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• Thank you, parents and guardians, for your patience, partnership and cooperation these past few weeks. We have been able to successfully ease everyone back into class using the new protocols and safety procedures because of your continued support. Our students are well equipped and seem to understand the importance of physical distancing from one another, wearing masks when and if required and keeping close track of their belongings. Thank you for labelling all belongings clearly, for checking your child’s backpacks and day planners daily and for washing their masks daily. You are partners with us and together we will need to rely on one another and work together so that this year is safe, successful and enjoyable for all students. As always, please contact me at 306-659-7201 or at smclean@gscs.ca should you have any questions or concerns.

• Lunch Reminders- Thank you for bringing your child(ren) home for lunch whenever possible. This is the safest practice, and we are thankful many of you have been able to accommodate this request. We understand that for some of you, this is not possible, and rest assured we have lunch supervisors to support students who are eating at the school. Please be sure to send utensils and food containers/items that the children can independently open. For the students in the primary grades, please be aware that we are no longer able to host older students as lunch monitors in the classrooms, therefore independence at lunch time is very important. If your child is staying for lunch, there is a noon lunch form that you need to sign and return to the classroom teacher. Thank you for completing and returning this as soon as possible.

• Please return all forms that were sent home as soon as possible. This year more than ever, it is very important that emergency contacts are up to date as well as all work numbers and cell phone numbers. Please note that we have been given direction by the School Division in consultation with Saskatchewan Health Authority that if in the event your child has any Covid symptoms, they will be taken to an isolation room where they are supervised until a parent or guardian picks them up. You will be contacted (or your emergency contacts) and advised to take your child home. It is recommended that you call 811. The 811 operator will give you advice which may include self monitoring, Covid testing or seeking medical treatment. Students must be symptom free in order to return to school and it is recommended that students are monitored for 48 hours prior to their return. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for working together with us to ensure safety is top priority.

• Welcome Week- September 28th- October 1. We welcome all new students and staff to our school. We hope you are settling in well and we look forward to getting to know you! We have a few things planned: Monday, September 28th- Wear your favorite team jersey spirit day, Tuesday, September 29th- Virtual Care Partner Day, Wednesday, September 30th- Orange Shirt Day and School Photos (K1 and grades 1-5), Thursday, October 1st- School Photos (K2 and grades 6,7,8) Friday, October 2nd- Terry Fox Walk. Students will walk with their teacher and classmates to commemorate and remember this important event. Families are encouraged to make an online donation. Please see the link below. This year is the 40th Anniversary of Terry Fox’s Marathon of Hope and Father Robinson School is proud to be continuing the legacy of one of our greatest heroes. Please join us and support this wonderful cause by donating to: http://www.terryfox.ca/FatherRobinson. Together, we can make a difference! #terryfoxschoolruns @terryfoxfoundation

*Please see the CSCC section of this newsletter for important information about yearbooks and an opportunity to purchase Father Robinson Raptors fanny packs!

Sherry McLean
Forms which have been sent home Monday Sept. 14 include:
These forms need to be reviewed, signed, and returned to classroom teachers:
- Student Verification (Very important that contact information is up to date)
- Noon Lunch Permission (Please note we are requesting children to eat at home if possible.)
- Media Release
The Acceptable Use Policy does not have to be signed and returned rather it is for your information:

Checklist:
- View Father Robinson webpage for calendar, attendance and newsletters.
- SchoolMessenger - enroll for attendance reporting in advance (New families must register, details on our webpage)
- **School Arrival** - Parents/guardians are reminded that students **should not arrive** at school before 8:20 a.m. unless they are going to the before and after school program. **Students arriving to access the Before and After Program or earlier than 8:20 a.m. must use the side gym boot room doors. This is where parents will also pick up their children from the program. Note this is a change from last year.** Students are reminded that this year they will be entering and exiting the building from one door only. Educational Assistants will open their designated door at 8:20 am and will apply hand sanitizer to each student as they enter. Teachers will be in the classrooms upon student arrival. Students should be in the building by 8:35 a.m. Instruction begins at 8:40 a.m. Thank you parents for your cooperation as we work together to ensure safety for all this year.
- **Lates** - Students arriving at 8:40 or later are considered late. Please sign-in at the office as all other entrances will be locked at 8:40 am. Early departures must be reported by 8:45 a.m. through School Messenger or if later in the day, by calling the office directly. Please ensure your children are back from lunch at 12:25 pm. If they arrive late, all students will not use their cohort doors rather they will need to use the front doors and sign in at the office. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

