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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

Greetings from your Administrative Team...

Our journey through Advent has been filled with much excitement and preparation for Jesus' birth! Our students have participated in Advent liturgies, learned about the Christmas story through a number of activities and have been spreading the Christmas spirit throughout our school. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of our students and their families to fill hampers for families in need. For the last 12 days we have been participating in the 12 Days of Fitness. We always feel blessed to be among your children during this wonderful time of the year.

We would also like to take this time to thank you for all the support throughout this past year.

Since, this is our last newsletter before the holidays, we would like to extend our warmest greetings from the entire staff. May God grant you His peace and love this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

L. McGettigan Principal
E. Jones Vice Principal

Dates to Remember...

- 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
Formal Wear: Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Day
(see information below)
- Jan. 12**
House League Color Day
- Jan. 14**
Staff Retreat – No School for Students
- Jan. 19**
Gr. 8 Belak/Gr. 8 Schmidt – skating at
ACT Arena - AM
- Jan. 21**
Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Wendel
Clarks
- Jan. 24**
Professional Learning Day – No School
for Students
- Jan. 28**
Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Booster
Juice
Neon Day – Spirit Day



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 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 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.

Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches

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

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. This is optional.

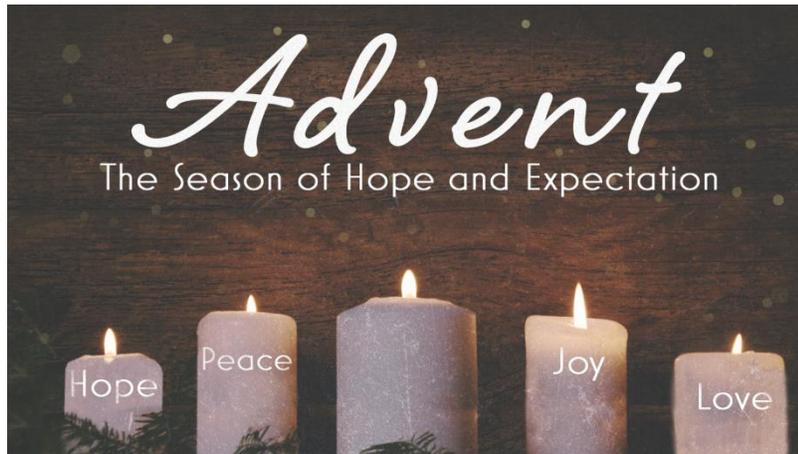
Formal Wear: Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Day

We will be honoring and acknowledging Ribbon Skirt and Shirt Day on January 4th. Students can wear a ribbon skirt or shirt if they have one or dress in their own special clothing or special clothing from their culture. During their first week back at school, students will learn about the significance of ribbon skirts and shirts in Indigenous culture.



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.



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Community News



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!



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

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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



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Parent Program Guide Winter 2022

Building Healthy Families: Post Adoption Support for Parents

Building Healthy Families is a therapeutic and educational group for parents who have completed an adoption in partnership with the Adoption Support Centre of Saskatchewan. Participants can share with and learn from other participants who are facing similar experiences, issues, and concerns. In this group, we offer a weekly check-in, parenting education, goal setting, and weekly homework.

Dates:
Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Biweekly
Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Bridging the Gap: For Parents of Challenging Teens

Has your teen been talking back to you? Sneaking out? Drinking? Engaging in dangerous or risky behaviour? Parenting teenagers can be a difficult task, but gaining new strategies and talking with parents in similar situations can make it easier. *Bridging the Gap* is a group for parents of challenging teens. In this group, you will be able to talk about your issues and receive ideas, support, feedback, and personalized homework on how to support your teen. Some of the topics covered include how to establish healthy boundaries, confront problems, and rebuild the relationship with your teen.

