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NEWSLETTER #18

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Food for Thought:

*“There is no hope if you look at the world with the eyes of the world.
We must look at the world with the eyes of the Gospel.”*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, January 24

Friday, January 27

Tuesday, January 31

Monday, February 20

Tuesday, February 21 – 24

Monday, February 27

Subway Lunch orders due today

Common Dismissal Day – No classes

Subway Lunch today

Family Day – No School

February Break – No School

Classes Resume

FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT

If you or someone you know is interested in a French Immersion education for your children Sister O'Brien School is hosting an information evening on Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. A general overview of what an immersion education looks like from Kindergarten to Grade 12 will be shared and extra detail will be discussed regarding Kindergarten and the early years. Every Catholic French Immersion school hosts an information evening. If you are unable to attend but are interested please see the Saskatoon Catholic Schools website for the dates of all other Immersion schools.

GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL MEETING

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools will hold its Annual Meeting of Electors on Monday, February 6, 2010 at 7 p.m. at St. Edward Elementary School, 1002 Avenue P North. Board Chair Diane Boyko, Director of Education Bev Hanson and Superintendent Donald Lloyd will each report to the community. Electors are also welcome to make presentations at the meeting. Those wishing to do so must contact Supt. Greg Chatlain, the Secretary to the Board of Education @ 659-7090 before Friday, Feb. 3. Parents, families and community members are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the exciting initiatives under way at Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. For more information please contact 659-7077.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

We are working on a school year book for this year (2011 – 2012) in partnership with Lifetouch Photography. It will be a beautiful, color yearbook with class pages and several activities pages highlighting some of the year's activities and initiatives. It will sell for \$26.00 per copy and parents are invited and encouraged to put in an order anytime. There is a sample at the front office showing what modern digital photography technology can do. We are excited about the possibilities of this lifetime memory. Please see Mme Aebig to order.

“POOL OUR LOVE FOR FRIENDSHIP INN”

For a two week period from Jan. 23 – Feb.3 École Sister O'Brien School will be partnering with the Friendship Inn in an initiative called “Pool our Love”. A representative will visit us for a school assembly on Friday, Jan. 20 and provide us with a children's play splash pool. Our goal will be to fill it up with one very specific food item. Each school that participates has one targeted food item and collects as much as possible and the Friendship Inn then receives the food items that are in the greatest need. Sister O'Brien School has been assigned **coffee**. Please send tins of coffee to school beginning next Monday. The more we fill the pool, the better. Thank you for your anticipated generosity.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR NEXT FALL

Thinking about kindergarten for this fall? Now's the time to come in and register your child! Our school is friendly, safe, welcoming and ready to help each of our students reach their full potential. We nurture faith, encourage excellence in learning and inspire students to reach out and help others – at home and around the world. Children who will be five years old by January 31, 2013 can begin kindergarten in Fall 2012. Call us to set up a visit or ask for information. You may also learn more at www.gscs.sk.ca We are rooted in faith, growing in knowledge, reaching out to transform the world!

**Children who have had their fourth birthday need to complete their immunization as soon as possible.

Please call your nearest health centre for an appointment:

North East Health Centre (108-407 Ludlow Street– 655-4700)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC) FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

The CSCC was planning a family bingo night for January 19, 2012. Unfortunately this will have to be cancelled for the time being.

ST. ANN' E PARISH POTLUCK & DANCE

Saturday, January 28th - 6:00 pm (after the 5 pm Mass) Salad, dessert and refreshments will be provided by the parish. Bring your favourite meat or vegetable dish and your dancing shoes!

KIDS FOR CHRIST

will resume on **Sunday January 29th**, at 1:00 pm (as usual the last Sunday of the month). Our Saint for this month is Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, a North American Saint. All children from 4 years of age to Grade 3 are invited to join. Come and register on Sunday the 29th. We have lots of fun. Ask the children who are in Kids for Christ already. Please wear your T-shirts to mass that Sunday. See you on the 26th of January at 1:00 pm.

GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

is pleased to invite you to the 12th annual 'Swing Into Spring' Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, **May 3, 2012 at TCU Place**. 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 or the Foundation website at www.gscs.sk.ca/foundation. Early bird tickets are \$60 each until Feb 29, 2012. Beginning March 1, 2012, tickets are \$70.00 each. Tickets are available through the Foundation office. Your presence helps us put *faith in education*. Phone: 659-7003 Fax: 659-2013 Email: catholicschoolsfoundation@gscs.sk.ca

COMMUNITY NOTES

• **Catholic Family Services**

200-506 25th St. East, Saskatoon, SK. S7K 4A7 Phone:(306) 244-777 www.cfssaskatoon.sk.ca

PARENTS: Don't miss out on these programs – Register soon:

We are offering groups for parents with Out-of-Control Teens

(These groups are for parents whose adolescent is having severe behavioral and/or relational difficulties.)

