Zone of Residence
Born 2002 - 2005 Youth Under-19 Birth Years 2004 / 2005 Register with Zone of Residence
Birth Years 2002 / 2003 Register with Zone Association

*Programming subject to change and dependent on provincial health authority guidelines related to COVID-19.

Tentative Game Days, Registration Dates, and Contact Info for Community Associations and Zones will be posted on our website as early as Aug 1st.

www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca



COOL MOVES VOLLEYBALL

REGISTER On-line with a Visa or
Mastercard

For Registration **WITHOUT** using a
credit card

Fall Session

Sep 16th – Nov 4th, 2020

Winter Session

Jan 13th – Mar 10th, 2021

Fee is \$155.00 for each 8 week program

Wednesdays 5:00 – 6:25 pm
Henk Ruys Soccer Center in Lawson
219 Primrose Drive, Saskatoon

Contact by text Leo van Dam at 306-
261-5994

We will be following
Sask Volleyball's
"Return to Play COVID-19
Protocol" during our program