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WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

## Greetings from your Administrative Team...

May has been a busy and exciting month at Holy Family! This year we have been working towards our Treaty Medal Installation with a strong focus on truth and reconciliation. This month, all of our students have contributed to a mural designed by Indigenous artist Kevin Peeace, and some classes have participated in beading, hoop dancing, smudge, and raising a teepee. Be sure to ask your child what their class has been doing to prepare as there is so much incredible learning going on in each classroom.

Every year at this time, as the hustle and bustle begins to wind down, our thoughts straddle between looking back and looking forward. While we try to stay in the present moment as much as possible, the end of a school year and the thought of a new one just months away has much weight on our minds. Our goals as administrators is to work closely with our staff to ensure Holy Family School is indeed *a place for everybody, where everybody has a place.*

Teaching is a complex act, requiring multiple layers of planning, assessment and preparation. It includes consideration of space and organization as much as skills, strategies, curriculum and content. And, always, at the heart of all planning are the students. As we determine student placement for next year, we will consider individual strengths and needs. Finally, since we have a capable and talented staff that sincerely cares about our students, teacher requests will not be considered.

We will once again be sending out a survey for you to complete with your child/children. Please fill this out before June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please call and speak to one of us.

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

## Dates to Remember...

### May 26

Treaty Medal Installation – 9:30 AM  
(students only)

### May 27

Special Olympics – at E.D. Feehan  
MADD presentation – Gr. 7-8 – 1-2 PM  
Basketball “games” against members of  
the clergy – 2:30PM – whole school

### May 30

Shekinah Retreat Centre – Gr. 6 Meier –  
9AM until 5 PM (note late return)  
Gr. 8 Rybinski/Jones – Clip ‘n Climb AM

### May 31

Spirit Day – everything but a backpack  
(bring all your school items in anything  
except a backpack)  
Kindergarten Come and Go -4:30-6:30PM  
Bring yourself and your child anytime for a  
tour and meet the teacher.  
Gr. 8 Duffus – Clip ‘n Climb - PM

### June 1

Eagle Creek – Gr. 8 R/J & Gr. 7J – all day  
Clip n’ Climb – Gr. 8 Belak – PM

### June 2

Children’s Festival – Gr. 1B & 1/2W 9 AM  
Long Johns delivered today

### June 3

Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Boston  
Pizza  
Children’s Festival – Gr. 2H & 2/3W – 9 AM

### June 6

Professional Learning Day – No school

### June 7

GSCS Division Wide Track Meet for those  
that qualify

### June 8

Band Concert – 1:30 -2:30 for parents and  
2:30-3:30 for school

### June 10

Healthy Hunger Fun Lunch – Taco Time  
Crickle Creek – Gr. 6Z – 10:30-3:00  
Primary Play Day – K-Gr. 4 – all day

.....stay tuned for more fun activities in June!

All activities can be found on our Edsby  
calendar.

## News from the Office

### Field Trips

As the year is coming to an end, there are many field trips that are being planned. Please always check the Edsby calendar as it will be the most up to date calendar we have. If you have any questions, feel free to contact 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

Parking is always an issue out front of the school - 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. You are not able to put your child's entry into Safe Arrival anymore, 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 Come and Go

On May 31, from 4:30-6:30 PM, we will be hosting a Come and Go for all the new Kindergarten students and their families. Come any time and meet the teacher and have a tour of our school. We look forward to meeting everyone.



### 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, June 3 – Boston Pizza

Friday, June 10 – Taco Time



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.

**Special Note:** Grade 2 Haynes and 2/3 Weinheimer will not be at school for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Healthy Hunger lunch – there is lots of time to cancel your orders in case you have already signed up for it.

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## Farewell from Mrs. Haynes

After 36 years of teaching in the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division, and with a lot of mixed emotions, I have made the decision to retire at the end of this school year. I have been very fortunate to have been part of the Holy Family community, from the very beginning. My first class of Grade One's are completing Grade 8 and are also beginning a new chapter in their lives. I have had the amazing opportunity to meet outstanding parents, teach incredible students and work alongside very dedicated and hardworking staff members. It has been such a pleasure to grow and develop as an educator at Holy Family School. I will always cherish the years that I have been part of this community. Thank you for the continued support, but more importantly for trusting me with your children. As my teaching journey ends, new doors open, and I look forward to this next chapter of my life.

Thank you and God bless.

Crystal Haynes

### 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



## **Mother Teresa Cooperative Preschool - 2022-23 Registration Now Open!**

The preschool program is for children ages 3 and 4; morning and afternoon sessions available. Information, including a virtual open house, and online registration form available on the website at: <https://www.motherteresapreschool.com/>  
Limited spaces available - register today! See the poster below.



**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/>

**1000 BOOKS**  
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](https://saskatoonlibrary.ca/1000-books-b4k)

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We look forward to having you join our preschool family!

[www.motherteresapreschool.com](https://www.motherteresapreschool.com)

**Save the date!!**  
for  
**McCLURE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Summer Day Camp**  
limited to 20 children per camp!

Choose your week:  
**July 11-15 or August 8-12**  
Camp runs 9am - 3pm  
Before and after care available

\$100 for first child  
\$75 for each additional child

watch our Facebook Page and website for registration information



## Supporting Your Child's Reading Journey

For parents and/or caregivers of children in Grades 2 to 4.

Join us to: Share reading tips, learn about the qualities of good readers, and discover tools and strategies to strengthen your child's skills at home.

Date: **Wednesday, May 25th, 2022**

Time: **6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Location: **Online via Zoom**



To find out more about upcoming workshops or to register, please call READ Saskatoon at (306) 652-5448 or visit [READsaskatoon.com](http://READsaskatoon.com).



Learn together.  
 Grow together.

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**TD Bank Presents**  
**Theatre in the Park 2022**  
*wāhkôhtowin*  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>



Sum Theatre invites you, your family, and your friends to Theatre in the Park! Every summer, we visit local parks across Saskatchewan, performing an original play and creating fun community-building events. This year's play highlights the importance of community by drawing on the Cree teaching of wāhkôhtowin, which refers to the kinship between all things. The show is free for everyone - there are no tickets. All you need to bring is a blanket or something to sit on. Rain or shine, the show goes on! The show is rain-proof, so we invite you to bring an umbrella if there's a chance of precipitation.

More information at [sumtheatre.com](http://sumtheatre.com)

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# GSCS FIDDLE FESTIVAL

**VIDEO SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**CHOOSE YOUR CATEGORY**

**5 CATEGORIES:**

- KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 5
- GRADE 6 - GRADE 8 - OPEN
- ST. MICHAEL GRADE 6 - 8
- HIGH SCHOOL
- JOHN ARCAND TUNE

**RECORD A VIDEO**

- NO LONGER THAN 3 MINUTES
- ANY SONG CHOICE - EXCEPT JOHN ARCAND CATEGORY

**UPLOAD VIDEO TO YOUTUBE THEN COMPLETE THE ENTRY ON WOBOX FOR THE ACCORDING TO CATEGORY BY FRIDAY, MAY 27TH**

- [HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/FNMI EED](https://linktr.ee/fnmieed)

**OUR JUDGING PANEL WILL MEET PRIOR TO LIVE SHOWCASE TO NOMINATE OUR WINNERS**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OUR LIVE SHOWCASE TUESDAY, MAY 31ST AT 10AM**

- JOIN US LIVE ON OUR GSCS FNMI FACEBOOK PAGE