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Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015

Greetings From Your Admin Team:

The other day, students from Mrs. Bazylak's class were asked to write about what they think of our new school. Their responses were thought filled, positive and a joy to read. Following are a few of their responses:

"There are many reasons why Holy Family is great. It was definitely worth the wait. Our school is awesome because I think the best teachers from all of Saskatoon teach here. We are grateful to have the opportunity to learn at such an amazing school I love the thought of inquiry based learning and the unique design of the building. I also like the alcoves and all of the different rooms that help us work and focus. The classrooms are awesome, for example Mrs. Ostertag's class has a bunch of different animals, Miss Syrota's class has a mini living room and our classroom has all the motivation posters and a little library. We also have a huge field to play in at recess (and a playground on the way)! Over all I think our school is more than just a school, it's a family." By: Jayden S.

"Our school is amazing! It was worth all the waiting. I am so overwhelmed by our new school! It was everything I imagined and more. For starters, everything is brand new: such as books, shelves, tables, furniture and technology. It's so cool to not have any old or broken things and I hope all the students at Holy Family take really good care of them. Something else I really like is how there are windows everywhere and they don't have metal bars on them! It makes me feel less enclosed and it's very peaceful and relaxing with all the natural light. Another part of our school I find incredible is how environmentally friendly it is. We have automatic lights so energy is not wasted and taps that have sensors so that water is not wasted either. We even have our own recycling room! Everything in our school is so modern and cool, even our seating! I love the roly chairs, rocking chairs and hokey chairs. I also find it so much easier and more comfortable how chairs are separate from the tables. I could go on forever listing all the things I love about our school but I'll leave it at that!" By Mariana G.

"Where do I start? There are no words in my head that could come near to explaining how amazing Holy Family School is. Everybody at this school is so lucky to learn and discover new things. Holy Family is great in so many ways because: it's safe, it's a great environment to learn in, it's clean and I love the smell of the school when I walk in everyday and it feels like a family. How perfect that our school is called Holy "Family". Our school has so many great advantages. I am still discovering new things about this school and it's been over 1 month that I've been here. This has been such an amazing year with the excitement of the new school (Holy Family). Although it was a little tense with the wait, it was worth it. I am just happy to be one of the kids in Saskatoon that gets this amazing opportunity. I can't wait to see what else Holy Family has in store for me and my two younger siblings." By Cassandra N.

"There are so many good things about our school that I am going to share. We have some of the best teachers that I have ever met or have had. They are kind, funny and will help you if you need it. We have lots of technology at our school which helps with our projects and our learning. The double desks teach us to work together with the person we are sitting beside. The

double desks also help us students make more friends. I believe that I have become a smarter person just because of all the things our school has to support our learning. I can now work in groups without too many distractions and good cooperation. We also have a massive play space to play multiple games around our school. With all the space we have, we can play all of our outdoor games. These are just a few reasons why I enjoy our school.” By Thomas B.

“What an extraordinary way to start off a new spring... by walking into a new building that I have the pleasure to call my home. The excitement the students had and have to come to school is just a joy to my heart and I’m sure others as well. On behalf of Holy Family students it’s easy to say we are all excited to have finally stepped into our new, beautiful school! A favorite perk of mine would be wanting to get sent out in the hallway. In our Holy Family hallways, the hallways aren’t hallways anymore. They are called alcoves. This amazing option for kids to work in and they are full of couches and an unexplainable amount of funky chairs. I guess I’m saying it is lovely to be sent out in the hallway! The learning props in our school, I think are the props that want to make people learn more and more every day. Although this year might be a short one, in our Holy Family School there is always great love.” By Emily H.

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DATES TO REMEMBER...

Friday, April 24th

- Spirit Day – Jersey Day – Wear your favorite team jersey!
- Family Pizza Hot Lunch (May 1st) orders due today.
- 6:30PM Family Pizza Supper and 7PM Family Movie Night in the gym

Monday, April 27th

- All money and order forms for the Mother’s Day Playground Fundraiser (Spring Plants) due today!

Tuesday, April 28th

- PM – Kindergarteners go to Mendel Art Gallery
- 7PM Holy Family Catholic School Community Council meeting in the library classroom upstairs

Holy Family Catholic School Community Council

We have formed our first Holy Family Catholic School Community Council. A special thank you to the following parents who will be a part of our new Council: David Yanciw, Jody Reiber, Jennifer Oleksyn, Heidi Barry, Sherri Denluck, Tanya Malinoski, Megan Morelli, Susan Nichol, Krissy Simonson and Amanda Stanford. We are indeed in great hands! The first meeting is on Tuesday, April 28th (upstairs library classroom). All parents are welcome!

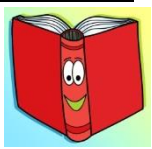
Band Information Nights

There will be two band information nights for families of Grade 5 students who will start Band in September 2015. The meetings will take place on Thursday, May 7th at St. Joseph High School and on Wednesday, May 13th at Bethlehem Catholic High School. Both will start at 7PM. Families should choose the evening most convenient for them. Information can be found at www.gscs.sk.ca/arts.

