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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 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 21st we will recognize World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD). World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) 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 21st day of the 3rd month to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome, which causes Down syndrome.

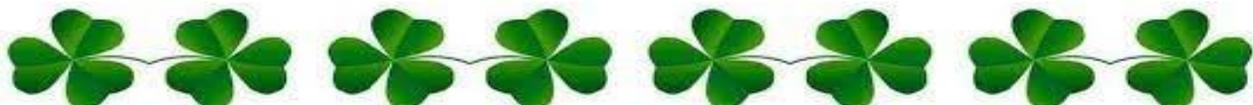
Our Read-a-thon started on February 14th and will wrap up on Friday, March 4th. Many students have already won prizes and they seem very excited to participate. This is a fundraiser to help us achieve some of our Learning Improvement Plan goals. The other benefit is having students have fun reading. We have been making draws for prizes throughout this time and our bigger prizes will be awarded once we collect the pledge forms and the read-a-thon logs. Please return them to the school on Tuesday, March 8th.

March 24th and 25th will be having 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. We are able to meet face to face for these conferences. Families will have the option to conduct their conference over the phone if that works better for you at this time.

L. McGettigan Principal
E. Jones Vice Principal

Dates to Remember...

- Mar 3**
 - Grade 7K – Clip 'n Climb - PM
 - Grade 8 Parent Night 6:45 PM in gym
- Mar. 4**
 - Read-a-thon Ends today – send all pledges to the school – payment done in My School Bucks
 - Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Booster Juice
- Mar. 7**
 - PLD – No School for Students
- Mar. 8**
 - Kindergarten Open House 7PM – Parents only – In Person
- Mar. 9**
 - GSCS Championship Track Meet - Grades 4,5,6,7,8 – 4-7 PM Field House
 - CSCC Meeting 7pm at Holy Family School
- Mar. 15**
 - Edsby Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler opens at 9 AM in Edsby
- 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
- 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 students



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 15th at 9 am and close on March 23rd 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.

Kindergarten bookings: There is a separate interview scheduler for Kindergarten – so 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: (Opens March 15th 9 am)

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 later on in March. 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. We will be having a parent information night on March 8th at 7 PM for parents only. Our fillable registration form is found on our website at: 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, March 4 – Booster Juice
Friday, April 1 – Baba’s Perogies
Friday, April 8 – Pizza 73



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.

INSPIRE OUR NATION

Inspired to Rise: Live and Online Conference: March 18th, 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 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. 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

<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/>



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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



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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; 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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