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St. George School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, June 14

- Gr. 8 Retreat – all day

Wednesday, June 15

- Team photos in the gym – 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, June 16

- Gr. 8 Farewell – 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. pictures)
- K – Gr. 4 Safety Presentation

Friday, June 17

- Gr. 6 & 7 Forestry Farm – all day

Monday, June 20

- K - Gr. 8 Wanuskewin (all day)
- Preschool Grad – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 21

- Parent Appreciation Breakfast (7:30 –9:00 a.m.)
- Gr. 4/5 Lawson Civic Centre – 12:45 p.m.
- Gr. 6 Poetry Café – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22

- Gr. 8 Camping Torch Trial (June 22-24)
- Gr. 1 & 2 Eastview Bowl – 12:45 p.m.
- Gr. 2/3 & 3/4 Forestry Farm – 9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 24

- Kindergarten Rodeo – p.m.
- Last day of Kindergarten

Monday, June 27

- School Year End Assembly – 10:45 a.m.
- Kindergarten Come & Go Open House – 12:45 p.m.
- Last day of school for students

Thursday, June 30

- Report Card Day!

Monday, August 29

- Elementary Registration Day

Tuesday, August 30

- Elementary classes begin

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

- ✓ Farewell to our great grade 8 students who will be celebrating their farewell liturgy at St. Anne's Parish this Thursday evening. St. George staff and students have appreciated their leadership, enthusiasm and friendliness. We wish them all the best as they head into high school next year.
- ✓ I would like to extend a very big thank you to St. George families for their support of our staff and students this year. Parents are the primary educators of their children and we are blessed to support parents in this important role. We hope that you have a fun and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.
- ✓ As many of you know, I will be getting married this summer. If you and your family are in town over the August long weekend, you are invited to attend my wedding which will take place on Saturday, July 30th. Parents are invited to stop by my office to pick up an invitation that will provide you with further details. Students can practice the name change over the summer. My new last name will be spelled Ng. It rhymes with "ring" and "sing."

Quote of the Day: "Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm." Winston Churchill

FAREWELL

We bid farewell to a number of St. George staff this year:

- Mrs. Tanis Lindsay, our music and enhanced French teacher will be moving to Georges Vanier School where she will be teaching music and dance. We have benefitted

from Mrs. Lindsay's musical talents, French language support and help with our recycle clubs.

- Mr. Mark Kindrachuk, our grade 8 teacher will be moving to St. Mary School in the fall. Mr. Kindrachuk will be missed for his contributions to our educational technology team, athletic teams as well as to our SRC/St. George Spirit days.
- Miss Olivier will be moving to St. Mary School to teach grade 4/5 in the fall. She will be missed for her afterschool homework club and enthusiastic coaching of our track teams.
- Congratulations to our evening caretaker Gino Hanns who has become the Head Caretaker at St. Luke School. We welcome Jake Coronician who has taken on our evening caretaker position beginning June 13, 2011.
- Mrs. Darlene Gulas Bomak will be retiring from her position as EAL (English as an Additional Language) teacher in our division. We have enjoyed having Mrs. Bomok work with our students this year and wish her a healthy and happy retirement.
- Mrs. Shelley Spizawka has accepted a new role within our division as an EAL teacher. She is looking forward to this teaching opportunity – location TBD. We will miss Mrs. Spizawka's commitment to student learning in our primary wing for 9 years at St. George.
- We also bid farewell to Educational Assistants Emma Cheke and Amy Fischer who joined us on temporary contracts this year. Amy and Emma are pursuing travel and educational opportunities next fall. We have been blessed by the support they have provided us in our primary classrooms.

TENTATIVE STAFFING FOR ST. GEORGE SCHOOL 2011 - 2012

Currently our classroom organization next year will allow the following classrooms:

Principal – Mrs. R. Ng (Akerman)

Vice Principal – Mrs. M. Monteiro

Kindergarten – Mrs. K. Deibert

Grade 1 – Ms. T. Rempel

Grade 1/2 – Mrs. L. Milnes

Grade 3 – Miss M. Couture

Grade 3/4 – Mrs. J. Peppin

Grade 4/5 – Mr. B. Ostertag

Grade 6 – Mme. Schmitt

Grade 7 – Mr. D. Bertoia

Grade 8 – Ms. M. Cameron

Release teachers – Mrs. J. Casavant-McKay/Mrs. M. Monteiro

Teacher Librarian – Mrs. M. Vanhouwe

Learning Assistant teachers – Mrs. J. Street/Ms. P. Piggott

Extended Learning Opportunity Catalyst Teacher – Mrs. J. Delarosa

School Social Worker – Ms. J. Hjertaas

Band teacher – Mr. L. Adams

Caretakers – Mr. M. Wald/ Mr. J. Coronician

Educational Assistants – Mrs. S. Holt, Mrs. L. Johanson, Mrs. D. Lynchuk and Mrs. A. Lockhart

SCHOOL TOURS

If you are aware of families in the neighborhood who may be interested in sending their child(ren) to St. George School, please have them contact Miss Akerman or Mrs. Monteiro to arrange a school tour at 659-7320.

