

# École St. Mother Teresa School



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**Newsletter #7**

**March 2, 2022**

## Dates to Remember

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 7</b>	<b>PLD – NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 16</b>	<b>Lenten Liturgy 11:15 am (via Google Meet)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 17</b>	<b>3-Way Conferences 3:45 – 8 pm</b>
		<b>Subway Hot Lunch</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 18</b>	<b>3-Way Conferences 8:30 am – 12:30 pm</b>
		<b>(NO SCHOOL on Friday)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 21</b>	<b>MTCCSC Meeting 7 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 25</b>	<b>Progress Reports</b>

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During the month of March, our school community will be reflecting on the gospel virtue of reconciliation. Staff and students will have the opportunity to think about the love we share for one another when we ask and offer forgiveness, and how reconciliation leads us to an understanding of our own actions, words and thoughts. It is our hope that our students and staff grow in relationship to God through prayer, fasting (refraining from a daily activity or doing something to help), and almsgiving (donations).

The Lenten season is upon us and we are preparing our hearts for God's greatest act of love for us – the death and resurrection of His son, Jesus. Classrooms will be leading bi-weekly liturgies and prayer services as the Easter season continues in the coming weeks. As part of our traditional almsgiving, St. Mother Teresa is collecting syrup (Grade 6-8 classrooms), rice or quick oats (Grade 2/3 to Grade 5/6 classrooms), and pancake mix (Kindergarten to Grade 2 classrooms) for The Friendship Inn in our "Pool of Love" which is located at the front of the school. Please be generous as our food collection will conclude Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your anticipated support as we help to feed those who are hungry in our community.

This week, we celebrate Ash Wednesday with a liturgy led by Grade 7 Daigneau. Bishop Hagemoen will be joining us for our virtual liturgy at 12:45. Classroom led liturgies are scheduled on March 16<sup>th</sup> (Grade 2/3 Ronellenfisch) and March 30<sup>th</sup> (Grade 5/6 Miljkovic). All classrooms will visit our Stations of the Cross on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Progress reports and three-way conferences are quickly approaching. Three Way Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the evening from 3:45 to 8:00, and Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> during the morning from 8:30 to 12:30. Parents will receive an invite to schedule their conference time next week and they will take place in-

person at the school. Parents and/or students who wish to wear masks are certainly encouraged to do so. If parents wish to schedule a virtual three-way conference, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly by email or Edsby after you have scheduled your time.

Portfolios will be sent home on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. It is extremely important for parents to review material that is provided in the portfolio with their children as this is an informative resource for parents to direct discussions during three-way conferences. Portfolios will contain examples of student work that indicate areas of strength and growth. This is an opportunity for parents to discuss learning goals from the initial conference in November with their children as they prepare for dialogue with classroom teachers in term two. Parents will be able to view their child's Progress Report on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

The St. Mother Teresa Yearbook ordering information has been sent out to all families by broadcast (School Messenger). This will be a wonderful memory for your children as it will contain pictures of individual classrooms, extra-curricular activities, as well as pictures of classroom and large group school activities. The yearbooks cost \$23.00 and can be ordered online.

Grade 8 boys and girls will have the opportunity to play basketball during the next three weeks. Although there is not a schedule with neighboring schools as the season was cancelled due to Covid guidelines, we are providing an intramural format with school-based teams playing each other during the noon hour break.

As was shared on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the GSCS Board of Education has decided to designate Father Robinson School as a dual stream school starting in the fall of 2022. Please complete the survey below regarding grade configurations. **Families with children who will be in Kindergarten to grade 4 in the fall of 2022 are invited to fill out the survey provided in this newsletter.** The survey is intended to gather preliminary information regarding possible grade configurations. This survey has also been provided in previous school announcements through Messenger.

Our Kindergarten Information Night takes place this evening at 7:00 in our school gym. We invite all parents who may be considering St. Mother Teresa to join us for an informative session about our programs and school community. Doors will be open at 6:45 and parents will be directed to our gymnasium for the presentations and tours that follow.

Let us pray for a peaceful Easter season and God's blessings for our St. Mother Teresa Community!  
Guy Werbicki and Sebastien Rock

#### **FRENCH IMMERSION GRADE CONFIGURATION FEEDBACK – FATHER ROBINSON SCHOOL**

As was shared on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the GSCS Board of Education has decided to designate Father Robinson School as a dual stream school starting in the fall of 2022. One of the key takeaways from the parent feedback is that a gradual implementation of grades would best support the growth of this new program. The new immersion program will grow to become a Kindergarten to grade 8 program that will serve the areas of Willowgrove, Sutherland, Forest Grove, Arbor Creek and Erindale. For the fall of 2022 we will be focusing on the primary grades. Families with children who will be in Kindergarten to grade 4 in the fall of 2022 are invited to fill out the [French Immersion Grade Configuration Intent Survey](#). The survey is intended to gather preliminary information regarding possible grade configurations. Please note that this survey is not intended to be a formal registration. Formal registration will take place once grade offerings are determined in the spring.

#### **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](mailto:toppingem@hotmail.com).

### **CSCC MAGIC SHOW – FRIDAY, APRIL 1**

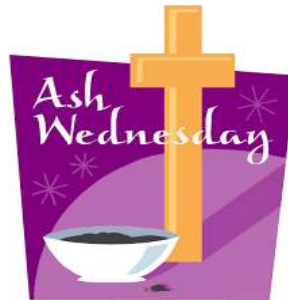
Back by popular demand, the MTCSCC has partnered with magician Andrew Kinakin to present a fun, interactive, family friendly magic show on Friday, April 1 at 7:00 pm. More information on ticket sales to come! If you have a door prize or are interested in providing a cash donation, please contact Krista at [kristadennis@sasktel.net](mailto:kristadennis@sasktel.net). All proceeds from the event will go towards the playground expansion.

### **COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a coupon book and supported our playground expansion! Books will be sent home with your child within the next week.

### **ÉCOLE ST. MOTHER TERESA CSCC MEETING**

The next MTCSCC meeting will be held on March 21 at 7:00 pm in the school library. 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, please contact Krista at [kristadennis@sasktel.net](mailto:kristadennis@sasktel.net).



**Do you want to fast this Lent?**

**Fast from hurting words and say kind words.**

**Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.**

**Fast from anger and be filled with patience.**

**Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.**

**Fast from worries and trust in God.**

**Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.**

**Fast from pressures and be prayerful.**

**Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.**

**Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.**

**Fast from grudges and be reconciled.**

**Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.**

*(Reflection attributed to Pope Francis)*