Dates:
January 10th to March 28th, 2022
Mondays from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Saskatoon Community Service Village

Dads Matter

Dads Matter is a program for fathers who are looking for additional support and guidance in their parenting. The program is designed to strengthen fathers' understanding of themselves, their children, and their children's mothers, and to provide a space to connect with other fathers on their parenting journey. By the end of the program, fathers will have gained new understanding, skills, and supportive relationships that will serve them in reaching their parenting goals.

Some of the topics covered in the *Dads Matter* program include:

- Attachment and bonding
- Positive discipline
- The power of play
- Managing stress and anger
- Navigating co-parenting
- ...and much more.

Dates:
January 10th to March 21st, 2022
Mondays from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Saskatoon Community Service Village

Parenting with Resilience

Parenting with Resilience is a weekly support group offered to parents who have had their children apprehended, or are at risk for apprehension. The group helps parents find their strengths, empowering them to tackle tough issues and achieve the goal of getting and keeping their children in their care.

- Topics include:
- Positive parenting
 - Attachment and bonding
 - Healthy relationships
 - Setting limits and boundaries
 - Self-care
 - Stress management

Dates:
January 11th to March 22nd, 2022
Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Saskatoon Community Service Village

To Register
Visit www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca
or call (306) 244-7773 for complete details



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.

01.01.21 Tuition Sub Poster

Parenting with Resilience – Men's Group

Parenting with Resilience is a weekly support group offered to parents who have had their children apprehended, or are at risk for apprehension. This group is specifically open to men, focusing on the unique challenges of fathering. The group helps fathers find their strengths, empowering them to tackle tough issues and achieve the goal of getting and keeping their children in their care.

- Topics include:
- Positive parenting
 - Attachment and bonding
 - Healthy relationships
 - Setting limits and boundaries
 - Self-care
 - Stress management

Dates:
January 20th to March 17th, 2022
Thursdays from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Saskatoon Community Service Village

Navigating Parenting

Navigating Parenting is a group that uses art to explore parental anger, trauma, parenting strategies, self-care, visitation, and more. It focuses on rebuilding and strengthening relationships between parents and children during and after being separated.

Dates:
January 10th to March 28th, 2022
Mondays from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Saskatoon Community Service Village

Navigating Parenting – Elizabeth Fry Society

Navigating Parenting is a group designed for women who have had their children apprehended, or are at risk of apprehension. This group uses art to explore parental anger, trauma, parenting strategies, self-care, visitation, and more. It focuses on rebuilding and strengthening relationships between parents and children during and after being separated.

Dates:
January 6th to March 24th, 2022
Thursdays from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Location: Elizabeth Fry Society (please call 1.888.934.4606 to register)

New Moms and Baby Meetup

New Moms and Baby Meetup is a social and emotional support group for new moms and their babies. It provides a space for new parents to talk about their concerns and be provided with support and parenting education. This group also includes interactive sensory and attachment bonding activities with mom and baby.

Dates:
January 19th to March 30th, 2022
Wednesdays from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Saskatoon Community Service Village

Positive Parenting – Level 2

Are your children and teens not cooperating with you? Would you like to get some new ideas? Would you like to meet other parents that are new to Canada? *Positive Parenting – Level 2* is a group for parents at Global Gathering Place to come together and discuss their parenting issues and receive support. Each week, a different parenting topic will be covered.

Dates:
January 11th to March 28th, 2022
Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

To Register
Visit www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca
or call (306) 244-7773 for complete details



Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools will be welcoming 40 grade 7 students (boys and girls) from Colombia in from April to June and we are recruiting homestays for this group!

What You Provide:

- A private bedroom, desk and closet
- Nutritious meals, every day
- A patient, caring and friendly home atmosphere
- The same guidance and attention you would want for a loved one traveling overseas!

What You Receive:

- A firsthand understanding of another culture
- A new perspective on our culture, as seen through the eyes of your student
- The opportunity to make a difference to a young citizen of the world
- A monthly stipend of **\$835**
- Orientation and support from the CHN team and other experienced hosts

Please call us today if you are able to host a student! **1-877-441-4443 ext 2197**