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 - Mrs. Lorenz, Teacher-Librarian



Please mark the date! We will be hosting our very first Scholastic Book Fair at our new school! On Monday, May 4th and Tuesday, May 5th, students will be given an opportunity to **preview** the book selection. At that time they will receive a flyer to take home to share with you, indicating their choices. Please note that **NO** purchases will be made on these two days. The Classroom Wish List promotion will also be taking place during this Book Fair. More details will be available at the Book Fair. Please remember to fill in the **contest** form, located on the back of the flyer, for a chance to win \$25 in books for your home library plus \$25 in books for your child's classroom library. Look for the draw box at the Fair. Parents are more than welcome to join their children during the time indicated, please see schedule below.

DATES: Wednesday, May 6th and Thursday, May 7th

TIME: 8:30AM - 4:30PM

PLACE: Library Classroom (upstairs)

We look forward to seeing you, and thank you in advance for supporting our Book Fair.

TIME	WEDNESDAY, MAY 6	THURSDAY, MAY 7
9:00AM	Kindergarten (Pearson)	Gr. 7 (Bazylak)
9:30	Gr. 1 (Haynes)	
10:00	Gr. 2&3 (Ostertag)	Gr. 1 (Bergermann)
10:45	Gr. 3 (Bodnar)	
11:15		
12:45PM	Gr. 6 (Syrota)	Gr. 5&6 (Martinka)
1:15		Gr. 4&5 (Lavalley-Usselman)
1:45	Gr. 4 (Blyth)	Gr. 2 (Weinheimer)
2:30	Gr. 8 (Howe)	
3:00	Kindergarten (Deibert)	Kindergarten (Deibert)

Mendel Art Display

We are very proud of Sam M. and Haylee E., both grade 7 students. They have their art displayed at the Mendel. The School Art Exhibit runs from April 3rd until June 7th.

Family Movie Night

Don't forget Friday is **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** in the gym featuring BIG HERO 6! Pizza supper (pre-orders only) start at 6:00 with the movie starting at 6:30. Everyone welcome!

Reminder

Pizza Hot Lunch on Friday, May 1st. Order forms are due back this Friday, April 24th.

Playground News...

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Mother's Day Plant Fundraiser is in full swing. You have less than one week to sell. 12" flower hanging baskets, planters & strawberry plant baskets are for sale. **ALL orders due Monday, April 27, 2015.** Please make cheques payable to **HOLY FAMILY PLAYGROUND.**



Cookbooks are in! If you have pre-ordered a cookbook(s), they will be sent home with your child this week unless you requested school pick up. Remaining copies will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Order forms are available on the playground news bulletin board outside the office. We will also be selling cookbooks at the Family Movie Night and at Holy Family Cathedral (date to be announced)!

Co-op Barbeque Fundraiser: Parents and students will be selling burgers and cookbooks at the local Co-op on **Saturday, May 9th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.** Stop by and show your support! We are still needing a few volunteers to help us out so if you are able, please contact Krissy Simonson at ksimonson@sasktel.net or Laura Johnston at bglt@shaw.ca



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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*.

EcoJustice Grade 8 Outdoor Program – Apply Today! - The EcoJustice Outdoor Program is presently accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year. It is open to all upcoming grade 8 students. Taught out of St. Edward School, this unique inquiry-based program presents the curriculum through place-based, environmental and social justice perspectives. Applications are found in all GSCS elementary schools or can be downloaded from the EcoJustice website: www.scs.sk.ca/ecojjustice. For more information please feel free to attend our parent/guardian information night scheduled for **Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30pm in the St. Edward gymnasium**. If you have any immediate questions, please contact EcoJustice at St. Edward School or your school's grade 7 teacher and/or principal. **The deadline to apply is Friday, May 8th, 2015.**

Hello Volleyball Enthusiasts! We are running another SUMMER STARS CAMP on August 18th & 19th at Centennial Collegiate! Volleyball Skills and Games for (males and females) ages K-Grade 7 where they will be challenged according to ability. Cost for the camp is \$125.00 for 4 sessions. Includes peanut free snacks, camp t-shirt and prizes. Camp fills very fast, so mail or drop off your registration form with fee to be guaranteed a spot! <http://starsvolleyball.blogspot.ca/> Email: thazen@sasktel.net for more information

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Does your child chew their nails, pencils, or shirt neckline? Some children chew on things in an attempt to pay attention in class and to increase their ability to focus. If you find your child is chewing a lot you can help them using the following:

- Have them use a waterbottle with a straw in class
- Try chewing gum (if your school allows)
- Use specially designed pencil toppers that are safe to chew on
- Some necklaces and lanyards are made for children to chew on and help fill this need.

For more information about where to find these items or other ideas please contact your school OT.
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