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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

## Greetings from your Administrative Team...

Holy Family is a place for everyone, where everyone has a place. This is evident in our inclusive classrooms. Our classrooms are very diverse, and we believe that students who have special needs should learn along other students who do not receive special education services. Studies show that inclusion is beneficial to all students – not just those who receive special education support.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> we will recognize World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD). World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD), March 21<sup>st</sup>, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. Students and staff are invited to wear their crazy socks to help raise awareness of the day. Classroom activities will be designed to help students understand what Down Syndrome is, what it means to have Down Syndrome, and how people with Down Syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities. This date has been chosen since it is the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down syndrome.

Our Read-a-thon was a success. Thank you to all of our families for encouraging reading and collecting donations. Thank you to Mrs. Novecosky and Mrs. McCulloch for helping calculate the number of minutes read as well as the donations made. Our top readers were Jordan S. (Grade 2H), Josh K. (Grade 5W), and Seth B. (Grade 7J). The top fundraising prize went to Gabe D.

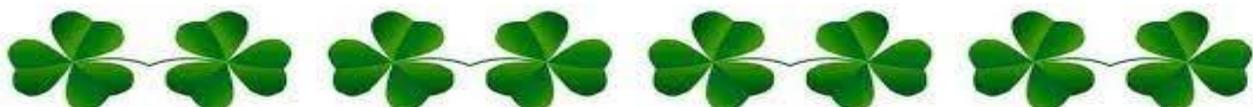
Thank you to everyone for your support in our fundraiser for Ukraine. We raised a total of \$2150.50. We continue to send prayers for peace.

March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will be our 3 way conference times. This is a great opportunity for students to highlight the learning that has occurred as well as identifying goals for our next term. These conferences will be in person at the school or you can request to have your conference over the phone.

L. McGettigan Principal  
E. Jones Vice Principal

## Dates to Remember...

- Mar. 15**  
Edsby Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler opens at 9 AM in Edsby- opened
- Mar. 16**  
Liturgy – 9:15 AM
- Mar. 17**  
St. Patrick's Day – Wear Green
- Mar. 21**  
Rock your Socks Off – wear crazy socks in support of World Down Syndrome Day
- Mar. 22**  
Immunizations for Grade 6 & 8's
- Mar. 23**  
Edsby Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler closes at 12 noon  
Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Wendel Clarks  
Liturgy – 1:30 PM
- Mar. 24**  
Three Way Conferences – 3:45-8:00 PM In person or phone call  
Kindergarten – No School all day
- Mar. 25**  
Three Way Conferences – 8:45-1:15 PM In person or phone call  
No School for all students
- Mar. 27**  
Order deadline for Purdys Chocolates
- Mar. 30**  
Spirit Day – Tropical Day – wear your summer clothing
- April 1**  
Report Cards go home  
Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Baba's Perogies  
Grade 6 Zaidan – Clip 'n Climb – 12:15 PM  
Liturgy – 1:30 PM



## 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 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.

### Three Way Parent-Teacher- Student Conferences

This term we will be having our conferences **in person or phone call.** *The scheduler will open up in Edsby on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and close on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. (You need to have an active Edsby account to book through this system.)*

When it's time for parents to schedule an interview with their child(ren)'s teachers, a message will be sent to your Edsby mailbox. Click the envelope in the Navigation Bar to access your mailbox. Open the message and click Book Parent-Teacher Interview. You will see the child(ren)s the interviews apply to and the available time slots for each of your children's teachers. There will be a tab to select between multiple interview days. Edsby enables parents to choose exact time slots they want and enables parents to know in real time if the slots are available. Slots that are already booked and unavailable will be blank. Slots available will be labeled accordingly. Click on the slots to book them. You can also remove your booking or change it to another available time. When you are finished booking, click Done. You will have a summary of your interview schedule in your mailbox. If the interview period has not yet been closed for editing, parents can still make changes to their interview schedule by clicking Making Changes. Parents can also print their interview schedules by clicking File and then Print or by typing Ctrl+P on their keyboard. If you need to change or cancel your time slot after the scheduler has closed, please contact the office at 306-659-7850 and we can help you.

