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Wednesday, April 1st, 2015

Greetings From Your Admin Team:

The process for communicating student progress is continuous throughout the year. The practices with respect to the order of 3-way conferences and progress reports vary from school to school. The 3-way conference is intended for students, parents/guardians and the teacher to openly communicate as equal partners. They are designed to encourage the student to accept responsibility for their progress and to ensure that everyone involved has the same information and understanding of the student's progress. We feel that the 3-way conference provides the foundational background for understanding the grades in the progress report and this is why we have chosen to follow through in this manner.

Progress Reports will be handed out on Thursday, April 2nd. We do know that there may be questions or clarification following the distribution of progress reports and are available to provide the information that is needed. Please feel free to connect with your child's teacher at any time!

It is hard to believe that April is here. May you and your family enjoy the Easter holiday. Happy Easter to you and your family as we celebrate our Father's greatest sacrifice through his Son, Jesus Christ. Have a blessed Easter!

C. Tenaski **Principal**
C. Anning **Vice Principal**

Holy Family Catholic School Community Council

Plans have begun to establish our first Holy Family Catholic School Community Council (CSCC). CSCCs are an opportunity for parents and community members to become involved and work closely with the staff and students of the school. A member of a CSCC is someone who: understands their community, provides advice on school programs, works well with other groups, focusing on the learning needs and well-being of students and is interested in becoming involved in any capacity at Holy Family School.

In following with the Ministry of Education's guidelines, a General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 15th at 7PM** in the Holy Family School gym. During this time nominations will be reviewed and voting will take place. A nomination form is included with this newsletter and can also be found on our website and in our main office. Please contact Mrs. Tenaski if you wish further information or clarification. Following are the various roles and a brief overview of responsibilities:

Guide for Roles and Responsibilities of Council Officers

The **chairperson** will:

- conduct meetings of the council;
- ensure that all members have input on discussions and decisions;
- prepare meeting agendas in consultation with the principal and other council members;
- oversee council operations;
- establish networks that support the council;

- act as a spokesperson for the council.

The **vice-chairperson** will:

- support the chairperson in his/her duties, taking over when the chairperson is unable to attend;
- perform responsibilities assigned by the chairperson;
- normally become the chairperson the following year.

The **secretary** will:

- take minutes at council meetings;
- 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.

The **treasurer** will:

- record all expenses and revenue;
- report to the school community council on a monthly basis;
- prepare all monies for deposit;
- maintain a bank account with dual signing authority;
- prepare an annual report.

A council may also wish to include various committees within its structure. Councils may wish to have longer-term committees (standing committees) such as a fundraising committee, parent volunteering committee or committees that are created to address some aspect of the learning improvement plan. Councils may also wish to create shorter term (ad hoc) committees to address immediate issues.

School Day Schedule

8:55AM Warning Bell

9AM Classes Begin

10:30AM Morning Recess Begins

10:45AM Recess Ends

12Noon to 12:45PM – Lunch

2:15PM Afternoon Recess Begins

2:30PM Recess Ends

3:30PM End of School Day

Milk For Sale

We have purchased a milk cooler. We have placed the order. We will be ready to start selling milk on Tuesday, April 14th. Chocolate and white milk will be sold out of the Servedy next to the gym. Tickets can be purchased from the office or students can pay cash. It will be sold for \$1 each, 10 tickets for \$10 or 20 tickets for \$20.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

*****Please see the April 2015 calendar which is included with this newsletter.*****

Thursday, April 2nd

- Subway Lunch
- Progress Reports go home

Friday, April 3rd to Friday, April 10th

- Easter Break – School Closed

Monday, April 13th

- Back to School

Tuesday, April 14th

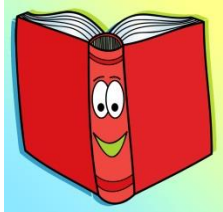
- Starting today milk is available for purchase out of the Servedy by the gym.
- PM Gr.2W & 2&3O go to library downtown

GSCS 2015-2016 School Year Calendar

The school calendar for next year is included with this newsletter and also available through the GSCS website. Please note the school year must still receive approval from the Ministry of Education.

Thinking about Kindergarten for this fall?

