



ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1 – September 2022

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GOSPEL VIRTUE - FRIENDLINESS.

I am friendly. Today I will smile and say hello to people. I will share myself and show an interest in others. I like myself, and I know I can make new friends.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 13	5:45 pm – Meet the Staff BBQ in the gym
September 15	10:30 am - Opening School Mass with Pope John Paul II School at St. Philip Neri Church
September 16	St. Philip Day – wear St. Philip clothing or blue, grey or white
September 23	1:00 pm – Terry Fox Walk
September 29	Orange Shirt Day - wear orange
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – NO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for our Catholic school community where we can journey in faith together. Help us to accompany each other in our learning as we grow, living as joyful disciples of Jesus and bringing good news to the world. May your love speak to our hearts, helping us to bring hope to others and a commitment to justice in all we do. Help us to begin this new school year with hearts that welcome Jesus in everyone we meet.

ADMIN MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new school year!

A special welcome to all the new families joining our community. These first few weeks at St. Philip school have been very exciting. We are growing – our kindergarten class after receiving a few more registrations was able to be split into two classes for the year. We also welcome a number of new staff members to our community: Mrs. Maria Sander – our new Vice Principal & Kindergarten (Tues/Thur), Mr. Patrick Unrau as our LAT, Mr. Daniel Udchic in band, Miss Leslie Santos in Kindergarten (Mon/Wed) and Mrs. Jessica Mang in release. We also welcome back Mrs. Leanne Anderson!

Please consider joining our Catholic School Community Council. Everyone has something to share...TIME, TALENT OR TREASURE! Also, your children LOVE when you are a part of the school. We have had our first meeting and are ready to welcome more new members!

Just a reminder that our school continues to operate under our division's *Safe School Plan* found on our website. Please continue to reference if you have any questions.

The Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division has designated this year's theme to be called "With Joyful Hearts". The theme reminds us of the importance of finding joy in each day.

Looking forward to a great year!

God Bless!
Mr. Darcy Todos

Meet The Staff

We would like to welcome all parents & caregivers to “Meet the Staff” on Tuesday, Sept. 13th beginning at 5:45 pm. The format will be:

5:45 pm – 6:15 pm Hotdog BBQ in the gym.

6:15 pm – 6:30 pm First Classroom Presentation. Our teaching staff would like to meet you and share with you some of the goals and answer any questions you might have.

6:35 pm – 6:50 pm Second Classroom Presentation – repeat of the first presentation to allow our families with multiple children another opportunity.

We know that a great school is built on great relationships. Thank you for taking the time to come out and meet our staff!

STUDENT ABSENCES



Edsby will be used to [report student absences](#).

Edsby can be accessed [online](#), or on mobile apps available in the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

Here are some short [help videos](#) to demonstrate some of Edsby's features.

School Bundle messaging tool is a new service and will be used to inform you of unreported student absences.

No app is needed. There is no need to edit settings or set notifications. **Just make sure the school office has up-to-date contact information for you to receive voice calls, emails and/or SMS text messages.**

Communication will come from the email noreply-gscs@schoolbundle.ca (listed as Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools) and the phone number 1-306-400-6811, so please make sure that information is in your contacts so it doesn't end up in your spam/junk folder.

As a reminder: all students who arrive late need to check in at the office for a late slip. Also, if your child is leaving early, they need to let the office know before leaving the school.

VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

If you plan to volunteer in your child's classroom or other areas of the school, a Criminal Record Check form needs to be completed and taken to the City Police for approval. Stop by the office to get a registration form. Criminal Record Checks need to be renewed annually so if renewed in September it will be good for the whole school year.

OUR SCHOOL DAY (NEW TIMES!!)

