

St. George School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 23

- Gr. 8 Torch Trail Bible Camp (June 23-25)
- Gr. 1 & Gr. 7J – Forestry Farm (a.m.)
- Gr. 6 Eastview Bowl – p.m.

Thursday, June 24

- Gr. 1/2 & Gr. 1 – Fun Factory
- Gr. 2/3 & 3/4 - Forestry Farm
- Gr. 5 – 7 – Pike Lake (Swimming)
- Kindergarten Farewell Rodeo– 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 25

- Kindergarten Open House – p.m.
- Last Day of classes for students

Wednesday, June 30

- Students pickup up Report Cards

Monday, August 30

- Elementary Registration

Tuesday, August 31

- Elementary classes begin

Monday, Sept. 13

- Life Touch Picture Day

Thursday, Sept. 16

- CSCC Welcome Back BBQ

Monday, Sept. 20

- Common Dismissal Day! No school for students!

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

- ✓ It is really hard to believe that this is June 22nd and the final newsletter of the 2009-2010 school year. So much has transpired over the year: class and school outings, celebrations, liturgies and numerous opportunities for our staff students and parents to connect and collaborate. Thank you so much to our dedicated staff for all their hard work, to our supportive parents for being there for us, and especially to the students for continuing to make St. George School the best possible place it can be. Your Dragon Pride continues!
- ✓ St. George School Aboriginal Day celebrations and activities were a great success! Students enjoyed making bannock, hoop dancing, reading in the "mini" tipi village and taking part in all the activities over the two days of celebration. Special thanks to Mrs. Peppin, who helped to organize the day and the teachers, students and parents who took part.
- ✓ As you already know, Mother Nature was not exactly cooperative last Thursday, and we were unable to go to Pike Lake for a swim day. We were able to rebook for Pike Lake; however, we were only able to take a limited number of students, due to a lack of bussing. As a result, this Thursday, our grade five to seven classes will be going to Pike Lake, while the Gr. 1 and 1/2 classes will be going to the Fun Factory and the Gr. 2/3 and 3/4 will be going to the Forestry Farm. The grade eight class will be at Torch Trail, as part of their year end trip. Parents are more than welcome to join our classes; please contact your classroom teacher if you are interested in accompanying your child's class.
- ✓ Our year end mass was celebrated on Friday, June 18; this was a great opportunity to come together as a school and give thanks to God for his many blessings on our school year. As well, it was a nice opportunity to celebrate with Fr. Darryl and wish him well as he moves on to his new assignment. Thank you so much to Fr. Darryl and Cody (St. Anne Youth Parish worker), for their dedication to our students and involvement in the school.

Quote of the Day: "Courage is the human virtue that counts most---courage to act on limited knowledge and insufficient evidence." -Robert Frost

FAREWELL TO STAFF:

- ✓ I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following staff members who are leaving this year. We have appreciated their talents and dedication to our students and our school. We wish you all the best as you move on to your new placements. Farewell, and thank you to: **Ms. Akerman**, our VP and LAT, who is moving on to St. Dominic School, where she will take on the role of principal. Ms. Akerman, you have done so much for St. George School in so many respects-I don't have the room on this newsletter to list them all! **Mme. Mackey**, who will be moving on to start the Intensive French program at Father Robinson School. The new program at Father Robinson is in good hands, Mme. Mackey. Thank you for all you have done for our Intensive French program. **Mr. Boehm**, who is moving 'down the road' to St. Angela. We will truly miss your great sense of humour and enthusiasm. I also know that the grade sevens will miss the early morning math sessions! **Mrs. Boyko**, who is leaving to St. Angela. Thank you, so much for your enthusiasm around the music program and for all your help out with in our school liturgies over the years. **Mrs. Lorenz**, our teacher librarian, who is moving to St. Michael's School. Thank you for your enthusiasm and collaboration with our classroom teachers. **Mrs. Schell**, our ELO Catalyst teacher, who is splitting her time between a few different schools: thank you for all your fantastic learning units/activities for our students.

EARLY STUDENT REGISTRATION 2010-2011 SCHOOL TERM

Early Registration Forms may be dropped off to Mrs. Briant in the office by **Friday, June 25th, 2010**. All returning students are encouraged to pre-register. Pre-registration assists in effective planning for the new school term. **Monday, Aug. 30th** 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. 31st** – Regular classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

ST. GEORGE CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

Preliminary staffing discussions with our board indicates that we will have eight or nine classrooms in the 2010-11 school year (please note-these numbers are very preliminary and depend a great deal on student movement between now and September). All classes will be organized according to numbers of students registering on August 30, 2010. Groupings will be made by staff in careful consultation with the school administration. However, between now and June, you are invited to share any concerns regarding your child's placement for next year, *with respect to friendships and student relationships*. Please share this confidential material in writing with Mr. Gauthier. Once class lists are posted on August 31, 2010, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to change class composition. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to have input. We take gender balance, abilities, and friendships into account when placing students. Currently our classroom organization next year will allow the following classrooms:
Kindergarten - Mrs. K. Deibert
Grade 1 - Ms. T. Rempel

