



Bishop Pocock School

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March 5, 2021

As winter winds down and spring nears, we have a number of special seasons and events upcoming. **3-Way Conferences occur on Thursday, March 18 (3:45 – 8 PM) and Friday, March 19 (9 AM – 1 PM, No school for students)** and once again this term, all parents/guardians need to sign up online and meetings will be held virtually with Google Meet or by phone. Please see below. **Report cards go home on Friday, March 26.**

We have also begun the holy season of **Lent**, the 40 day journey in the desert with Jesus to prepare our hearts for the celebration of His Resurrection at Easter. We will do more giving, fasting and praying which will help us grow closer to Jesus. The **"Pool Our Love"** campaign for those in need at the Friendship Inn is concluding today. We have filled our pool to overflowing with oatmeal and coffee! Thank you for your support as we help the most needy in our city.

Our Bishop Pocock TIGER virtue for March is **INCLUDE (OTHERS)**. Including others strengthens our school atmosphere and help all students feel that they belong, that they are valued and loved. All ages of students are willing to help one another in our school. Our school is very diverse and multicultural, and no one is left out. Everyone wants to listen and learn. This is a strength at our school and must not be taken for granted.

Jesus talked about including others and taking care of others all the time. He often ate with outcasts, sinners that no one would talk to. He said, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you did it for me." He also commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Please continue to read with your children at home (or have them read) and let them see you reading. This will help them grow in their reading abilities and desire to read. Also, please continue to pray for the students, staff and families in the Bishop Pocock School community.

God bless you all,

Mr. A. Novocosky

3-Way Conferences – Thursday, March 18 (4-8) and Friday, March 19 (9 AM -1 PM)

Thank you to all the parents who have already booked their 3-way Conferences through the PTC Scheduler. It will close on Sunday, MARCH 14 at 9 PM but spaces fill up quickly. Please book your preferred times as soon as possible. Simply go to <https://apps.gscs.ca/ptc> and log in with the username and password that you used last term.

You will see a dropdown list containing the student number for each of your children on the top left-hand side. Select the child you wish to schedule interviews for, then select the teacher (if applicable), and finally select from the available times.

If you are having trouble with your log in credentials or password, with making the booking, or if you were new to our school division since November, please e-mail cpawluk@gscs.ca. Thanks!

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.

St. Patrick's Spirit Day

Wear Green on St. Patrick's Day, **Wednesday, March 17** to earn House League points.



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.

KERNELS POPCORN FUNDRAISER

Dear Bishop Pocock Families,

We are very excited about doing another fundraiser with Kernels Popcorn! The money raised will be used towards the ongoing needs of our students.

*There are so many delicious flavours to choose from! It's a great idea for a lunch treat or an after-school snack. The bags are similar in size to an individual serve chip bag and they are completely filled. **The price is \$2.50 per bag.***

The product is made in the Kernels Saskatoon location. All the bags of popcorn are heat-sealed and will last for over 3 months.

Order forms were sent home last week. If you would like to order, please complete the form and submit orders to Mrs. Pawluk in the office. Additional forms are available in the office if needed. Payment can be by CASH or CHEQUES payable to Bishop Pocock School.

ORDERS DUE: **Thursday, March 11**

DELIVERY DATE: **Monday, March 22**



If you have any questions, please contact Melissa McEwen at 306 280-3661.

Thank you!

Bishop Pocock CSCC



Thank you for your generous contributions to our Spellathon! We raised a total of \$2,586.00 (minus \$100 for prizes). The funds will be set aside to help pay for new backboards, rims, and foldaway metal basketball supports for the gym.

Fundraising prizes were awarded as follows:

TOP CLASSROOM – Grade 1's raised over \$600 and received an extra Phys. Ed. Class with Mr. Novecosky

TOP INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISERS (\$25 gift cards)

Kindergarten – Grade 4 Eevee (Gr. 1) Grade 5- 8 Kayden (Gr. 8)

SECOND PLACE FUNDRAISERS (Free lunch from the principal)

Kindergarten – Grade 4 Cooper (Gr. 1) Grade 5-8 Natalie (Gr. 5)

The following students were awarded a \$10 gift card for winning their level in their class Spelling Bees:
Beckett (Grade 2/3) Temidire (Grade 3/4) Nicholas (Grade 5/6) Tia (Grade 6/7) Darien (Grade 7/8)

Holy Spirit Parish

How Can Lent Be Different This Year?

Lent is here again. With the year we just experienced, it sometimes seems like it never ended. I know we've given up a lot this past year because of COVID, but how can we bring greater meaning to this season? I'd like us to imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Let's even try and imagine that God is going to help transform our lives.

Preparing our hearts for this transformation is a process. We need to practice this with a sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time to dread in some way, then we've already set ourselves up to not getting very much out of it. It's time to start anticipating that something wonderful is about to happen.

Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. That there is something coming, that we can truly look forward to. With this mindset, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do, is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. So, what things can help us to increase our awareness?

We can let our homes be places full of reminders – things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that take us elsewhere. It's helpful to display some symbols that will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families.

We can make sure that we have a crucifix in a central place in our home during Lent. A bowl of water placed on a table can be a reminder of our baptismal promises. A candle can be lit at supper time to remind us of the light of Christ among us in Lent. Placing a Bible in a central place in our home can remind us of God's Word in our lives on this Lenten journey.

This year's Lent can be different. With the right mindset and open heart, Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a blessing.