We are accepting registrations for Kindergarten 2015-2016! Children who will be five years old by January 31st, 2016 are eligible to start school in September 2015. We are a safe, friendly Catholic school that helps each of our students reach their full potential. At Holy Family School we nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to serve others, so they can make the world around them a better place. Learn more about our school division at www.gscs.sk.ca. We are rooted in faith, growing in knowledge, reaching out to transform the world!



Book Fair

Holy Family will be hosting its first Scholastic Book Fair on May 6th and 7th. The Fair will be held in the seminar room, next to the library (second floor). As the date of our Fair approaches, watch the newsletter for specific times. We hope to see you there!

Mrs. Lorenz, Teacher-Librarian

Clothing Order Reminder!

Please get your school clothing order in by Thursday, April 2nd. Clothing samples will be available at the school office for sizing. On the order form please note students name and grade. We hope to have clothing in at the end of April or beginning of May.

Family Movie Night

A family movie night is scheduled for Friday, April 24th in the school gym! It will be a wonderful opportunity for families to get together as we get to know our school community better. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Playground News...

Our cookbooks have been ordered and should be here in the next 2-3 weeks! Please continue to submit your pre-order forms to your child's classroom teacher. You may also leave cheques and forms in the Playground mailbox at school. A huge thank you goes to all the families and staff who took the time to submit recipes. They look wonderful! We will also be selling cookbooks along with barbequed burgers on May 9th at the CO-OP so come join us for lunch! If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Laura Johnston at bglt@shaw.ca.



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HOLY FAMILY

We are Holy Family

"Come Spend Time with Family"

Sunday Mass Times
9AM, 11:30AM & 6:30PM
123 Nelson Road

Office Hours: 9AM – 4:30PM Monday thru Friday
Phone: 306-659-5800

www.holyfamilycathedral.ca

Community News...

The **Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation** is pleased to invite you to the 15th annual 'Swing into Spring' Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, April 30th, 2015 at Prairieland Park – Hall B. Once again, plans are well under way for a fabulous evening of fun, food, fashions, camaraderie and great prizes. Support school division employees as they step out of their traditional roles to walk the runway in the latest spring fashions. Please check the posters displayed at your school or your parish bulletin boards. Tickets are \$70 each and are available through the Foundation office. Phone: 306-659-7003 Fax: 306-659-2013 Email: catholicschoolsfoundation@gscs.sk.ca Your presence helps us put *faith in education*.



Immunization Notice from Population and Public Health

April 2015



All immunization records located in the Saskatchewan Immunization Management System (SIMS) have been moved over to a new system called Panorama. Panorama is a secure electronic health record system designed to record and store immunization related information. Confidential immunization information is only available to authorized health care workers, such as members of your public health team, physicians, and nurse practitioners across the province using secure networks. Nurses use Panorama to access records to immunize students in grades 1, 6 and 8 and to control the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases when present in a school or classroom. If you have questions about Panorama visit www.ehealthsask.ca/panorama or call 306-655-4612.

Tips for Getting Your Kids Organized and Out the Door in the Morning

Make sure you're giving yourself and your family enough time to complete your typical morning routine in the first place.

- Are you and your family waking up early enough?
- Are there distractions that are taking up time (TV watching, phones, checking email, video games, chronic outfit indecision)?
- Are there members of your family who spend too much time looking for misplaced items (their shoes, their homework, their keys)?

Make the most of the night before: Do as much as you can the night before, such as packing lunches, choosing outfits (equally important for both parents and kids!), completing any forms or paperwork your children need for school or daycare, packing backpacks, and planning for breakfast.

Establish a morning routine: Establishing routines for both parents and children can be helpful in creating a calmer out-the-door experience. Routines for children are especially helpful because they help set expectations and create a pattern your children can and will follow. The key is consistency.

Set up a "drop zone" near the door: The "drop zone" is an area near the front door that holds all the items you need to take with you when you leave the house each day: your children's backpacks, your baby's diaper bag, your work bag, items to return to a store, dry cleaning, shoes, jackets, and the like. Having this zone established near your door and placing your "drop" items there the night before will save you much "hunting and gathering" time in the morning.

Adapted from *Elizabeth Bowman*