8:35 am	Morning Bell
8:40 am	Classes Start
10:10 am	Recess
11:40 am	Lunch Break
12:02 pm	Lunch Recess
12:25 pm	Afternoon Bell
12:30 pm	Classes Resume
1:55 pm	Recess
3:10 pm	Dismissal

2022-2023 ST. PHILIP STAFF LIST

Administration:

Principal Darcy Todos
Vice-Principal Maria Sander

Office & Facility Support:

Office Coordinator Gayle Lockert
Head Caretaker Romie Canto
Evening Caretaker Jerwin Moises

Classroom Teachers:

Kindergarten M/W Leslie Santos
Kindergarten T/T Maria Sander
Grade 1/2 Tara Scheck
Grade 1/2 Laurie Karwacki
Grade 2/3 Christal Keeler
Grade 3/4 Shelane Goettler
Grade 5 Melanie Espeseth
Grade 6 Amy Rusheleau
Grade 7 To be determined
Grade 8 Leanne Anderson
Core French Maria Sander
EAL Danielle Clatney
Release Lana Reeves
Jessica Mang

Curriculum Support:

Band Daniel Udchic
Counsellor Jill Hartman
ELO To be determined
Educational Assistants: Norma Barrick
Cathy McLean
Heidi Munro
Kathy Saretzky
Gisele Simonot
Amy Bowman
Danica Janzen
Lana Janzen
Deborah Popovici
Margaret Punter
Paulette Smith
Maegen Urdal
Becky Jalbert
Patrick Unrau
Interpreters: Lisa Warren
Deb Waring
Jayden Fenrich
Itinerant Interpreter
LAT
LAT (Deaf & Hard of Hearing)
OT
SLP

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Lifetouch will be in our school on **Tuesday, October 4th** to take pictures of all students in Kindergarten Tuesday/Thursday to Grade 8 and on **Wednesday, October 5th** in the afternoon to take pictures of all Kindergarten Monday/Wednesday students.

CROSS COUNTRY



Our St. Philip Cross Country Running Team is looking for runners aged 8 and up! Any students who are interested are invited to an informational meeting on Monday, September 12th at 1:55 pm in the gym. A permission form will be sent home with those who attend.

What is Cross-Country?

Those who participate will practice running ~1.5km twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. Runners will meet outside the gym doors at 11:40 am, check in with their coaches, then go for their practice run. Once finished (practice usually takes about 10-15 minutes), they will be directed back to their classroom to eat their lunch.

Our Cross-Country Team attends a mandatory practice meet on Wednesday, September 28th at 4:00 pm and the actual competitive meet on Wednesday, October 5th at 4:15 pm held at Diefenbaker Park. We will practice throughout the month of September, and our season wraps up the first week of October.

Miss. Rusheleau, Mrs. Scheck, Mrs. Karwacki

TERRY FOX WALK



The annual Terry Fox Walk will be happening here at St. Philip School on **Friday, September 23rd**. Toonies for Terry” will be collected. Help us reach our goal by donating! Let’s do our part to help find a cure for Cancer. Go St. Philip School!

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION (ORANGE SHIRT DAY)



On **Thursday, September 29th**, students are invited to wear an **orange** shirt for Truth and Reconciliation Day. **Orange Shirt Day**: communities coming together in a spirit of reconciliation and hope because every child matters. For more information www.orangeshirtday.org. On Friday, September 30th, there will be NO SCHOOL.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS (PLD)

GSCS have 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, October 7th, Monday, November 14th, Friday, December 9th, Monday, January 23rd, Monday, March 13th, Friday, May 5th and Monday, June 5th**.

HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES – last Thursday of the month



St. Philip School will continue to use Healthy Hunger as a means to order and pay for school lunches online. You will be able to order a school lunch each month or order school lunches for your children for the entire year to save you time ordering each month. At the end of each year, Healthy Hunger deletes all data from their website so all parents will have to register their children on the website www.healthyhunger.ca, before you can place an order. Once you register your children, then you can select the lunch your children would like and pay for it online with a credit card or interact card. Parents can make changes and cancellations to lunch orders anytime up to 5 days before the school lunch date. Your payments can also be refunded online. If you do not register your child in advance, the order will not be processed. Healthy Hunger lunches will be: **September 29th – Family Pizza; October 27th – Taco Time; November 24th – Panago Pizza; December 22nd – CSCC Hot Lunch; January 26th – Boston Pizza; February 16th – Family Pizza; March 30th – Taco Time; April 27th Panago Pizza; May 25th – Boston Pizza; June 29th – CSCC BBQ**

TUESDAY TREATS – 2nd Tuesday of the month

This year St. Philip School will have Tuesday Treat day. This is where we will have our long john sales, ice cream sales, etc. We hope by having a set day per month will allow parents to budget for our fundraisers. Paper order forms will be sent home with the students due the Friday before. **Treat Day will be October 11th – Booster Juice; November 8th – long johns; December 13th – Christmas cookie; January 10th – Dairy Queen; February 14th – Valentine Day; March 14th – PiDay McDonalds Apple Pie; April 18th – long johns; May 9th – Booster Juice; June 13th – Dairy Queen.** Treats may change depending on month.