REPORT CARDS

Report card pick up for K to Gr. 8 students is Thursday, June 30th from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. In the event that students are unable to pick up their Report Card on that day, please forward to the school a posted self addressed envelope.

EARLY STUDENT REGISTRATION 2011-2012 SCHOOL TERM

Early Registration Forms may be dropped off to Mrs. Briant in the office by **Tuesday, June 22nd, 2011**. All returning students are encouraged to pre-register. Pre-registration assists in effective planning for the new school term.

Monday, Aug. 29th from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Registration (for new students and those students returning to St. George that have not pre-registered).

Tuesday, Aug. 30th – Regular classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY

Thank you to Bishop Bayda, Father Janko and Father Lalache who presided at our Divine Liturgy celebrated at St. George's Cathedral on May 31st. We were very blessed to have 3 clergy celebrate our patron saint day with us.

GRADE 8 RETREAT

The grade 8 students had an excellent retreat at Queen's House today. They reflected on the topic of "Time." They were also able to bid farewell to St. Anne's Youth Coordinator, Cody Redekopp (who will be entering St. Joseph seminary in the fall) and meet the new Youth Coordinator, Daniel Pettipas.

TEAM PHOTOS

Tomorrow – June 15th at 10:45 a.m., team photos for the yearbook will take place in the school gym. Students belonging to our athletic teams, safety patrols, rosary club and choir will participate in this photo shoot.

WANUSKEWIN

Students in grades K – 8 have each received a permission note for our school-wide trip to Wanuskewin Heritage Park taking place on Monday, June 20th. These permission notes are to be returned to your child's classroom teacher by Thursday, June 16th. We are looking forward to a great learning experience and we invite parents and guardians to join us at Wanuskewin that day.

YEAR END ASSEMBLY

Our year end assembly at St. George School will take place at 10:45 a.m., on June 27th, in the gym. There, we will bid farewell to our staff who have new placements for the fall. We will also be looking ahead to summer programming offered by the Saskatoon Public Library and Leisure Services Branch. There will be time for one last sing-a-long as well as a slide show featuring some pictures of school activities. Parents are welcome to join us for this gathering.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Summer weather has arrived and both staff and students are pulling out the warm weather clothes! Please be aware that expectations for dress at St. George school include "suitably modest attire." Please reserve short shorts, tops with spaghetti straps and low cut tops for home or the beach. Thank you for assistance in this area.

ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY READERS

Thank you to Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Jmaeff, Mrs. Woznica, Mrs. Henschel and Mrs. Mutala, our five Community Readers who have come every Tuesday and Thursday to read with the Grade 2 and Grade 2/3 classes. We appreciate the time that they have shared with us.

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to all the St. George students who represented our school at the GSCS Track and Field Championships at the Saskatoon Field House on June 8, 2011. The following students will receive placement ribbons at our closing assembly on June 27th: Kaitlyn P., Logan L., Benita M., Zach R., Malek D., Braedyn P., Eileen O., Claire B., Stephan T., Alex R., and Savannah S.

BAND NEWS

BAND CONCERT

Thank you to all of the Grade 6, 7 and 8 band students for a very successful year end band concert at Bethlehem High School! You all sounded great! All of your hard work paid off! A big thanks to our parent chaperones for the night as well.

GRADE 5 BAND RECRUITMENT FORMS

Grade 5 students must hand in all registration forms for Grade 6 band next year. This must be done even if you are not planning on being in band next year. Please make sure you indicate whether or not you are joining. Please have these forms in no later than June 17th, 2011.

INSTRUMENT RETURNS

All students who have been renting band instruments from the Division must have them returned no later than June 17th or after you have completed your final testing.

NORTH SASKATOON PRESCHOOL

The North Saskatoon Preschool will be relocating from the outside building into St. George School this fall. We are now accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year (ages 3-5). Please call Jeanna at 659-2044 for more information or to pick up a registration package.

ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC) NEWS:

The CSCC AGM will be held on **Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011** at 7:00 p.m., in the school library. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

Election Notice for CSCC membership: St. George School Catholic School Community Council will be electing 6 positions at the **Annual General Meeting** to be held on the evening of **Wednesday September 14, 2011**. Parents and guardians of students attending the school may vote in the election or run for a spot on the council. Other members of our community who reside within the transportation attendance area of the school as determined by the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board of Education and are of the Catholic faith may also run or vote in the election. To learn more about getting involved contact **Nancy Sparling**, St. George CSCC Chair at 242-4951. To obtain a nomination form contact **Brenda Briant**, School Returning Officer at 659-7320. Nomination forms must be submitted to the school office **by noon on Friday September 9, 2011**. Remember as well, any parent or guardian is welcome to attend any and all of our meetings without needing to be voted in. Come along and learn about the work we do for the school.

