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Wednesday, October 6, 2021

Greetings From Your Admin Team...

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we cannot help but give thanks for our school community. Although we have been blessed with a beautiful school building, truly the individuals have made Holy Family the wonderful school it is. As staff, we are very grateful for all the students who we have the privilege to serve every day. We are also thankful for you, the parents and grandparents, for trusting us with your children and working with us to ensure success! In addition, we give thanks for being a part of the larger community and accessing the many resources it has to offer.

One of the saddest realities of the celebration of Thanksgiving is that it is only one day. It is painfully inadequate that God should receive only one or a few days of thanks when the blessings which flow from God are endless and fill far more than a few days. We are all encouraged to see Thanksgiving as more than a weekend celebration and celebrate it every day of the year. As God's love and mercy is manifested daily, so too must be our thanks to God for all that He gives us. As we journey through this year, let us strive to make it one of giving daily thanks for everything God has done for us. On behalf of our entire staff, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving next weekend!

L. McGettigan Principal
E. Jones Vice Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Wednesday, October 6

Cross Country City Meet at Diefenbaker Park at 4:15 pm

Monday, October 11

Thanksgiving Day – No classes for students

Wednesday, October 13

CSCC AGM/ council meeting

Friday, October 29th -

Celebrate Halloween – Wear your costumes all day

Monday, November 1

Professional Learning Day – No classes for students

Monday, November 15

Picture Retakes

Thursday, November 25

3 Way Conferences – 3:45-8pm

Friday, November 26

3 Way Conferences 8:45-12:30pm - No School for Students



Halloween Activities

Halloween is fast approaching. The word hallow is another word for a saint, a holy person. Therefore, the night before All Saints' Day is called All Hallows Eve, or Halloween. For Halloween, some of the rules of life change a bit. Instead of ordinary clothes, we wear costumes. We can play the part of saints or heroes or people with special talents. We can play funny tricks and ask neighbors for treats. We also change the rules of fear. We laugh at things that scare us - spooks, skeletons and slimy things that go "boo!" They cannot separate us from Jesus and the joy of this resurrection.

On Friday, October 29th, students will be allowed to wear costumes at school for the **entire day**. The expectation is that students will be able to complete their schoolwork in whatever they are wearing.

Points to consider about costumes on Halloween:

- Weapons of any kind will **NOT** be allowed.
- Costumes should be **simple**. Please keep accessories at home.
- Costumes should allow for students to move around and enable them to participate in learning for the entire day.

Some parts of Halloween costumes may have to be left at home or not be so extravagant to accommodate the above points. We also want to make sure that students have all parts of the costume for the weekend if they are planning to go trick-or-treating.

Please contact Mrs. McGettigan if you have any further questions.



News from the Office:

Picking up students early If you are planning on picking up your child early from school, please put a note into your child's planner or backpack as well as on Edsby. Due to the large number of students in our building, we cannot always get to each and every message that needs to be sent. Teachers have the responsibility of running the classroom and cannot keep track of each individual pick up times. If you need your child to meet you outside at a certain time, please call the office 10-15 minutes prior to pick up and we can page them to come and meet you.

Thanks for your help with this.

Reminder: Please remember this is a Scent Free and Peanut Free school. Any hand sanitizers that kids bring to school must be unscented.

Parent Parking

Parents are welcome to park in the angled parking spots located in the parking inlet in front of the school. We ask that you park only in these stalls and not along the opposite side since this is posing safety issues. **When parked in the angled stall, please remain in your vehicles since this is a quick drop off and pick up area. Also students are not to be dropped off or picked up from the staff parking lot as this causes safety concerns.**



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 in 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.

School Day Schedule

8:55AM Warning Bell

9AM Prayer and Classes Begin

10:15-10:30AM Recess for Grade 6-8

10:30-10:45AM Recess for K – Grade 5

12:00-12:45AM Lunch and Recess

2:15-2:30 Recess for Grade 6-8

2:30-2:45 Recess for K – Grade 5

3:30PM End of School Day

First Student Notification Subscription:



First Student has a website that parents can subscribe to that will email notifications when a route is delayed or cancelled. This subscription is the best way for parents to know the status of their bus. Here is the link to get to the webpage. Once you get to that cancellation page, in the top right corner there is an icon that says subscriptions. Click on that to register.

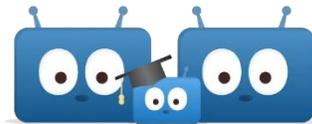
<https://saskatoon.firststudentinc.com/Cancellations.aspx>

Student Safety

All exterior doors, except for the main front doors will be locked during the day. **Parents may enter the school this year but we ask that you check in at the office when you arrive.**

Attendance

Parents/guardians should have received an emailed invitation to Edsby, if you have not please let the school know. It is important to accept the invitation because we are now using Edsby to report any absences. If you are having any trouble using Edsby please contact the office at (306) 659-7850.



Upcoming Fun Lunches

Thursday, October 7 – Subway!

Friday, October 15 – Pizza 73 (cut off is Oct. 10)

Friday, November 5 – Baba's Perogies

Friday, November 19 – Taco Time

Friday, December 3 – Tim Hortons

Friday, December 10 – Pizza Hut



Schools Win Twice Tickets



The Schools Win Twice Lottery will be back this fall bigger and better than ever. The lottery will now be online with 8 great prizes to be won plus there will be an added 50/50 lottery with a max payout of \$250,000!

Our School will win twice by receiving 50% of our proceeds from the prize lottery ticket sales and by having the opportunity to apply for grants in support of our School.

Ticket sales will begin October 1, 2021, and the draws will be made December 1, 2021.

Please consider purchasing tickets and asking your family and friends to do so as well. Our School and our students will directly benefit by your support.

Click here to learn more about the [Schools Win Twice](#) Lottery.

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Safe Positive Schools

Please find attached an informational letter titled Fair Notice to Parents about Student Violence/Threat/Risk Assessment

Emergency Medical Forms:

Please send back your updated emergency medical forms as well as any medication that you would like to have stored in our first aid room.

Friends of Holy Family Fundraising Committee



Holy Family Clothing:
Orders are due TOMORROW (Thurs. Oct.7)! - The form and size chart is attached.



Aunt Kathy's Fundraiser:

Pick up is in from of the school tomorrow 5:00 - 5:30 TOMORROW (Thurs. Oct.7)

Catholic Community School Council

Our Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) has already met once. This group of awesome parents meet monthly to discuss how we can work together to provide great opportunities for our students (parentcouncilholyfamily@gmail.com). Another parent committee, called Friends of Holy Family, also works hard to establish fundraising initiatives to support students (hfsfundraising@hotmail.com). Please accept this as your warm invitation to become involved in either of these groups. Our AGM is **Wednesday, October 13th at 7 pm**. We will host this meeting at the school with the option to log in virtually if that works better for you.

Family Health Information

Throughout the school year, we will be posting information from the Population and Public Health about topics of interest to child health and family wellbeing. Our first insert is about immunization.



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