



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter #8 – April 2021

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GOSPEL VIRTUE

For the month of April, we celebrate the **Gospel Virtue of JUSTICE.**

“Blessed are those who seek justice; for people’s lives shall be transformed.”

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1	Holy Thursday Liturgy & Stations of the Cross virtually led by Kindergarten
April 2	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL
April 4	Easter Sunday
April 5 – April 9	EASTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL
April 7	Green Shirt Day – support organ donors - wear green!
April 22	Earth Day Event – school yard clean up



WATER BOTTLES – Please make sure your child has a reusable water bottle at the school every day. The school does not have any more water bottles to give out to students.

QR CODES

All parents and visitors who enter St. Philip School are to register using the QR Code **BEFORE** they walk past the sanitizing desk in the front entrance. Even if you are taking a minute to drop something off for your child, you **MUST** register. It is preferred that you call the school at 306-659-7450 when you are at the front of the school and a staff member will meet you at the front doors; therefore, you do not have to enter the school and register using the QR Code.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Come learn and play with us.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-22 school year will open in January. Children who will be 5 years old on or before January 31, 2022 (birthday January 31, 2017) can register for Kindergarten by contacting the school or visiting www.gscs.ca/kindergarten.

At this time, we are not able to give families a tour of the school and the opportunity to meet the teacher in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at 306-659-7450 or st.philip@gscs.ca.

TELEPHONE MESSAGES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

All calls to teachers, either by pressing “9” or calling the office “0”, get directed to voicemail and messages will be returned as soon as possible. If your call is urgent, please let Mrs. Lockert know when you call so she does not put the call through to voice mail. ie: appointments, student lunches, transportation after school, etc. Please note that as we have an automated phone system, calls are not answered at the office during the lunch hour. Thank you for your understanding.

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES

Students arriving after 8:40 am will be marked late. Students are to use the main entrance doors to check in at the office as all other entrances will be locked. Early departures must be reported either via School Messenger or via a note to the classroom teacher. Students need stop by the front office prior to leaving the building via the main entrance door if a student is leaving early. If an unexpected absence later in the day should occur, please notify the office.

BUSSING TO ST. PHILIP SCHOOL



Bussing is provided to students living further than 1.2 km from the school in Broadway, Exhibition, Grosvenor Park, South Corman Park and Varsity View areas.

To see if your child qualifies for bussing, check out the First Student website at saskatoon.firststudentinc.com or call the school at 306-659-7450.

ADMIN MESSAGE

- As we prepare for the Easter break, we look forward to Spring and working on some exciting projects as we near the last three months of this school year. During the month of April, we will be celebrating the Gospel Virtue of Justice. Students will be learning about making positive changes in the world, discussing real-world problems with multiple perspectives, creating classroom community, and including authentic assessment. With Spring comes different weather patterns, we are seeing cold mornings and very wet conditions in the afternoons. We ask parents and caregivers to ensure that children have warm clothing for recess breaks during the next few days and if possible, another pair of socks and pants so that students can change if their clothing becomes wet. We thank you for your anticipated cooperation. We have been celebrating classroom led liturgies during Lent season and on Thursday, the Stations of the Cross will be led by our Kindergarten class.
- We would like to thank everyone for their generosity with our Lenten fundraising during our Lenten journey. A generous donation of non-perishable food items was given to the Saskatoon Food Bank and the Friendship Inn. Thank you to all the students and staff who participated in the Lenten fundraisers for Chalice throughout the Lenten season. **\$428.10** was raised in total for Chalice. Thank you again for your generous donations.
- Wishing that the blessing of the Lord fills your heart and home with happiness. Happy Easter.

