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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

## Greetings from your Administrative Team...

### [Have You Thought About How We Determine Your Child's Classroom Placement?](#)

Although we are busy enjoying the last few weeks of our school year, we are already in the midst of planning for next year. This is an exciting time and it is hard to believe we are already at the end of April. We will soon be in the process of arranging classrooms. Our goal is to build a community of learners in every classroom and to do this we strive to ensure that the best interests of students are central in all decisions about classroom placement. We take classroom placements very seriously and as professionals spend much time collaborating in making the best choices for our students. Some significant factors include:

- Student's strengths and interests
- Work habits
- Class dynamics
- Student needs (e.g. need for support in learning English or academic areas)
- Relationships with peers
- Learning styles
- Number of boys and girls in the class
- Social skills
- Number of students in each grade
- Curricular needs

Once again, we give much thought and time in making decisions about your child's placement. Although some students and their parents wish to have their closest friends with them in their class, that is not always the best decision for learning. We are hoping that we will have many opportunities for children to collaborate with grade alike groupings, recess and extra-curricular activities next year.

Later in May we will also be sending out a digital form for families to complete to help us with our decision making.

Since we have a capable and talented staff that sincerely cares about our students, teacher requests will not be accepted. In addition, we anticipate some combined classrooms. Our teachers ensure curriculum outcomes are being met in both single and multi-graded classrooms; therefore, requests for straight grade classrooms will not be considered. We thank you for your trust and support as we plan for your child's education.

As administrators, we welcome any information in writing that you may feel we should know regarding your child's placement. You can email [lmcgettigan@gscs.ca](mailto:lmcgettigan@gscs.ca)

*L. McGettigan* Principal  
*E. Jones* Vice Principal

## Dates to Remember...

### April 27

Gr. 2/3 Weinheimer – Remai Modern – AM

### May 6

Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Subway

### May 13

Staff Retreat – No School for students

### May 17

Gr. 5Tomyn & 5Weninger – Clip 'n Climb – PM

### May 18

Gr. 1B & 1/2W – Forestry Farm – AM  
School Track Meet – Gr. 4-8 – schedule to be determined soon

### May 19

School Track Meet – Gr. 4-8 – schedule to be determined soon

### May 20

Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Tim Hortons

### May 23

Victoria Day – No School for students

### May 26

Treaty Medal Installation – 9:30 AM

### May 27

Special Olympics – at E.D. Feehan



## News from the Office

### Water Bottles

Please remember to send water bottles with your child(ren). Cups at the office are for emergency only, not a daily occurrence. Thanks for your help with this.

### Safety At Our Crosswalks

This is just a reminder to be safe when crossing our streets at the crosswalks. Please don't ever assume that a car will stop. Make sure that cars come to a complete stop before crossing the streets. We do not want any of our students hurt. Please talk this over with your child(ren) and remind them of this very important safety concern.

### Parking Out Front

As the weather is getting colder, parking can and will be a problem out front. Please remember to not get out of your vehicle, as these are drop off and pick up spots only. Traffic jams are very common around 3:30 as well – to help avoid this – you could tell your kids to meet you at the Willowgrove square area or arrive 10 -15 minutes later to help avoid the line ups. There is no great solution to this parking issue, so please try your best to help us with it. Also, **do not park in the Daycare spots** – these are courtesy spots meant for parents with young children and babies who are taking their kids to and from the daycare.

### School Arrival

Students should not be at school prior to 8:45 in the morning. Exterior doors will remain locked until 8:45AM. If students need to arrive early, we have a Before and After School Program available through Preston Early Learning. In addition, students are asked to proceed directly into the school when they arrive since there is no supervision on the playground prior to 9AM.

If your child/children arrive late, the door they normally enter in will be locked, so please have them enter through the front door and *let the office know they have arrived.*

### Attendance and Edsby

Please remember to use Edsby to report all absences and planned absences. If you still have not received an invitation to Edsby, please let the school know. Once you have accepted, you will also see all of our newsletters, calendar of upcoming events and any other important information. You are not able to put your child's entry into Safe Arrival anymore, so please make sure you have an account through Edsby. If you need any assistance, please contact the school office at 306-659-7850 and we can help you.

### Kindergarten Registration

We are always accepting registrations for our upcoming school year for kindergarten. Children who will be 5 years old by January 31, 2023 are eligible to start school next fall. Our fillable registration form is found on our website at: [www.gscs.ca/fam](http://www.gscs.ca/fam) If you are not Catholic, please fill in the Non-Declaration Form as well. We look forward to meeting all our new students.



### Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches

Here is a list of our upcoming Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches: Check the Calendar, fun lunches are listed until the end of June.