➤ **Bridging the Gap For Parents of Out-Of-Control Teens**

| Thursdays | 7:00-9:00pm | Jan 5 - Mar 29 (ongoing intake) no fee

➤ **Reaching Out When teens are Out-Of-Control**

| Thursdays | 7:00-9:00pm | Jan 19—Mar 29 (10 weeks) (no group Feb. break) no fee

We are offering groups for parents whose Children have been apprehended or are at risk of apprehension

➤ **Reaching Out...Connecting with your Children**

➤ | Tuesdays | 1:00-3:00pm | Jan 3 - June 27(15 weeks) no fee

Pre-registration is required for all of these programs. Please phone 244-7773 for more information.

- **FAMILY LITERACY FESTIVAL**– presented in partnership with the Saskatoon and Region Family Literacy Advisory Group. Saturday, January 21, (1 – 4 p.m.) at the Frances Morrison Library in the theatre and Room 3.

• **GIRLS IN MOTION EVENT FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2012**

The City of Saskatoon will be hosting **Girls in Motion** on Jan 27 at Prairieland Park, Hall "A" by main the entrance. Girls in Motion is a one-day event for girls grades 4 to 8. The event gives girls the opportunity to see and try a variety of physical activities. Qualified instructors will lead the sessions and assist the girls throughout the day. This free event runs from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and lunch will be provided to all registrants. For further details about the program, please contact 975-3378. Participants must pre-register by calling 975-3378 or by going online to www.surveymonkey.com/s/GirlsInMotion. Registrations will be accepted beginning December 5, 2011. *Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, or our City Blog. Click on the links at www.saskatoon.ca*

- On Saturday, February 4th, 2012 in the city of Saskatoon, Maria Montessori School will be hosting **LET'S SPELL**, a spelling bee for all children ages 6 to 14 years old. Let's Spell is being held at the school at 3035 Preston Avenue South in the Circle Alliance Church. The event has two bees during the one day program - the morning **Beginner Buddy Bee** for new spellers and the afternoon **Advanced Bee** for experienced spellers. This is an exciting and encouraging experience for spellers of all skill levels. The Beginner Buddy Bee is specifically designed for the new speller where every child is a winner! *Spelling bees help to promote literacy by providing children with a positive goal to work toward and give them a forum to display the benefits of their hard work.* To register go to www.montessorisaskatoon.ca. For more information, please contact: Marnie Hilland (306) 955-3852 mmsoffice@shaw.ca

- **WINTERSHINES** - 3rd Annual Ice Cycle (coldest bicycle parade on the planet) - Feb 5, 2012

Join the following free events (part of Wintershines) at the Farmer's Market:

- ✓ 12:00 winter riding workshop
- ✓ 1:00 bicycle parade (police escorted)
- ✓ 2:00 music

Dress up for the parade, join the school challenge for biggest turnout, kids' corner and more. Free registration on line at <http://www.icecycle.ca> or check out the Saskatoon Cycles Association page at www.saskatooncycles.org

• **INVITATION TO PLAY HOCKEY AT THE WINTER CARNAVAL**

The Winter Carnival of the francophone community of Saskatoon is held on Saturday, February 11 at École Canadienne Pavillon Gustave Dubois. Students (girls and boys) of all ages are invited to play hockey in French. Players of different ages and from different schools will be put in mixed teams. The objective is to play hockey in French and to have fun. A special invitation is sent to students learning French. A pair of skates, the desire to play hockey and to have fun are all that is needed to participate. If you are interested in participating, contact Marie-Jeanne Will at 933-0580/290-9990 or at md.will@sasktel.net

- Centennial Performing Arts Showcase – Join us on Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph High School as staff members from our division showcase their talent in honour of our school division's 100th anniversary. There will be a social following the show.

- U of S College of Kinesiology **FEBRUARY BREAK CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CAMPS** (Feb. 21-24th, 2012) Morning camps (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) Afternoon camps (1:00 – 4:30 p.m.) Enrollment is limited. For more information call 966-1001 or check website at: www.usask.ca/kinesiology