



Bishop Pocock School

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AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN:

Faith, Hope and Love

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

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February 2021

Thank you so much for your support during these cold winter months. This is a difficult time of year, and more so during the pandemic, but our students continue to have good attendance and come to school happy and ready to learn.

Please continue to support your child's education by having them practice reading and math facts at home and limiting their screen time (to a reasonable amount). These simple practices will help them improve their learning this year and in the future. We invite you to support our **Spell-a-thon** which will take place on **Friday, February 12**. We are raising funds with our CSCC to replace the basketball backboards, rims and nets in the gym.

The season of **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17**, during the February Break. We will be sending information about our food collection project for Friendship Inn later in February. During Lent, we journey with Jesus in the desert for 40 days in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I encourage you to practice Lent as a family.

Our TIGER virtue for February is TRUTH. We expect the truth to always be told in love even when it is difficult. We teach, learn and live the truths of the Catholic faith as taught by the Church and the Bible.

Please call me anytime if you have questions or concerns. Please continue to pray for the Bishop Pocock School community and know that we are praying for you.

Mr. A. Novecosky

Kindergarten Registration

Come Learn and Play with Us!

Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-21 school year is open. Children who will be 5 years old on or before January 31, 2022 (birthday on or after January 31, 2017) can register for kindergarten by contacting the school or visiting www.gscs.ca/kindergarten.



We are a safe, warm, and welcoming Catholic school that helps each child reach their full intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical potential. If you have a neighbour, a friend or relative who has a child ready to begin kindergarten, please tell them about our school and encourage them to consider our school. We hope to spread the good news about the faith and learning that happens at Bishop Pocock School.

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 we are able, we plan on having some form of information evening at the school after the Easter break.

If you have questions or need more information, contact us at 306-659-7160 or e-mail Andrew Novecosky at ANovecosky@gscs.ca.



Bishop Pocock students are invited to participate in a school wide Spellathon. We are asking students to collect pledges from friends and family members between now and **Tuesday, February 9**. Please refer to the letter and pledge sheet that will be sent home on Friday for further details and prize information. Students will be tested on **Friday, February 12**.

The funds raised will be put towards purchasing and installing new basketball nets and backboards in the gym. Every dollar counts and is appreciated... thanks for your support!



Valentine's Day

Students will be able to bring Valentine cards to school for their classmates but the cards need to sit for a minimum of 24-hours prior to handing them out to other students. As per Division policy during the pandemic, we are reminded that food or candy cannot not be shared or handed out. (Treats cannot be attached to the cards, as was often the practice in the past.) Classroom teachers who are having Valentines' activities will send any further information directly to parents.

Pink Day - Wednesday, February 24

Pink Day started in 2007, when a grade nine student in Nova Scotia was bullied by classmates for wearing a pink shirt to school. Taking notice, two students rallied their peers to send a message to the bullies. The next day, the halls were filled with students in pink t-shirts.

Pink Day started because two boys chose to do something about bullying rather than stand by and watch it happen. Now the movement is worldwide, educating and inspiring others to stand together and take action against violence and bullying. **On Wednesday, February 24, we encourage everyone to practice kindness and wear PINK to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying!**



On **Thursday, February 25**, Legacy One will be presented to students in grades 5-8. Legacy One equips students to live resilient lives and thrive in their mental health. Their teaching is based on the Christian faith. For more information, please visit their website: www.legacyone.ca/

[Legacy One](http://www.legacyone.ca/)

"The most powerful Assembly I have ever witnessed in my 15+ years of teaching."
Teacher / Spencer Middle School, Victoria
www.legacyone.ca



Bishop Pocock Catholic School Community Council Meeting **Monday, March 8 at 7:30 PM**

Please e-mail ANovecosky@gscs.ca if you would like an invitation to participate in the virtual meeting.

Watch for information coming soon about the Kernels Popcorn Fundraiser!

Cold Weather Information for Bus Students from Hertz Northern Bus

School buses can sometimes be delayed due to traffic, road closures, or bad weather. **Students should always be dressed appropriately for the cold weather.**

Students should not wait outside in extreme cold weather for longer than 10 minutes. If the bus is more than 10 minutes late from the scheduled time, students should return inside and should phone the **BUS INFO HOTLINE (306) 374-4777** to check the status of their bus. The Hotline reports on bus delays or cancellations.

If a bus is more than 10 minutes late and students have not been picked up, then the bus route will be required to run again 1 hour from the regular scheduled pick up time. This would be reported on the **BUS INFO HOTLINE (306) 374-4777** or families can call our office at **(306) 374-5161**. School principals will be informed according to school board policy.

School Board officials will make the decision when to cancel bus routes due to extreme weather. They will contact our office. Bus drivers will then notify families of a cancellation and it would be reported on the **BUS INFO HOTLINE (306) 374-4777**. *Let's be prepared for cold weather!*

****Bus routes, as per school board policy, are cancelled if temperatures are -45 (including windchill factor) on Environment Canada by 7 AM. ****

Holy Spirit Parish

Pope Francis has declared that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. In 2021 the *Sunday of the Word of God* falls on **January 24**. So, what can we do to celebrate the Word of God?

1. **DESIGNATE A PLACE FOR LISTENING AND PRAYER:** Enthroned the Bible in your home. This is a spot or a place to come regularly to read the Bible, individually and/or as a family.
2. **READ:** Read the verses aloud, slowly and carefully, realizing that God is speaking through the sacred text. Imagine the scene, notice the feelings evoked by the text, and consider the type of writing used by the author.
3. **MEDITATE:** Considering what particular phrases or images have caught your attention, ask yourself what the text is saying personally to you. What insight, comfort, or challenge is God offering you?
4. **PRAY:** Respond to God who has spoken to you in the text. In words of thanks, praise, repentance, or petition, speak to God from the heart.
5. **CONTEMPLATE:** Simply rest in God's presence. Trust God to work within you and form you in the divine image. Stay in silence and savor the Holy Spirit.
6. **ACT:** Determine how you can turn your prayerful reflection into practical experience. Let the power of God's word have an effect in your life, making you a more committed disciple of Jesus.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION, HOLY SPIRIT PARISH: Confirmation (Grade 6 and up)

The Diocese of Saskatoon has recently moved the age of Confirmation to Grade 6. If you have a child who is in need of receiving this Sacrament, and is in Grade 6 or older, please contact Erin Gratton at egratton@rcdos.ca for a Registration Form and more information. Classes will take place over Zoom starting at the end of February and running until the end of March. To see the Bishop's Letter on the subject of Confirmation at an older age please visit: https://rcdos.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MHagemoen-to-Sask-Diocese-re-Confirmation-Jul8-2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR24vn_8ae-oYLA8D5aqRU1oxef6gQVBSBFe1OPtV4TDIFQ6YSnfBlzs0qY