



# ST. PHILIP SCHOOL

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## **GOSPEL VIRTUE**

For the month of May, we celebrate the [Gospel Virtue of Courage](#).

*“Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee” Joshua 1:9*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

April 27	1:00 pm – Jump Rope For Heart Kick Off
May 1	12:00 pm – Gr 8 goes to Centurus Showcase at Holy Family Cathedral
May 3	10:45 am – St. Philip Feast Day Liturgy
May 3	1:00 pm – Gr 5 Coding and Robotics in the classroom
May 7 – May 11	World Catholic Education Week
May 7	Chicks begin to hatch
May 7	9:00 am – Gr 8 goes to U of S for Canoe Course
May 7	9:00 am – Gr 5 Band Recruiting
May 8	7:00 pm – CSCC meeting and AGM in the library - <i>All Parents Welcome!</i>
May 10	11:00 am – World Catholic Education Day Liturgy
May 11	9:00 am – Flower Power Plant orders due in the CSCC mailbox
May 17	10:30 am – Gr 6 goes to Remai Art Gallery
May 17	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Flower Power Plant pick up by the gym doors
May 18	1:00 pm – Gr 5 – Gr 8 Gym Blast in the gym
May 21	<b>Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL</b>
May 22	9:00 am – Gr 8 goes camping to Kadesh
May 23	Rosary in the gym
May 24	3:30 pm – Gr 8 returns from camping at Kadesh
May 25	Jump Rope For Heart Jump Off
May 28	<b>Staff Retreat – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
May 29	St. Philip School Track Day
May 31	11:45 am – Booster Juice Hot Lunch (for all who ordered)



## **PRINCIPAL'S PEN**

- ✓ On Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be celebrating our Patron Saint, Saint Philip the Apostle, with a Liturgy being held in the gym at 10:45 am. All are welcome to attend.
- ✓ Catholic Education Week is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup> with May 10<sup>th</sup> being Catholic Education Day. Our school will hold classroom Liturgies throughout the week and a school wide Liturgy on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in the gym. All are welcome to attend.
- ✓ Thank you to Mrs. Jasieniuk for making nature come alive for us at St. Philip. With our recent Pelican Watch, four students have won prizes. Congratulations to Shiann O, Ryland M, Karson S and Wesley T. An ice cream party from Meewasin and Homestead Ice Cream will be enjoyed by the whole school. More information will be sent home in the next newsletter. We look forward to the arrival of baby chicks
- ✓ Congratulations to Mira P and Nonga M for winning the Recycling poster contest.

*Lisa Domoslai, Principal*

## **STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**



The SLC is excited that Saskatoon Youth for Christ will be running our Gym Blast for Gr 5 – Gr 8 on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The SLC has been working hard at raising funds to provide the middle years with this opportunity.

## **BABY CHICKS**



You may have noticed that we have an incubator on a table in the hall near the office. We now have our own YouTube channel so you can watch the progress of the eggs as they begin to hatch on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on them from home starting on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> by viewing the live stream at: [St. Philip Baby Chicks 2018](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=St.PhilipBabyChicks2018) or at: <https://youtu.be/cU-T6psmiUQ>.

There is also a computer screen on the table so you can easily see inside without bumping the table...they are very fragile and bumping the table will cause the eggs to not hatch. Please remind your child(ren) to stay away from the table and watch them on the computer screen instead!

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Jump Rope for Heart fundraising kickoff will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm with a representative from the Heart and Stroke coming to speak to the school. Students are encouraged to do online fundraising as students will be more successful and earn more prizes, donors receive automatic tax receipts and this gives all students an equal opportunity to ask for donations regardless of where their family lives. The school has set a fundraising goal of raising \$5,000 this year! Please visit [jumpropeforheart.ca](http://jumpropeforheart.ca) to check for the list of prizes. The fundraising campaign will last 4 weeks with the Jumpoff set for May 25<sup>th</sup>!