**Yearbook’s Have Arrived**
All families that ordered a 2019-2020 edition of the yearbook, should be receiving their copy this week. Any family that has not received theirs, please let us know (ccsc.vol@gmail.com). If your family did not order a copy and would like one, we have extra copies for sale at $25 each. Please email us to arrange your order at the above email address. Special thanks to Mrs. Leanne Duncan for her efforts on this project. The 2019-2020 yearbook documents online learning very well. Again, this is a year we will never forget!

**Newsletter** - Our newsletter is published every second Thursday and will be posted on the school website. Please check our newsletters frequently to keep up with important dates and other pertinent information from the staff, community and the Catholic School Community Council. **Reminders will be sent home from Mary Ann Hill, Office Coordinator**

**Health forms** - for students with a serious life-threatening health condition (i.e. allergies, heart conditions, diabetes or other medical concerns) health forms must be updated each year. We require parent and physician forms as well as student profile sheets to be completed. If you are a new family needing these forms, please contact the school office. We do have MEDIC Alert registration forms at the office which provides your child with a MEDIC Alert necklace or wrist bracelet providing additional information should an emergency occur. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Before & After School Program at Father Robinson School:** The Boys and Girls Club offer a supervised program before (7:15 am to 8:35 am) and after school (3:10 pm to 6:00 pm). This independently operated program is available to parents of Father Robinson School. **Please find information and the registration forms on their website www.bgcsaskatoon.com**

**FATHER ROBINSON CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC) NEWS**

Our first CSCC meeting for this school year will be held online through Google Meet @ 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21st. 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 the meeting. We look forward to your input. You thank you to the parents on the council who have worked so diligently to support many initiatives, projects and wish list items from the staff this past year. The council is not able to host hot lunches at this time, but are already looking ahead to fundraising ideas that do not involve money collection or food. 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](https://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/RBI/Pages/SchoolCouncil.aspx)

**CSCC Father Robinson Fanny Pack Sale**
Parents and Guardians, are you looking for an option to help keep your child’s mask clean during the school day?

By this time, your children may have noticed that the staff of Father Robinson School have been wearing fanny packs to not only keep their mask in, but to carry other items such as kleenex and hand sanitizer. This practice will help to limit contact with contaminants.
The Friends of Father Robinson School Community Association is pleased to offer a limited release of Father Robinson Raptors fanny packs complete with the Father Robinson School Raptor logo*, to our students for only $16, tax included. These packs can be used to store your child’s mask during recess so they can keep their mask on their bodies, limiting the exposure to dirt and potential contamination.

**Please note, this is not a fundraiser for our school. We are selling the fanny packs at our cost. Our Principal, Staff and members of the Friends of Father Robinson Community Association are working hard to come up with ideas for a safer school for everyone.**

*The picture will be of the Father Robinson Raptor Logo, not Minimal Sound

New* 345074 Journey Fanny Pack

The Journey Fanny Pack makes a great adventure buddy. This fanny pack features a roomy, zippered main compartment for all your must-haves, as well as a zippered front pocket for extra storage. This fanny packs extends up to 47”

To order your Father Robinson School Fanny Pack, please send an email to CSCC_VOL@gmail.com, no later than Friday, September 18, 2020. In your email, please include the following information:

1) Name and number of Students purchasing packs
2) Grade/Teacher of Students

You will be given a total and a link to send an e-transfer to our CSCC account. Due to Covid-19, we are unable to receive cash or cheques at this time.

Please note if we have a low number of orders, we will have to cancel the order in its entirety and your money will be refunded.

Stay Safe,
Natalie Cargan – CSCC/FOFRSCA Fundraising chair

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