Holy Week - During Holy Week, Christians recall the events leading up to Jesus’ death by crucifixion and ultimately his Resurrection. Holy Week is important as it reminds all Christians of God’s sacrifice of his only Son, Jesus. It also reminds us of God’s love for his people. During this last week of Jesus’ earthly life, Christians celebrate that God raised his son from the dead as well as the destruction of the power of sin and death forever. We just celebrated Palm Sunday, the day where Jesus rides into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey to celebrate the festival of Passover. The last supper is observed on Holy Thursday, Jesus’ crucifixion and death is observed on Good Friday. Lent is officially over when the Easter season begins on Easter Sunday. Christians rejoice in Jesus’ Resurrection and rejoice that the forty days of Lent are over. During this time of self-isolation, we are not able to gather together for these important Christian services. Please go to the Diocese of Saskatoon Home page [https://rcdos.ca] where you can tune in to live streamed Masses and where you can view and participate in previously recorded Masses. The staff wish a Happy Easter to each and every student and their families. May the Resurrection of Jesus our Lord and Savior bring you all peace, joy and a renewed commitment to support others in their time of need as God calls us to do.

God as we walk through Holy week toward the cross,
May we remember the wonder of who you are.
Beyond sin your love is inexhaustible.
Beyond brokenness your forgiveness is incomprehensible.
Beyond betrayal your grace is poured out eternally.
Beyond death your life is unimaginable.
Beyond human understanding...
Your ways are always higher than ours.

Coronavirus Update - We will send out any news as directed from the School Division if there are any updates regarding the Coronavirus through email. Please note that we will continue to also send out the newsletter every second Thursday. Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools take direction from the Chief Medical Officers both nationally and provincially. Presently, there is no new information to share except that all schools in Saskatoon remain physically closed at this time. Thank you for your understanding and your patience as we recently unrolled the supplemental online learning opportunities.

Online Supplemental Learning Opportunities- Thank you, parents and guardians for your patience and cooperation while the teachers worked at getting their online classrooms up and running last week. This was a huge task and a steep learning curve for all of us and I would like to thank the teachers for their efforts, dedication, perseverance and commitment to your children and their learning. Although the past week has been challenging, it has been rewarding planning and preparing for all Father Robinson students. Presently all grade one to eight students are invited to participate in their Google
classroom. Kindergarten students are using Seesaw instead of Google classroom. If your child has not yet signed up for their Google classroom, please check for emails from the homeroom teacher. Although this supplemental learning is invitational, our goal is to have all students participating as much as possible so they can keep their academic skills up as well as connect with their teachers and classmates during this very difficult time. Thank you for completing the technology survey. If you are a family without technology support, please be advised that we are working on this as a school Division as we want all students to have equal access to the online supplemental learning. Technology will be provided following the Easter break. Many families have requested additional technology support as there is only one computer in the home. Technology support is only available for those families with no access. Thank you for your understanding in this regard. Teachers want to remind all students that each Monday morning, their homeroom teacher will post new lessons, activities, video links etc. for the week. If an assignment is expected to be returned to the teacher, this will be noted. Some of the activities are supplemental in nature and are not required to be sent back to the teacher. Teachers are available to provide feedback daily and to assist when there are questions about a concept or an assignment throughout the school day. We want to remind everyone that balance is required with this new online learning platform. We do not want students or parents stressed out about the assignments or whether their child(ren) will be behind in their school work. These are unprecedented times and we need everyone to try their best but not stress too much about this new process. Like many of you, teachers are working with their own children at home trying to assist them as well, so we are all in this together, trying to complete our work at the same time as aiding our children. We are all working at striking a positive balance. Here are some tips that might be useful:

Parent FAQ’s

Tips for Managing On-line Learning

Best Practices for Using Google Classroom

Healthy Hunger lunch update- All Healthy Hunger lunches have been cancelled for the remainder of the school year. Healthy Hunger will be processing refunds for all schools affected by the school closures. At this time due to the high volume of cancellations, they will be working in chronological order to process the refunds. Please be patience as they work diligently to process the refunds.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registrations are still being accepted. Please complete the online registration form found Father Robinson Registration Form and email it back to Father.Robinson@gscs.ca

Kindergarten Registration (Fall 2020 - 2021) It’s not too soon to think about kindergarten for next fall! At Father Robinson school, we strive to see students reach their full potential in a faith-filled learning environment, as well as teaching children that they have what it takes to reach out and make the world a better place. If your child will be five years old by Jan. 31, 2021, he or she can be considered for kindergarten in September this year. Registration forms are available online (link posted above). Birth Certificate and Saskatchewan Health cards are required upon registration. A copy of the Baptismal Certificate if students are Catholic will also be requested. Please call us at 659-7200 if you need further information.

FATHER ROBINSON CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC) NEWS

Our CSCC meetings for this school year will be held online through Google Meet @ 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: May 4 and June 15. Please contact Mrs. McLean @ smclean@gscs.ca if you wish to be invited to participate. You will receive a Google Meet link via email in order to join. Please see the CSCC section of the Father Robinson School website for further details about the Father Robinson Catholic School Community Council: https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/RBI/Pages/SchoolCouncil.aspx

Healthy Hunger Lunches - All special lunches have been cancelled for the remainder of the school year.

Bedding Plant Fundraiser - Watch for details in the upcoming newsletter regarding this fundraiser. We are hoping to offer this fundraiser in a safe manner. Please note that if this fundraiser does go ahead, only e-transfers will be accepted. Thank you for your understanding. More information will follow!
2019-20 FUNDRAISING GOALS
Friends of Father Robinson School
Community Association
Each year, the parent council of Father Robinson School actively coordinates and delivers many fundraisers to help provide many unfunded items for our children. This year, the parent council will be running the following fundraisers:

School Wins Twice – September to October ($2,500) Achieved: $2434
Gift Cards – November to December ($1,600) Achieved: $1591
Bingo – November ($2,500) Achieved: $3536
Turkey Lunch – December ($0) Achieved: $11
Coupon Books – March ($500)
Bedding Plants – May ($1,500)
Yearbook – June ($0)
Hot Lunches – every couple of weeks ($3,900) To date: $2740
Thank you for your support!

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Celebrating 25 years supporting Catholic Education for the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. For less than $1 a day, please support the gift of Catholic Education for your child, grandchild or loved one by becoming a monthly donor today.

https://foundation.gscs.ca/ways-to-give/come-to-the-table-annual-campaign/

COMMUNITY

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES
A group for parents in the community.

JOIN US:
1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
John Lake School, 2600 Broadway Ave
9:30 am – 11:30 am
Open to all parents
No Fee
Drop In
Visit www.cfsaskatoon.sk.ca or call 306-946-7773 for complete details.

BRIDGING THE GAP
A place for parents to share and learn how to connect with their teens who have behaviour issues.

JOIN US:
Thursdays
Community Service Village, 506 25th Street East
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
No Fee
Ongoing Registration
Visit www.cfsaskatoon.sk.ca or call 306-946-7773 for complete details.

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All Activities have been cancelled at this time.

Andy Korvemaker
Faith Formation Minister
We are Holy Family