

École St. Mother Teresa School



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Dates to Remember

Thursday	February 3
Monday	February 14
Wednesday	February 16
Friday	February 18
Monday-Friday	February 21-25

Parent Prayer Group 9 am (virtual meeting)
MTCSCC Meeting 7 pm (via Google Meet)
7E to Persephone Theatre – 11:30-2:30
Dominos Hot Lunch
Winter Break – NO SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During the month of February, our morning prayers and reflection will be focused on the gospel virtue of courage. Our message for staff and students will be emphasizing the inner strength and wisdom that God provides to guide our actions for social justice, peace and service. We hope to inspire our students to act with courage by loving others, advocating for equality, and reaching out to transform or make a difference in the world.

Extra-curricular activities remain on pause at the present time. Basketball and indoor track practices will be cancelled for the month of February.

During the next few weeks of February, we will be celebrating Black History Month. Teachers have been provided resources that include videos, stories, and prompt questions to learn more about Black history within our province and the prairies.

The Lenten season will begin the first week of March. Our first liturgy is scheduled for Ash Wednesday on March 2nd with the hope of distributing ashes within our school environment. We will celebrate Lent with classrooms leading online liturgies and more information will be provided to families once our celebration schedule is established during the months of March and April.

As part of our Lenten almsgiving, we are going to Pool Our Love in support of the Saskatoon Friendship Inn! The Inn services up to 1000 meals daily, 365 days of the year to help feed the hungry in Saskatoon and relies on the generosity of communities. Our school will be collecting **identified food items** beginning Monday, February 28th and concluding Wednesday, March 16th. A large "paddling pool" will be located at the front of the school (unfortunately, students will only have the opportunity to view our school-wide collection on their way to the gym) and we thank all families for their anticipated generosity to support those in need within our city. Kindergarten to grade 2 classes are asked to donate **pancake mix**, grade 2/3 to grade 5/6 are asked to bring

rice or quick oats, and grade 6 to grade 8 classes are asked to donate **syrup**. Students can bring donated items to their classroom teacher for collection. We will follow Covid safety protocols and guidelines for storage and delivery.

With Valentine's Day taking place Monday, February 14th, our school will be permitting the exchange of Valentine's cards. Unfortunately, food or candy items that are traditional during this time are not permitted.

Our annual Parent Kindergarten Information Night is scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 in our gym if we are permitted to gather in person. Parents are asked to contact the school by phone to register for the evening presentation and guided tours. If we are not permitted to meet in person, parents will have the opportunity to take part in an online virtual presentation. We are slowly receiving registrations for next year. Information about our school and program can be found on our website at www.gscs.ca/ter . Please encourage any neighbors and parents who may be considering the English stream or French Immersion at St. Mother Teresa to contact the school at their earliest convenience if they have questions regarding our programs or registration procedures. Children must be five years of age by January 31, 2023 to begin kindergarten in the fall.

French Education Week will take place the week of February 14th and students will have the opportunity to participate in several online French cultural activities provided by French Cultural Council and the French Society of Saskatchewan. We are hoping the weather will cooperate for Carnaval (outdoor winter festival scheduled for Tuesday, February 15th and Wednesday, February 16th) so that students can enjoy the several activities that include land skis, snowshoes, gunny sack races, cross-country skiing, and tug-o-war contests. Our Hope Club is organizing an Art Showcase during French Education Week. Students in Kindergarten to grade 4 will have the opportunity to submit colored pieces of art work and grade 5 to grade 8 students are asked to submit sticky note art. Details have been provided to classroom teachers and students. We look forward to seeing the work of our aspiring artists!

St. Mother Teresa will organize and publish a school yearbook this year. The cost is **\$23.00** and it will contain several theme and classroom pictures, but will be slightly different from previous editions with the cancellation of so many extra-curricular activities. It is our hope that this will provide a wonderful memory for kindergarten to grade 8 students and parents during a very unique school year. Online ordering information is provided in this newsletter.

The next Three-Way Conferences are scheduled on Thursday, March 17th (evening) and Friday, March 18th (morning). We are awaiting an update regarding the status of in-person or virtual conference formats and will provide this information as soon as possible. Please ensure that you have these dates in your calendars at home. Thanks!

Enjoy our winter weather and the upcoming February holiday! May God continue to bless our entire community!

Mr. Werbicki

MOTHER TERESA CO-OPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

Registration for Mother Teresa Cooperative Preschool for the 2022-23 school year is open. The preschool program is for children ages 3 and 4, with a variety of sessions available. Information, including a virtual open house and online registration form, is available on the website at: <https://www.motherteresapreschool.com/> Limited spaces available - registration is first come, first served!

PLAYGROUND EXPANSION DONATIONS

The École St. Mother Teresa School CSCC playground committee is seeking financial help from ALL sources. The cost of adding just a few structures is upwards of \$70,000 plus additional installation/site prep fees. It is our hope that the new equipment for our playground can be installed and ready for students at the beginning of the 2023 school year. We hope that businesses, parents and community organizations are able to be a part of this important project for our community. Should you choose to donate, tax receipts will be issued for donations greater than \$20.00 and cheques should be made payable to the GSCS Foundation, include in the memo *Mother Teresa Playground*. For more information, please contact Rachelle at toppingem@hotmail.com.



LOVABLE LABELS ONLINE FUNDRAISER

Help keep your family organized and support our playground expansion by ordering customized labels with Loveable Labels! Visit <http://www.motherteresascsc.lovablelabels.ca/> to place an order. Shipping is always FREE and orders can be placed anytime throughout the year.

ÉCOLE ST. MOTHER TERESA CSCC MEETING

The next MTCSCC meeting will be held on February 14 at 7:00 pm virtually via Google Meet. All parents and caregivers are invited to attend. It's a great way to get involved in the life of our school. If you wish to receive council emails or an invite to the virtual meeting, please email Krista at kristadennis@sasktel.net.



We have students and staff with peanut/nut allergies. The degree of sensitivity to peanuts/nuts varies greatly.

For some children, an allergy to peanuts/nuts can be life threatening.

For the safety of our children, we ask students and parents to support our peanut/nut aware policy.



Due to allergies and asthma within our school community, the use of perfumes, colognes or scented hygiene products may seriously affect an individual's ability to breathe!

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and consideration of these students, parents and staff.

Please refrain from purchasing scented hand sanitizers for your children.

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