**Mr.Meier's Grade 6 class** – his schedule has changed, if you have a child in his class, please click on the scheduler called Grade 6 Meier – March Conferences.

**Kindergarten bookings:** There is a separate interview scheduler for Kindergarten – when you are looking to book your K student, please make sure you click on the right schedule. It is called Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews – March. It will show up in your mail in Edsby.

Please watch the attached YouTube Video that shows how to book your conferences when it is time: (Opened March 15th 9 am)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qUmJ\\_xu64](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2qUmJ_xu64)

Teachers will be sending out a Google Form that you can fill in and let them know whether you would like a phone call or will be coming in person for your interview time. Please watch for that to come soon. Thank you for your help with this.

### Kindergarten Registration

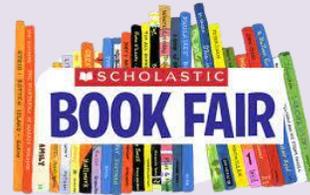
We are always accepting registrations for our upcoming school year for kindergarten. Children who will be 5 years old by January 31, 2023 are eligible to start school next fall. Our fillable registration form is found on our website at: [www.gscs.ca/fam](http://www.gscs.ca/fam) If you are not Catholic,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



### Book Fair

Join us in the **upstairs library** for the Book Fair during 3 way conferences on March 24 & 25.

You can also still order online from March 24 – March 27 at <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5179767>



### Friends of Holy Family Fundraiser

Calling ALL chocolate-lovers! Friends of Holy Family School is once again teaming up with Purdys Chocolatier. This is the perfect opportunity to stock up on all your Easter chocolate!! Ordering is as easy as clicking this link - <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1512348-94323> Follow the prompts on the screen by filling out the registration form, click “Join Campaign”, and order to your heart’s content!

The order deadline is March 27<sup>th</sup>, with delivery happening the week of April 4<sup>th</sup> (stay tuned for more information)



### 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.

**Wednesday, March 23 – Wendel Clarks (NEW)(order by Fri.)**

Friday, April 1 – Baba’s Perogies

Friday, April 8 – Pizza 73



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.

# INSPIRE

## OUR NATION

Inspired to Rise: Live and Online Conference: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

“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)

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

<https://www.instagram.com/holyfamilycatholicschool/?hl=en>

<https://facebook.com/Holy-Family-Catholic-School-390922761339420/>

## 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.

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

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

## 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.



Text  
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Call  
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Go Online  
sk.211.ca



Saskatchewan

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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Saskatoon: 2 locations

For the latest location details, including drop off, visit the LOCATIONS page on our website at [royalsoccer.com](http://royalsoccer.com).

**800-427-0536** [royalsoccer.com](http://royalsoccer.com)



## 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.

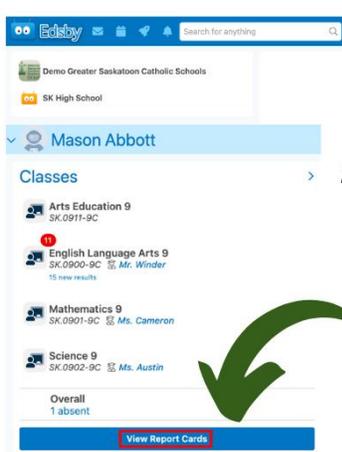
We look forward to having you join our preschool family!