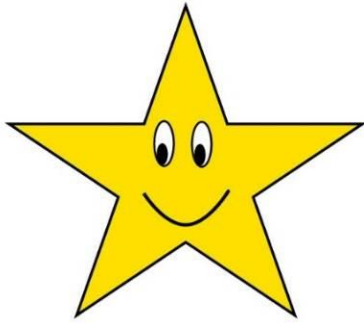
*Paola Kobussen – Acting Principal
Danielle Clatney – Acting Vice-Principal*

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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

SOARING STUDENTS

Congratulations to St. Philip's **March** Soaring Students:



KTT – MacKinnan T, Kya y
Gr 1/2 – Adilyn F, Leroy V-K
Gr 2/3 – Shahroze J, Amelia M, Dana T
Gr 3/4 – Samuel O, Kirstin R
Gr 4/5 –Ashlyn H, Cassidy M, Emmanuel O
Gr 5/6 – Max B, Suri C-C, Max K, Logan M
Gr 6/7 – Emilia G, Alexis L
Gr 7 – Joshua C-W, Gaby M
Gr 8 –Joanne M, Ava P, Macy S
DHH – Cassidy

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS (PLD)

GSCS has professional learning days for elementary school staff for staff meetings, planning, collaboration and professional development. On these days there are no students at school: **Friday, May 7th and Monday, June 7th.**

CSCC MEETINGS

CSCC meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams at 6:00 pm. The CSCC meeting dates are: **May 11th and June 8th.** If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair at cscpcphic@gscs.ca or our Acting Principal, Paola Kobussen at pkobussen@gscs.ca to get the link for the meeting. All are welcome!

GSCS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Here's their latest newsletter (it can be found online at foundation.gscs.ca/newsletters/)

HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES



Due to COVID restrictions, Healthy Hunger lunches have been cancelled for this year.

ECOJUSTICE GRADE 8 PROGRAM

GSCS' Grade 8 EcoJustice program will soon embark on their recruitment drive. They will present virtually at schools between March 29, 2021 to April 1, 2021. Monday, May 3, 2021 will be a virtual Open House and the Application Deadline is Thursday, May 6, 2021

EcoJustice is a Grade 8 environmental, adventure program housed out of St. Frances Bateman and College of Education U of S. The term EcoJustice is an approach that analyzes the increasing destruction of the world's diverse ecosystems, languages and cultures by the globalizing and ethnocentric forces of Western consumer culture. EcoJustice scholars and educators also study, support and teach about the ways that various cultures around the world actively resist these colonizing forces by protecting and revitalizing their commons that is the social practices and traditions, languages and relationships with the land necessary to the sustainability of their communities.

Link to information/videos:

<https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/elementaryschools/Documents/EcoJustice%20Information%202020%20Edited.pdf>

RINK RULES

Due to the unpredictable weather, the ice has melted in spots that make it unsafe for anyone to skate on. There will be no skating or hockey on the ice during the school day.

RINK NEWS

THANK YOU! A huge thank you to Mr. Frank and all the volunteers who gave of their time to make our rink available for our St. Philip students and all the families in the community!



POP CAN TAB COLLECTION



Silver for Gold is an entirely Saskatchewan based initiative to fund childhood cancer research in Canada through the collection of aluminum can tabs. It is a unique collaboration between Small But Mighty YXE and EcoGenX Agricultural Recycling. **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!**

Thank you, St. Philip School! So far, we have collected more than a five-gallon pail of tabs. Let us continue collecting the tabs and have another five-gallon pail of tabs to donate in September.



PCDC BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



- Quality care for school age children before and after school.
- Open Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

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

ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH

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

Website: www.stphilipneriparish.ca; Facebook: Saint Philip Neri Parish

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

Weekend Masses: Saturday ~ **5:00 pm** and **7:00 pm**; Sunday ~ **9:30 am** and **11:30 am**

Livestream Masses: Saturday ~ 5:00 pm and Sunday ~ 9:30 am

HOME DAYCARE

Do you run a Daycare out of your house or know of a Home Daycare around St. Philip School? Please call the school at 306-659-7450 or email st.philip@gscs.ca and let us know as we have families in need of one.

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Adelaide Park Churchill Spring 2021 Programming

Registration is available until April 1st for these two programs but there are opportunities to register late if you contact darcywarrington@gmail.com.

BABYSITTING BASICS COURSE (AGE 11-16)

March 20th, April 10th, April 24th, May 8th

Instructor, Times, & Location: TBA

For those interested in taking responsibility for younger children. The 6.5-hour class includes safety practices, child care basics, introductory first aid, and activities. Focused on hands-on participation and skill development.