FORMS, FORMS AND MORE FORMS

A number of forms have been sent home...a Student Data Verification Form, a Media Release Form and a Noon Lunch Form. Please fill out these forms for the new school year and return them to your child’s classroom teacher ASAP.

RAPID TEST KITS



We have received more rapid test kits for families. Please stop by the office to pick up your test kit.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

We have noticed a number of students being dropped off early in the mornings and picked up late after school. It is expected that **students should not arrive any earlier than 8:25 am** and that they are picked up or walk home following dismissal at 3:10 pm. The exception to this is when they are under teacher supervision to receive extra help with work. Arrangements with the Before and After School Program need to be made for students arriving before this time or needing to be picked up later. The telephone number for the Before and After School Program is 306-659-7106. This is to ensure students safety as there is no supervision during these times.

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.

FIRST VIEW

First Student bus company has a new communication tool for all bus riders. First you must register, then you will be able to track the bus, receiving notifications of delays and get answers to some frequently asked questions. Please advise your children to return home if the bus has not arrived at their stop after 10 minutes and check the First View App. We do not want any students walking to school without parent permission. Please see the First View App Installation Guide that was sent home via email. **Our school code is: 4B5D**

LUNCH TIME

Please pack a spoon or fork with your child's lunch if they are having yogurt, fruit cups, soup, etc. Also, please remember that the microwave in the staffroom is not available for students. Please use a thermos to keep your child's lunch warm.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CSCC meetings will be held in the library at 6:00 pm. The CSCC meeting dates are: **October 1th**. If you are wishing to become involved, please email our CSCC Chair, Ian Stavness at cscpphic@gscs.ca or our Principal, Darcy Todos at datodos@gscs.ca. All are welcome!

GSCS FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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

POP CAN TAB COLLECTION



Silver for Gold is a fundraiser to collect aluminum can tabs to raise money for Childhood Cancer in Saskatoon, run by the online community, **Small But Mighty YXE**. Silver for Gold is not just about collecting tabs and donating money towards Childhood Cancer; it is also about raising awareness of children and families affected by cancer, within our community & across the province. **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!**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Before School and After School care is handled through PCDC.



- Quality care for school age children before and after school.
- Care for full days on PLDs, school breaks and summer.
- Open Mon-Fri, 7:30am -6:00pm

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**; Sunday ~ **9:30 am** and **11:30 am**

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

Sacrament of First Reconciliation: Those who are ages 7/8 or about the grade two level are invited to register for the preparation of First Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri parish. The contact person is Shirley Hyshka, pastoral associate, 306 343 0325 or s.hyshka@stphilipneriparish.ca.

APC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



For information on activities happening in our community, please check out their website at www.adelaidechurchill.ca

APCCA is looking for volunteers to help on the day of the Famdam. If you can volunteer, please call Shoshana at 306-290-8243. Volunteers get a free burger as a little thank you from APCCA! See poster for more information.

APOCCA

ADELAIDE PARK CHURCHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Presents our annual family fun

Family Jam

When

**SEPTEMBER 11TH
11AM-3PM**

Where

**Hugh Cairns School Park
2621 CAIRNS AVENUE**

**BBQ GAMES
BOUNCY CASTLES
CRAFTS PRIZES
FACE PAINTING CANDY
AND MUCH MORE!**

Special Guest
**WRANGLER ELISE
REPTILE SHOW**

1:00 PM



NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be emailed home the **last week of each month** (except for September and January) and will be posted on our website:

www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/phi.

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 3:00 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.

LUNCH TIME

Please pack a spoon or fork with your child's lunch if they are having yogurt, fruit cups, soup, etc. Also, please remember that the microwave in the staffroom is not available for students. Please use a thermos to keep your child's lunch warm.

STAFF MEETINGS

Teaching staff gathers Tuesday mornings for prayer and a brief meeting at 8:00 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

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). It is stated that 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