Friday, May 6 – Subway  
Friday, May 20 – Tim Hortons  
Friday, June 3 – Boston Pizza  
Friday, June 10 – Taco Time



Instructions are now posted on our Edsby "River of News" (which is the banner across the top of the Home Page). If you are having any issues, please follow the directions on that form or contact their 1-800 number. All proceeds help pay for many student initiatives as well as special school events and projects. This is optional.

**Special Note:** Grade 2 Haynes and 2/3 Weinheimer will not be at school for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Healthy Hunger lunch – there is lots of time to cancel your orders in case you have already signed up for it.



### First View App

First Student is now offering a secure bus tracking and parent communication app. FirstView helps you better manage your time during the hectic before-and-after school rush by putting your student's up-to-the-minute bus information in your hands. Easy to download, set up and use, FirstView is packed with helpful features to give you peace of mind, including estimated bus arrival time, opt-in messaging regarding delays and issues, customizable alerts for when the bus is a chosen distance or number of minutes away, secure password protection and built-in customer support. To download the APP, please go to [firstviewapp.com](http://firstviewapp.com). Our school code is **RG7D**. If you have any issues, please contact their customer support.



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Sunday Mass Times

123 Nelson Road  
Office Hours: 9AM - 4:30PM Monday thru Friday  
Phone: 306-659-5800  
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## Community News



### Softball and Soccer Registration

Registration is now open for the 2022 outdoor season in Willowgrove. Follow the links below for more information and how to register. Registration closes April 30, 2022.

<https://wuhca.ca/softball/>

### Royal City Soccer Club

The Royal City Soccer Club, a registered non-profit community organization, is proud to host their 30<sup>th</sup> annual popular grassroots summer soccer day camps. The program is designed to promote personal development, team building and of course, FUN! Offering full day and morning sessions to all children aged 5 to 13, the program runs all weeks in July and August. There are 2 camp locations in Saskatoon (site details available by [clicking here](#) or visiting the LOCATIONS page on our website [royalsoccer.com](http://royalsoccer.com)). To register or for more information, visit [royalsoccer.com](http://royalsoccer.com) or call **1-800-427-0536**.

<https://www.gscs.ca/fam>

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Text  
2-1-1



Call  
2-1-1



Go Online  
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Parent Central provides reliable information and resources for parents and caregivers of children aged 0 - 6 in Saskatchewan. It connects families, and those who serve them, to supports and programs available in their communities. Parent Central also includes a search function for licensed child care in the province, including updated availability in each centre.

Visit the site at <https://parentcentral.sk.211.ca/>



## Before Kindergarten

Help prepare your child for school and commit to reading 1,000 books with them before Kindergarten! Once you register, you and your child will earn badges and literacy tips for reaching various milestones.

For more information and to register, visit [saskatoonlibrary.ca/1000-books-b4k](https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/1000-books-b4k)



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## Supporting Your Child's Writing Journey

For parents and/or caregivers of children in Grades 2 to 4.

Join us to: Share writing tips, learn about the qualities of good writers, and discover tools and strategies to strengthen your child's skills at home.

Date: **Wednesdays, April 27th & May 4th, 2022**

Time: **6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Location: **Online via Zoom**



To find out more about upcoming workshops or to register, please call READ Saskatoon at (306) 652-5448 or visit [READsaskatoon.com](https://READsaskatoon.com).



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Grow together.

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# Mother Teresa Cooperative Preschool

**2022/23 Registration Now Open!**

A unique and creative program for children 3 & 4 years old.

Morning and afternoon programs available. Please visit our website for more information and to access our online registration form.

We look forward to having you join our preschool family!

[www.motherteresapreschool.com](http://www.motherteresapreschool.com)



*Truth and Reconciliation:*

## WALKING WITH YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Join us for an evening with special guest speakers  
Chief Cadmus Delorme & Archbishop Donald Bolen

**7 pm Thursday, April 28**

A Diocesan Encounter Event

Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon

Evening includes dessert and coffee - \$20

Deadline to register: April 22, 2022



REGISTRATION: [rcdos.ca/dessert](http://rcdos.ca/dessert)



**Save the date!!**

for

**MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH**

# Summer Day Camp

Choose your week:  
**July 11-15 or August 8-12**

Camp runs 9am - 3pm  
Before and after care available

\$100 for first child  
\$75 for each additional child

limited to 20  
children per camp!



watch our Facebook Page and website  
for registration information



*Memory Lane*

A tribute to the 40's, 50's and 60's

# CONCERT for UKRAINE



*Saskatoon & District Lions present:*

## STEPHEN MAGUIRE & THE 7 PIECE MEMORY LANE BAND

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

*Grace Westminster United Church*

*Phone: 306-653-1766*

*505 10th Street Saskatoon*

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. | SHOW STARTS

AT 7:00 P.M. | TICKETS \$30

*Tickets available at*

*Grace Westminster main office & Eventbrite*