## **GRADE 5 BAND RECRUITING**

On May 7<sup>th</sup> the Grade 5 students will have the opportunity to try out many different band instruments in preparation to start band in Grade 6. It is recommended that all students go through the recruitment process. Once the recruitment process is complete, paperwork will be sent home to give families more information about the band program and how they can participate next year.

*Lee Adams, Director of Band*

## **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations goes out to Mira P in Grade 3 and Nonga M in Grade 8 for winning the Recycling poster contest. One way to help control plastics in the landfill is to bring a reusable spoon or fork from home in your lunch bag and not use plastic spoons and forks.



## **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**



It's time to register for Kindergarten! Children who will be five years old by January 31, 2019 are eligible to start school next fall. We are a friendly, safe and welcoming Catholic school that helps each of our students reach their full potential. At St. Philip we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, so they can make the world around them a better place. Call us to set up a visit. Learn more about our school division at [www.gscs.sk.ca](http://www.gscs.sk.ca) We are rooted in faith, growing in knowledge, and reaching out to transform the world!

## **TELEPHONE MESSAGES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

In an effort to reduce interruptions to classroom during instructional times, messages to classroom teachers will be directed to voicemail and messages will be returned as soon as possible. If the message is urgent, please let us know. Thank you for your understanding.

## **OUTSIDE FOOTWEAR**

Parents, students and staff are reminded to remove any wet outside footwear when entering the school. This will ensure the floors will be kept dry and clean for those who do remove their footwear. Thank you for keeping our school safe and clean.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Please watch for our school newsletter that will be emailed home twice per month. The **last week of each month will be the main newsletter**. Mid month the second newsletter with updates will be sent out. The newsletters will be posted on our website: [www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/phi](http://www.gscs.ca/studentsandfamilies/schools/phi).

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The next CSCC Meeting and **AGM** is on **Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend.

## **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS (PLD)**

GSCS have professional learning days for elementary school staff for staff meetings, planning, collaboration and professional development. On these days, there are no students at school: **Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## **HEALTHY HUNGER LUNCHES**



It's not too late to create an account for remainder of the St Philip Healthy Hunger hot lunches. Please log onto [healthyhunger.ca](http://healthyhunger.ca) to create your child's profile for ordering their special lunches for this school year. When you log onto the site, select 'no obligation sign up' to enter your child's details to create your account. You will create your own login details. Please note, the **deadline for ordering is always at midnight, 5 calendar days prior to the lunch date**. We encourage you to order all your child's special lunches at the same time as there is a small credit card fee and you will then only pay it once. If you don't have a credit card and want to pay by cash, please stop by the office.

### **Hot Lunch Dates:**

- ❖ Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Booster Juice  
(Deadline, midnight Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ No Healthy Hunger in June. CSCC Hot Lunch – order forms will be sent home with information.

## **MILK SALES**



White and chocolate milk is for sale to students at the beginning of each lunch hour. A milk card may be purchased from the office for \$10.00 (10 milk). Students may also bring a \$1.00 to purchase a milk without a milk card.

## **UPDATING STUDENT INFORMATION**

Please call the school and let us know if you have changed your telephone number or have moved. In case of an emergency, we need accurate, updated information to contact you.

## **MEDICATION POLICY**

The School Division policies outline appropriate procedures dealing with a variety of emergency situations, which includes administration of emergency medical assistance or medication. Prior to administering medication (prescription or non prescription). It is stated that a letter from the child's parent/ guardian and a letter from the physician is to be received at the school. If this applies to your child, please contact the school for more information.

## **NUT/SEED ALERT**



We have a number of students at our school that are **highly allergic to peanuts and nut products**. Anaphylaxis is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes. Because of the seriousness of this danger, we ask that you are careful to avoid sending these foods or foods containing them to school. A reminder that if you have a child that needs medical treatment that is life threatening, please contact the principal at the school. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE**

Please call the office at 306-659-7450 if your child is going to be absent even if you previously communicated with the teacher for homework and missed work purposes. This will ensure proper recording of absence. Please leave their name, their grade, their teacher's name and a reason for the absence. **If your child comes in late, please remind him/her to report to the office.** Thank you.