Grade 2 - Mrs. S. Spizawka
Grade 2/3 - Ms. M. Couture
Grade 3/4 - Mrs. J Peppin
Grade 4/5 - Mr. B. Ostertag
Grade 6 - Mme. Jeanneau (Sept.-Dec.) and Mme. Schmitt (Dec.-June)
Grade 7 - Mrs. M. Monteiro
Grade 8 - Mr. M. Kindrachuk
Grade 8 - Ms. S. Olivier
Gr. 7/8 - Enhance French: Mrs. T. Lindsay
Release teacher- Mrs. A. Marien (beginning Nov.), another release teacher -TBD
Teacher Librarian: Mrs. M. Vanhouwe
Extended Learning Opportunity Catalyst Teacher: Mrs. J. Delarosa
Band teacher - Mr. L. Adams
Caretakers - Mr. G. Johns/ Mrs. J. Staver
Educational Assistants - Mrs. S. Holt, Mrs. L. Johanson, Ms. A. Grimard, Mrs. D. Lynchuk and Mrs. A Lockhart. *All classes will be organized according to numbers of students registering on August 30, 2010. This fact may change some of the classroom loadings/organization.*

REPORT CARDS

Report Card pick up for K to Gr. 8 students is Friday, June 30th at 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.

GRADE EIGHT FAREWELL

Our grade eight farewell was last night at St. Anne's Parish. It was a wonderful opportunity to say goodbye. Best of luck and thank you to our grade eights. Our senior students always take on a good deal of leadership and responsibility and our grade eights have performed admirably. Have a great time at Torch Trail this week. Once again, thank you, good luck and God Bless.

ROOTED IN FAITH

We continue to celebrate the milestones in the faith lives of our students. Earlier this month, some of our students received their first communion/confirmation. We are excited and proud of these students for working to grow in their faith. Congratulations to Danika and Tarik D, Jacob and Annika T, Aiden R, Kennedy S and Brynne M. A very special congratulation goes out to Anneka R, Ashton C, Kaya W, Matthew T, who were not mentioned in the last newsletter (sorry!). We are so proud of you!

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

The CSCC AGM will be held on **Tuesday, September 21, 2010** at 7:00 p.m., in the school gym. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.

CSCC Fall Election - St. George School will be electing **3** positions on the St. George Catholic School Community Council in the fall. The elections will be conducted at the **Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm.**

- **Parent and guardians** of students attending the school may vote or run for a spot on the council.
- **Community members** 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 run or vote in the election of the CSCC.
- Nominations of parents and community members interested in standing for election must be submitted on the official forms and be received at the school office by **noon on Friday September 17, 2010**. Nomination forms are available at the school.
- 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**.

CSCC 2020-2011 School Year Events - Magazine Campaign Kick-Off – Tues. Sept. 7th, 2010 and Welcome Back BBQ – Thurs. Sept. 16, 2010

SOS – “Save Our Subscriptions”: Our students will be running their annual magazine subscription campaign again in the fall 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 starting early September as 40% of the funds will stay here in our school. We are using the same company for 2010, Canadian Community Reading Plan Inc. They are owned in British Columbia and guarantee all of the services. Thank you in advance for “saving” your magazine orders and helping make our future campaign a success. **Magazines can be ordered online throughout the year, with proceeds going to St George CSCC at www.ccrp.ca (campaign code SK10)**

Labels for Education: Please continue to save your Campbell's soup labels over the summer! Eligible products can be seen on the Labels for Education website www.labelsforeducation.ca.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS....

LAWSON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Lawson Heights Community would like to say thank you to Wendy Wagner for her hard work and dedication to our Kindersoccer program over the years. Wendy has resigned from Kindersoccer and will be certainly missed. In order for our Kindersoccer program (preschool) to continue in our community the position will need to be filled. If anyone is interested in coaching the upcoming fall/winter season of Kindersoccer, please contact the Lawson Heights Community Council at www.lawsonheights.ca

“SOCCER KIDS IN THE PARK” PROGRAM

Free Summer Drop-In for children 4-12 years of age. July 5th to August 20th, 2010 at City of Saskatoon Playground Sites. For a schedule, please contact Saskatoon Youth Soccer 975-3413 or www.saskatoonyouthsoccer.ca

HOLY YOGA

June to August - Wednesdays (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.) Cornerstore Church and Saturdays (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.) Rochdale Park (weather permitting, by Lawson Heights School). For more information contact Shirley Berthelet 978-7242 or shirleyb@holyyoga.net

*Have a wonderful
Summer!*