HOME ALONE COURSE (10-14 YRS)

April 9th, April 25th, May 1st, May 30th

Time & Location: TBA. About 45min. per session

A 2.5 hour course is designed to provide the necessary skills and knowledge to be safe and responsible when home alone for short periods of time. A great opportunity to increase independence for children through the pandemic.

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.

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 and other information will be sent to you through SchoolMessenger Automated Notification system broadcasts@schoolmessengermail.com the **last week of each month** (except for September and January) and will be posted on our website: www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/phi. Please ensure you have this email address on your approved sender list so it won't be filed as junk or spam.

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), 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.

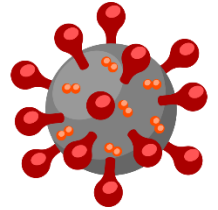


DAILY SCREENING FOR COVID-19

It is imperative that parents and guardians screen their children before sending them to school. If a student has any one of the symptoms listed below, we ask that you remain at home until you are symptom-free for 48 hours. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this.

Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire

Parents/guardians/students must use this questionnaire daily to decide if the student should attend school



Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

Do you, or your child, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	Yes	No
• Fever	Yes	No
• Cough	Yes	No
• Shortness of breath/Difficulty Breathing	Yes	No
• Sore throat	Yes	No
• Chills	Yes	No
• Painful swallowing	Yes	No
• Runny nose/Nasal congestion	Yes	No
• Feeling unwell/Fatigued	Yes	No
• Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea	Yes	No
• Unexplained loss of appetite	Yes	No
• Loss of sense of taste or smell	Yes	No
• Muscle/joint aches	Yes	No
• Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)	Yes	No
• Headache	Yes	No
• Dizziness	Yes	No
Has the person attending the facility travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	Yes	No
Have you/your child had close contact (has spent at least 15 minutes cumulatively within 2m/6ft) with someone who has travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days <u>and who is ill**?</u>	Yes	No
Have you/your child or anyone in your household been in close contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	Yes	No

** “ill means someone with COVID-19 symptoms on the list above”

If you have answered “**Yes**” to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** enter the school at this time. You should stay home and call 811 for directions.

If you have answered “**No**” to all the above questions, you may attend school.

Camp Dates

Week 1	July 5 - 9
Week 2	July 12 - 16
Week 3	July 19 - 23
Week 4	July 26 - 30
Week 5*	August 3 - 6
Week 6	August 9 - 13
Week 7	August 16 - 20
Week 8	August 23 - 27
Week 9	Aug. 30 - Sept. 3

* camp does not run Mon. Aug. 2, 2021

Key Policies

BALL/SHIRT: Campers will only receive 1 camp soccer ball & 1 t-shirt. If a camper attends 5 or more weeks of camp, he/she will receive a 2nd ball & t-shirt on his/her 5th week of camp.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: While camp will continue at designated shelter or indoor facility until inclement weather clears, soccer and active games will likely not be played indoors. There are no refunds due to bad weather.

LATE PICKUP: Pick up beyond 5:00 pm (for full day sessions) will be charged at \$10 per 15 minutes. We reserve the right to ask you to withdraw from camp for multiple late pickups past 5:00pm.

TRANSPORTATION not provided: We do not offer pick up or drop off service, however, if camp must travel a distance for any reason, we will arrange bus and you or the Supervisor will notify you.

To read all of our camp policies, visit our website or click here.

Locations

- for the latest location details, [click here](#) -



Saskatoon: 2 locations

- (N) Bishop James Mahoney HS field**
(231 Primrose Dr, drop off & parking behind school off Primrose Dr, south of Lenore Dr)
- (S) Wildwood Park**
(203 Rose dale Rd, drop off & parking by Wildwood School, off Rose dale Rd, north of Avondale Rd)

Fees & Discounts

All fees are per week per camper.

Morning Sessions

Regular Fee	\$125
Early bird (register by March 31, 2021)	\$110
June 1 (register between Mar 31-June 1)	\$115
6+ Weeks (register for 6 or more weeks)	\$105
Week 5 only (4 day week)	\$105

Full Day Sessions

Regular Fee	\$199
Early bird (register by March 31, 2021)	\$169
June 1 (register between Mar 31-June 1)	\$174
6+ Weeks (register for 6 or more weeks)	\$164
Week 5 only (4 day week)	\$159

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