Would you like to join the CSCC? We are taking nominations for new voting members of the CSCC (see election notice accompanying this newsletter).

Even if you aren't a voting member, every parent and guardian is welcome to attend the CSCC meetings. Please come to our meetings to learn more about the involvement of the CSCC in planning for school initiatives and projects. The meetings are informal and are held in the school library.

Parent Appreciation Breakfast: St George School and the CSCC want to say, "thank you" to all the parents and guardians of our students. Please drop in at the school on Tuesday, June 21st for a quick breakfast or muffin and a coffee or juice. In a hurry to get to work? No problem! We'll have a drive-thru set up, with the muffins waiting! We'll be serving from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. by the front door of the school. Thank you, each and every one of you, for everything you have done to make the school experience a rewarding one for your child.

Save the Date!

Event: Welcome back BBQ, CSCC AGM, Meet the Teacher night

Date: Wednesday September 14 - Starting at 5:30 p.m. with the Welcome Back Barbecue, Wednesday September 14 is the evening when we really get the school year started. There

will be a brief CSCC annual general meeting in the gym after the barbecue, starting around 7:00 p.m. Please come along to hear about the work the CSCC has done over the past year and meet the executive for 2011-2012. After the AGM will be a Meet the Teacher night, where you can visit your child's new classroom and meet their teacher. Baby sitting will be provided for the evening.

Please save your subscriptions!

We will be running our annual magazine subscription campaign again next year and would appreciate your continued support. Though there are other companies that may ask for your new and renewal magazine orders, it would be very much appreciated if you waited for our campaign as a significant portion of your order will stay here in our community.

Request for a volunteer for the magazine campaign

We still need one more volunteer to help as prize coordinator with the magazine campaign. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Nancy Sparling at 242-4951 or bn.sparling@sasktel.net.

Labels for Education

Please continue to save Campbell's labels and send them to the school. It is a worthwhile endeavour; we were recently able to order a new digital camera for the school. Please check the web-site, www.labelsforeducation.ca, for participating products.

ST. ANNE'S PARISH NEWS:

Weekday Mass Times: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – 8:30 a.m.

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday at 5:00 p.m., Sunday – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

KIDS 4 CHRIST

Our last session of Kids 4 Christ will take place on Sunday June 26th at 1:00 p.m., in the Church Hall. There will be a short regular session, followed by a wind-up party, including hot dogs, etc. Please wear your "Kids for Christ" T-shirts to Sunday mass that day. Thank you to all the families who participated in this program and we look forward to seeing you in fall, probably September when we will begin again. Our theme next year will be the lives of our Saints. Have a great summer and God bless, Sr. Dianne.

COMMUNITY NEWS....

LHCA FAMILY FUN DAY IN THE PARK

Date: Saturday June 25th from 4:00pm – 10:00pm

Place: Rochdale Park, near St George School

Bring your whole family for a day of fun including: face painting, inflatable slide, bouncy house, BBQ, snow cones and much more. Volunteers needed. Please call 220-3261.

READ SASKATOON – BOYS SMARTS ACTION TALK

Date: Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Learn to mentor your son for success at school and life in a workshop organized by READ Saskatoon and hosted by Barry MacDonald author of Boy Smarts and Boys on Target. The workshop will cover how to communicate effectively, discipline constructively and respond to poor grades, homework, bullying and anxiety with your son and more.

Click on this link for more information:

<http://www.readsaskatoon.com/events/boysmarts.pdf> Register at www.mentoringboys.com, the workshop fee includes copies of Barry MacDonald's two books. Early bird registration is on now.

SUMMER DEBATE DAY CAMP

Date: August 15-19 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Place: Aden Bowman Collegiate

Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association are running a summer debate day camp. Open to Students in Grades 5-12 and teachers or coaches. Games, daily tournaments and indoor/outdoor recreation breaks. There are Beginner, Advanced and Leadership Levels. The cost is \$100 and includes snacks & beverages. For more info see www.saskdebate.com

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CAMPS

With almost 20 different sports and activities for your child to choose from! Including: Lacrosse, Volleyball, Basketball, Gymnastics, In-line Skating, Mountain Biking, Wall Climbing, and Touch Rugby just to name a few. To register or for more information call 966-1001 or email

www.usask.ca/kinesiology

HOLY YOGA

The Way of the Heart, a Holy Yoga retreat to be held at Queen's House of Retreats. **Monday July 4 – Thursday July 7, 2011.** Sometimes we need to disconnect in order to reconnect. Holy Yoga as a spiritual discipline offers us an experience of Christ through scripture, movement, and music. The Way of the Heart retreat will introduce the idea of using our Holy Yoga practice as a way to find space for solitude, silence and prayer. For information regarding Holy Yoga contact Shirley Berthelet – shirleyb@holyyoga.net 978-7242, or Elaine Zakreski – elainez@holyyoga.net 652-1382. To register for the retreat contact Queen's House of Retreats www.queenshouse.org 242-1916.