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



# VIEWING REPORT CARDS IN EDSBY

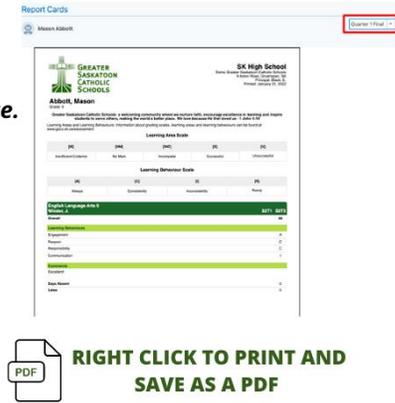
View your student's report card on the mobile app, computer or tablet at [gscs.edsby.com](https://gscs.edsby.com).



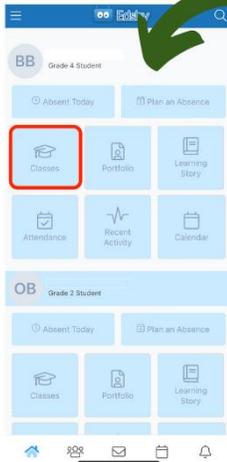
**Report cards are now viewable on a mobile device.  
See below for instructions!**



See past report cards here.



# VIEWING REPORT CARDS IN THE MOBILE APP

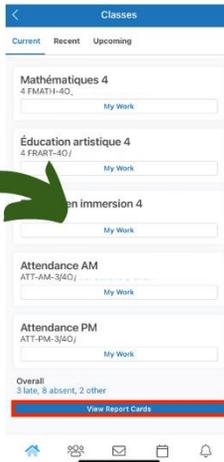


## STEP 1

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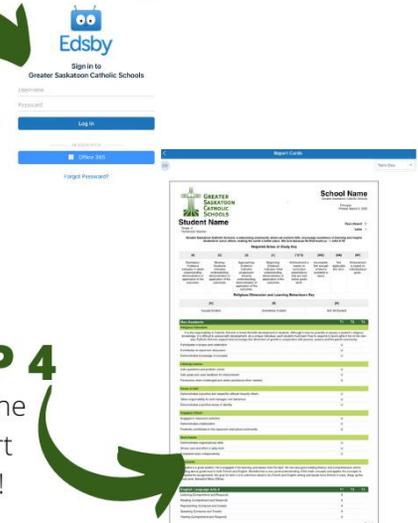
## STEP 2

Click "View Report Cards".



## STEP 3

You may be prompted to login again.



## STEP 4

View the report card!

# CALMING THE STORM

Groups for children & pre-teens who experience big feelings and have intense reactions.

*Group participants will explore emotions and learn strategies to self regulate & cope.*

Thursdays: April 7th - June 2nd, 2022

No group on April 21th, 2022

Children (ages 7-9): 6:00-7:00 pm

Pre-teens (ages 10-13): 7:30- 8:30 pm

Parents/guardians attend a concurrent group.

Fee: \$200.00

Registration required

Visit [www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca](http://www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca) or call 306.244.7773 for complete details.



# TAMING WORRY

Groups for children & pre-teens experiencing anxiety & worry.

**JOIN US:**

Wednesdays: April 6th - June 1st, 2022

No group on April 20th, 2022

Children (ages 7-9): 6:00-7:00 pm

Pre-teens (ages 10-13): 7:30- 8:30 pm

Parents/guardians attend a concurrent group.

Fee: \$200.00

Registration required

Visit [www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca](http://www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca) or call 306.244.7773 for complete details.



## Third Time's A Charm

An Evening of Song with Rhonda Gallant-Morari & Friends

Saturday April 2, 2022  
8 pm

Saskatoon's Refinery Arts  
and Spirit Centre  
609 Dufferin Avenue

Tickets:  
[www.ontheboards.ca](http://www.ontheboards.ca)  
streaming option available

Hey, come join some GSCS family for an evening of live music and stories. We'll play songs from Rhonda's albums, some covers, songs written during the Pandemic and some new releases. Greg Kryworuchka, Ken Pizurny, Jeff Morari and Matt Bender will join Rhonda up on stage.

In light of the Ukrainian tragedy, we are going to donate all profits from the concert to the Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. (Cash Raffle in support of Ukraine.)



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