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**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**

## **Greetings From Your Admin Team...**

What a great first couple weeks! As a staff we are so thankful for all the family support as we work through these unprecedented times. The students have been truly amazing. We wish to thank you for all the work you obviously did in preparing the students for this return. It was quite evident working with the students they were well prepared and eager to join us in creating the structures which will make this year amazing for everyone.

Students and teacher are starting to get settled in their classrooms. As parents, you are the primary caregivers of your children. We encourage close communication and value your input so that we can work together to create a positive learning experience for your children. We will continue to build a faith filled dynamic learning environment and will continue to welcome and encourage parental engagement in our school. We are all partners in your children's learning and welcome you involvement and engagement in our school community.

Next week our students will celebrate National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. We would encourage students to wear orange if they have something orange to wear. Classrooms will participate in a walk to show that we are standing in solidarity with residential school survivors. Teachers are preparing students to celebrate the resilience and perseverance of Indigenous peoples as we work towards actualizing the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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](mailto:parentcouncilholyfamily@gmail.com)). Another parent committee, called Friends of Holy Family, also works hard to establish fundraising initiatives to support students ([hfsfundraising@hotmail.com](mailto:hfsfundraising@hotmail.com)). Please accept this as your warm invitation to become involved in either of these groups. Our AGM is Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We will host this meeting at the school with the option to log in virtually if that works better for you.

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

## **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Opening Year Mass at the Cathedral

**Wednesday, September 29**

Orange Shirt Day

**Thursday, September 30**

**Professional Learning Day** – No school for students



**Wednesday, October 6**

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

**Monday, October 11**

Thanksgiving Day – No classes for students

**Monday, November 1**

Professional Learning Day – No classes for students



### 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 4

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>

## Fun Lunches



Friends of Holy Family offer fun lunches throughout the school year. All orders are done online. If you haven't yet registered, go to [www.HealthyHunger.ca](http://www.HealthyHunger.ca) and click "Register Student". After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming hot lunches, place orders and then pay online. You can also review your orders any time before the 5-day cut-off, cancel orders and receive automatic email notification for our next hot lunch.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you previously signed up, you still need to add your student to the correct classroom in order for them to be registered this year and get the email reminders.** Please check out the attached letter with information on signing up.

\*\*\*\*If you are able to help out for about 20 minutes on the day of the hot lunch, click YES! in the orange box on the top of the order page, then meet us in the lobby at 11:30 that day!\*\*\*\*

### Upcoming Fun Lunches:

**Thursday, October 7** – Subway \*\*order cutoff is Oct 2\*\*

**Friday, October 15** – Pizza 73

**Friday, November 5** – Baba's Perogies

**Friday, November 19** – Taco Time

**Friday, December 3** – TBD

**Friday, December 10** – TBD

## 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.

## 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.**

## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## Friends of Holy Family Fundraising Committee

Friends of Holy Family is a fundraising committee run by parents/care givers. We are always needing some extra hands to help us out. The funds we raise go towards class trips, class libraries, technology, bussing to school-wide events, the wellness center, and other areas based on need that directly benefit our children at school. Whether you can help a little, or a lot, contact Bonnie at [hfsFundraising@hotmail.com](mailto:hfsFundraising@hotmail.com)



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