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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

Greetings from your Administrative Team...

Last Sunday marked the beginning of Advent. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. Students and staff at Holy Family will be busy preparing in a number of ways. Classroom advent wreaths will be displayed in each classroom, daily advent prayers to begin our day, advent liturgies and the teaching and learning about Advent will occur. While our world is not the same at this time, we recognize how blessed we are and appreciate our time learning and growing in our faith.

Our Christmas tree is already set up! In the past, each family was invited to contribute an ornament with their family name on it. If you are a family that is new to our school this year, you are welcome to bring an ornament to add to our tree.

In addition to our prayers and learning about Advent we will be participating in 12 Days of Fitness. Each day we will have a small fitness activity to do together at the same time over the intercom. We will be beginning on Thursday, December 2nd.

Our school will also be supporting some families within Saskatoon with food and gifts. Please watch for information in the next couple of days.

As the next few weeks before Christ's birth unfold, we thank God for the Holy Family. For Mary, who believed the message and was willing to do God's will, for Joseph who stood by her side and most of all, for Jesus who was born to save us.

L. McGettigan Principal
E. Jones Vice Principal

Dates to Remember...

- Dec. 2**
Advent Liturgy – 12:50 – led by Gr. 5 Weninger
- Dec. 3**
Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Tim Hortons
Beaver Creek – Grade 5 Weninger 9:30-3PM
Report Cards go home in Edsby
Mom's Pantry Orders Pickup between 5-6 PM – enter through Day Care Doors
- Dec. 6**
COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic – 3:30-7:30 PM – more information to follow
- Dec. 7**
Grade 6 Immunization Clinic
- Dec. 8**
Skating – Gr. 8 Belak / Gr. 8 Duffus AM
- Dec. 9**
WDM – Grade 3 Smart, 3/4 Ostertag & Grade 3's only Weinheimer - PM
- Dec. 10**
Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Pizza Hut
Advent Liturgy – 9:15 – led by Gr. 3 Smart
- Dec. 13**
Spirit Day – Christmas Hat Day
- Dec. 14**
Spirit Day – Red and Green Day
Mass at The Cathedral 10 AM – led by Gr. 7 Jasper
- Dec. 15**
Spirit Day – Christmas PJ Day
- Dec. 16**
Spirit Day – Christmas Sweater Day
- Dec. 17**
Spirit Day – Christmas Frenzy Day – Wear all the Christmas items you want
Last Day of School
- Jan. 4**
Back to School



News from the Office

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 about to change and get 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 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. We will slowly be phasing out Safe Arrival, 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.

Report Cards

Your child's report card will be viewable in Edsby on December 3 after lunch. Report cards **are not viewable** on a mobile device and will need to be accessed through the web browser on a desktop or tablet. We will not be printing them at the school level for Term 1. If you do not have access to a computer, please let the school know and we can make a copy for you. Information can also be found in our "River of News" in Edsby.

Please watch this video to see how you can access your child's report card. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ7MYkICjEo>
If you have any issues, please contact the school at 306-659-7850 and we can try to help.

Kindergartens do not get Report Cards for Term 1. If you do see the report card tab, it will only show their attendance, no marks or comments.

Remembrance Day Poppy Money Collection

A big, warm thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Fund. The school collected a total of \$440.80 that has been donated to The Royal Canadian Legion who help support Veterans and their families.



Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches

Here is a list of our upcoming Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches;

Friday, Dec. 3 – Tim Hortons
Friday, Dec. 10 – Pizza Hut
Friday, Jan. 21 – Wendel Clarks
Friday, Jan. 28 – Booster Juice



Instructions are now posted on our Edsby “River of News”. 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.

Friends of Holy Family

Mom’s Pantry Fundraiser: Please pick up your order this **Friday between 5:00 – 6:00 PM** from the servery roll up window (using the entrance doors closer to the day care). *If you cannot pick up during this time, e-mail Vanessa to make alternate arrangements: vanwill74@outlook.com

Thank You to all who ordered!

Book Fair

Thank you to those that purchased from our online book fair! Proceeds from the fair are put towards new books for our library.



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. Our school code is **RG7D**. If you have any issues, please contact their customer support.





CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We are Holy Family

"Come Spend Time with Family"
Sunday Mass Times

123 Nelson Road
Office Hours: 9AM – 4:30PM Monday thru Friday
Phone: 306-659-5800
www.holyfamilycathedral.ca

The Diocesan Bulletin can be found at: <http://rcdos.ca>
Subscribe to have their weekly news right in your inbox.



We need your help! If you've ever thought about getting involved in your community, now is the time! We have the following volunteer positions to fill in order to keep our community association running:

- secretary
- coordinators for: Adult Programs, Children's Programs, Rink, Advertising, Events, Newsletter, Bookings, Website

For more information of what these positions entail, please see the 'About Us' section at wuhca.ca or email info@wuhca.ca

THANK YOU!

Community News



Free! Drop & Shop

6-12 yrs. This holiday season entrust your children with certified leaders who will supervise a number of child-friendly activities including arts and crafts, giving you the opportunity to get away and get your shopping done! Masks are required.

Lakewood Civic Centre 1635 Mckercher Drive • 306-975-2944
 Nov 27 Sa 01:00 PM-04:00 PM CD4627-01
 Dec 18 Sa 01:00 PM-04:00 PM CD4627-04

Lawson Civic Centre 225 Primrose Drive • 306-975-7873
 Dec 4 Sa 01:00 PM-04:00 PM CD4627-02
 Dec 11 Sa 01:00 PM-04:00 PM CD4627-03

Pre-registration is required. Register with Leisure Online at leisureonline.saskatoon.ca or call any Leisure Centre.
 Photo taken prior to COVID-19. Program may be modified.



LEISURE CENTRES

COSMO CIVIC CENTRE • HARRY BAILEY AQUATIC CENTRE • LAKEWOOD CIVIC CENTRE
 LAWSON CIVIC CENTRE • SASKATOON FIELD HOUSE • SHAW CENTRE



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\$125.00 PER KID WHICH INCLUDES:

- PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
- GOODY BAG
- AND ONE SINGLE GAME TICKET



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Applications accepted for the current and upcoming school years!

Preschool Tuition Subsidies

Would you like your child to attend preschool?

The Saskatoon Preschool Foundation provides tuition subsidies (maximum of \$800/year) for children age 3 and 4 living in Saskatoon and the surrounding area whose families lack the resources to pay community preschool tuition fees. There are many benefits for children who attend preschool. These can be seen in the first months of preschool, in kindergarten, and in later life (e.g., increased Grade 12 graduation rates).

For more information re: preschool locations & applications, please:

- Google search "Saskatoon Preschool Foundation" or visit our website www.spf.sk.ca; click "Subsidies," or
- Call 306-250-0533.

Mission
 To advocate for and support access to preschool programs.

Guiding Principles
 To act in the best interests of children, to support families & to respect the values/cultures of families.

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