## **SCHOOL ARRIVAL**

Parents are reminded that students should not arrive at school before 8:30 am, when staff are available to assist students. Students will not be permitted in classrooms before 8:30 am. There is a Before and After school program offered by PCDC. If you wish to access this program, please call 306-659-7106.

## **PCDC DAYCARE & BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**



Before School and After School care is handled through PCDC.

- Quality care for school age children before and after school.
- Care for full days on PLDs, school breaks and summer.
- Open Mon-Fri, 7:30am -6:00pm

For more information, please contact Shelley at 306-659-7106 or [sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net](mailto:sfarkas.pcdc@sasktel.net)

## **TRAFFIC SAFETY**

For the safety of our students, please do not use the staff parking lots as a drop off or pick up zone. When dropping off your children, please use Haultain Avenue and drop them off by the gym doors. The East doors to the school will be locked in the mornings.

## **SCHOOL ZONES**

- The speed limit in school zones is 30 kms/hr
- U-turns are prohibited
- Parking is allowed in designated areas only
- Stopping or parking is not allowed in a school bus loading zone
- Jaywalking is prohibited; pedestrians must cross at intersections or marked crosswalks.

## **ST. PHILIP NERI PARISH**

Phone: 306-343-0325; Fax: 306-343-0900; Website: [www.stphilipneriparish.ca](http://www.stphilipneriparish.ca); Facebook: Saint Philip Neri Parish  
Weekend Masses: Saturday ~ 5:00 pm; Sunday ~ 9:30 and 11:30 am  
Weekday Masses: Tuesdays ~ Fridays at **8:30 am**

Confirmation/First Communion - The Celebration of Confirmation/First Communion for those ages 7 and 8 (about Grade 2 and 3) is on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church. Contact person - Shirley at the parish.

Vacation Bible School - The parish VBS is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, mornings only. Registration forms will be available beginning in May. Pre-registration is necessary to ensure that there will be enough materials for everyone. This parish event is appropriate for those ages 4 - 10 while older students (ages 12 - 18) are needed to lead the different age groups through their different stations.

St. Philip Neri Parish has developed Online Catholic Resources to use at home such as videos, movies, audios, ebooks, studies, talks for teens, parenting, and more. Here is how to get started:

- 1) Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- 2) Click on register (halfway down on the right) and create your own FREE account by entering the parish code and your email address
- 3) Parish code: 8RQQDR

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The annual general CSCC meeting is on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the library. The CSCC will be electing 3 positions for a minimum 2 year commitment: Secretary, Hot Lunch Coordinator and Member at Large. The following are vacant position descriptions:

### **Secretary:**

- ❖ Take minutes at council meetings and report on a monthly basis
- ❖ Receive and send correspondence on behalf of the council
- ❖ Take charge of any official records of the council
- ❖ Maintain a membership list of all council members
- ❖ Ensure that appropriate notice is given for all council meetings

### **Hot Lunch Coordinator:**

- ❖ Set hot lunch schedule in September in cooperation with CSCC and school staff
- ❖ Coordinate all CSCC run hot lunches, including Christmas hot lunch celebration and June hot lunch BBQ
- ❖ Coordinate family bingo in the spring

### **Member at Large:**

- ❖ Attend meetings, vote on motions, and volunteer as needed
- ❖ Postering and advertising for CSCC events
- ❖ Coordinate a school clothing sale every second year

If you are interested in letting your name stand for any of the elected positions, please contact Lindsay Patola at [lindsay.patola@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.patola@gmail.com) by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please also contact Lindsay if you require any additional information about these elected council positions. All are welcome to the AGM even if you do not wish to become a regular member of the council. Thank you for your cooperation, support and your interest in the St. Philip CSCC. Together, we make St. Philip a great school for every child to learn, grow and succeed.