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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

## Greetings from your Administrative Team...

On February 14, we will begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Read-a-thon. Students will collect pledges for reading and will keep track of the number of minutes that they read at home between February 14<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will keep track of their reading at school. Students who are participating will be entered in daily draws for prizes. There are also prizes for the top fundraiser and for the top reader (by the number of minutes read) in K-Grade 2, Grade 3-5 and Grade 6-8. We are excited to have some fun and to keep our students reading. All money raised will go to support our Learning Improvement Plan goals. Happy Reading!

We are also beginning our planning for the 2022-23 school year. Children who will be five years old by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 are eligible to start school next fall. We are a safe, friendly Catholic school that helps each of our students reach their full potential. At Holy Family School we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, so they can make the world around them a better place. You can learn more about our school division at [www.gscs.ca](http://www.gscs.ca). We are rooted in faith, growing in knowledge, reaching out to transform the world! Please bring all registration forms to the office as soon as possible – this will help with our planning for the upcoming school year. If you would like to talk with either one of us please call 306-659-7850.

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

## Dates to Remember...

- Feb. 10**  
Walk In Vaccination Clinic 3:30-6:45 PM – enter through the Daycare doors – no appt. necessary – open to the general public (see information below)
- Feb. 11**  
**LAST CALL** -Citrus Fundraiser Order Due
- Feb. 14**  
Valentine's Day – Wear Red/White/Pink  
Read-a-thon Begins – more details to follow  
Pool Our Love Donation Campaign- See Poster below  
Track Practice – Gr. 6-8 - 3:35-4:20 PM
- Feb. 15**  
Track Practice – Gr. 4&5 – 3:35-4:20 PM
- Feb. 16**  
Grade 6 Meier – skating at Clarence Downey Oval PM
- Feb. 18**  
Pink Shirt Day – join in to help stand up for bullying
- Feb. 21**  
Family Day – No school for students
- Feb. 22-25**  
February Break – No school for students
- Feb. 28**  
Track Practice – Gr. 6-8 - 3:35-4:20 PM

Track is back on!



## News from the Office

### Track Practice

Track is back on – schedule posted on Edsby and page 1 of newsletter

### 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. 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.

### 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. We will be having a parent information night on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Please keep your eyes open for further details. 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.



### Friends of Holy Family Fundraiser

**Last call** for anyone who would like to take part in Friends of Holy Family citrus fundraiser. Orders need to be in by the end of the day Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be found here and on Edsby.

<https://gscsca.sharepoint.com/sites/FAMOffice/Shared%20Documents/Newsletters%202021-2022/Citrus%20Fundraiser%20Fillable%20Order%20Form.pdf>



### Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches

Here is a list of our upcoming Healthy Hunger Fun Lunches; **These have all been cancelled for the next while due to COVID restrictions placed in schools.** Sorry for any inconveniences. Refunds will be processed ASAP.

Friday, Jan. 21 – Wendel Clarks CANCELLED

Friday, Jan. 28 – Booster Juice CANCELLED

Friday, Feb. 18 – Baba's Perogies CANCELLED



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.

“You were made on purpose for a purpose.”

God is inviting you to partner with him to influence the world in a way that only you were designed to do. Join us March 18th to discover how your unique giftings, passions and life experiences are all a part of his plan for you to RISE UP and influence your world.

All GSCS students, parents, and teachers are invited to attend Inspired to Rise: Live and Online Conference for **FREE**. It will begin at 6pm with various booths, activities, and games available. The main session full of music, games, prizes, teaching, and inspiring stories is from 7-8:30pm. Various workshop options begin at 9pm.

Register before February 18th to receive a **FREE** swag bag when you arrive or visit our website for shipping options.  
Register at [inspireournation.com](http://inspireournation.com) and follow us on Instagram @inspireournationofficial.

### 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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## 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](http://wuhca.ca) or email [info@wuhca.ca](mailto:info@wuhca.ca)

THANK YOU!

**COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics** – After hours clinics at schools are being offered at numerous locations starting this weekend. Please see the document below for the upcoming locations. Holy Family/Willowgrove School will be hosting one on February 10 from 3:30-6:45 PM. These clinics are open to the public.

<https://gscsca.sharepoint.com/sites/FAMOffice/Shared%20Documents/Newsletters%202021-2022/February%202022%20schedule%20school%20vaccine%20clinics.pdf>



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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](http://saskatoonlibrary.ca/1000-books-b4k)



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## 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](http://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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## POOL OUR LOVE Donation Campaign



**February 14th - February 18th**

We will be collecting the following items:

- New Toothbrushes
- New Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash/Soap
- Face cloths
- Towels
- Socks



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