



## ÉCOLE SISTER O'BRIEN SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER #27

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**Service: *We reach out to transform our world.***

**Rooted** Growing Reaching Transforming

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Spring BBQ and Carnival (5:30- 9 pm)
Tuesday, April 29 <sup>th</sup> :	Rainbow Food... Yellow
Wednesday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> :	Hot Lunch
Thursday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> :	World Catholic Education Day
	Liturgy at 9:15 am
Friday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> :	Pyjamas Day/Care Partner Read In Spirit Day
	Photography Options Survey Due
Thursday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Cinderella Opera @ 10:45 (All grades)
Friday, May 9 <sup>th</sup> :	Student Retreat: "Living Water" (All grades)
Wednesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Pastoral Visit in am
Friday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> :	CDD (No School)
Monday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> :	Victoria Day (No School)

#### SISTER O'BRIEN SCHOOL FUN NIGHT - Friday, April 25

BBQ 5:30-7:00 p.m. Carnival 6:30-9:00 p.m. Silent Auction/Draws - 8:30. p.m.

BBQ menu: hamburger or hot dog, beans, fruit and coleslaw for \$4.00. Participants supply their own drink, plates, and cutlery.. Many volunteers are needed. Please leave your name at the office. Those willing to donate to our Silent Auction can contact Brenda 242-3384 or Anita 382-3500.

#### KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE ONE REGISTRATION:

**Thinking about Kindergarten OR grade one for next fall?** Our school is now accepting NEW registrations. Sister O'Brien School is a warm, welcoming place where we strive to see children flourish academically, emotionally and spiritually. We are fortunate to be able to offer both English and French Immersion Programs. Please call the school at 659-7480 for more information about our programs and/or to register. To learn more about Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and our programs, check out [www.gscs.sk.ca](http://www.gscs.sk.ca) or [www.scs.sk.ca/obr/](http://www.scs.sk.ca/obr/).

We are rooted in faith, growing in knowledge, reaching out...to transform the world.

#### CÉLÉBRONS LE FRANCAIS!

This last week we recognized the French language and culture in our school. (ie. shared readings, music and announcements in French, Spirit Day.) Thanks to all the parents who attended the Kindergarten to grade 3 French Immersion students

#### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Bible Study at the church for grades 6-8

Friday, April 25 (4:00-5:30)

Talking About Prayer for grades 3-5

Saturday, April 26 (11:00-12:00)

#### HOT LUNCH FUNDRAISER FOR GRADE 8 FAREWELL – Wednesday, April 30

Order forms were sent home APRIL 16 and are due back on Wednesday, April 23 by 9:00 a.m.. Please return to your child's teacher.

#### SWING INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW & DINNER

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation invites you to its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "Swing Into Spring" Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, May 1, 2008. This fun-filled evening features a gala buffet, draws for diamond jewelry, prize draws, table gifts and the latest in fashions from Klässique Designs, Nancy Durham Jewelry & Clothing, Sandbox in the City Clothing Co., Tip Top Tailors and Burtons For Shoes. Tickets are \$45.00 and are available by calling the Foundation office at 659-7003.

#### BAND INFORMATION NIGHTS

There will be band information nights for families whose students will start band in the fall. The meetings will be on Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Catholic High School and Tuesday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross High School. Information will also be sent home with Grade 5 students. Information is online at [www.scs.sk.ca/arts](http://www.scs.sk.ca/arts). Families should choose the evening that suits their schedule best.

### SARCAN PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Please pick up the bagged juice boxes from the Viriditas hallway in the school. The bags will be labeled with your name and need to be picked up after the last recess (2:45 p.m.) on your scheduled day. Bring them to Sarcan and hand in the money to Mme Aebig. The funds are deposited in the Viriditas account and used for environmental activities or projects. A schedule has been posted in the Viriditas hallway.

April 25 – Bylsma family

May 9 - Gerein family

### LEADERSHIP NEWS

#### **SPIRIT DAY** - Pyjamas Day/Care Partner Read In

Friday, May 2

Bring out your comfy and cozy PJ's. Get your name in a draw. Please keep in mind what is appropriate for school. (ie. no spaghetti straps, no bare midriffs etc.)

#### **NUTRITION POSITIVE** - Rainbow Food Contest

Tuesday, April 29

Our Rainbow colour this month is yellow. Students are to bring a healthy yellow food item that day.

#### **IN MOTION** - Jump Rope

Date to be announced.

### COMMUNITY NOTES:

- **SASKATOON HEALTH REGION - Let's Get Active**  
Inactivity is a serious health problem in our society. Two-thirds of Canadian children are not active enough to promote good health. Often inactive children grow into inactive adults who become more prone to heart disease, diabetes and colon cancer.  
Active families are healthier families.  
Create fun physical activities for the whole family (i.e.) start an activity jar – let everyone give ideas.  
Turn off the TV, computer, video games (limit to one hour per day).  
Initiate physical activity with your children – kids do better if they see adults being active.  
Value small changes in activity level (i.e.) keep a chart and work towards 60 minutes per day.  
Enjoy feeling healthier and spending time together.  
*For a copy of physical activity guides for youth and adults, contact Public Health Services at 655-4600. You can also check out the **in motion** website at [www.in-motion.ca](http://www.in-motion.ca) for more information on how to be more physically active!*
- The Fishing Forever Foundation, and the Saskatoon Police Association to sponsor Saskatchewan's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kids Cops and Canadian Tire fishing event on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Trout Pond from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event is free. It provides a day of fishing for children who may not otherwise have the opportunity. The police service will be on hand to help kids understand that police personnel are excellent role models and more than an authority figure. We will provide free parking, food, a fishing rod and the proper tackle for the day. Volunteers as well as the Saskatoon Police Association will be on hand to answer questions and help you fish. A courtesy van will be available to pick up those who would like assistance getting to and from the event. Contact Ted Cawkwell at [tcawkwell@sasktel.net](mailto:tcawkwell@sasktel.net) or 1-306-327-7661 for more information or to register for the event.
- **Saskatoon Fiddle Orchestra's "Made in Saskatchewan" Spring Show:** Get set for an evening of toe-tapping tunes when the Saskatoon Fiddle Orchestra plays **Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m.** at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1636 Acadia Drive in Saskatoon.  
Saskatoon's only fiddle orchestra, along with special guests Everett Larson and Kim de Laforest, will delight the audience at its spring show, "*Made in Saskatchewan*," and feature traditional waltzes, jigs and reels, and original tunes written by some of Saskatchewan's best-loved musicians. In addition to fiddles, the group includes cello, viola, flute, mandolin, guitar, accordion and piano. Tickets: \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Advance tickets available at Long and McQuade and McNally Robinson. For more information call 244-7571 or 955-0105.
- **Bilingualism Lecture:** Dr. Fred Genesee will give a free, public talk at the Frances Morrison Library at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The title of his lecture is "**Early childhood bilingualism: Perils and possibilities**". It will appeal to anyone interested in issues pertaining to bilingualism in education, second language learners, immersion, and the challenges associated with accommodating the varied needs of learners from varied cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Dr. Genesee is a world-renowned scholar of bilingualism, language development and language immersion programs, a Professor of Psychology at McGill University and the author of numerous scientific research books and reports on language learning in children. This talk is part of the Minerva Lecture Series, created by the Canadian Council on Learning to foster discussion between Canadian learning researchers and citizens from across the country. For additional information on Dr. Genesee's talk or the lecture series please visit the Minerva Lecture Series page on the Canadian Council on Learning's website at <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/minervaseries>.


### PHOTOGRAPHY OPTIONS:

Through the survey, a number of families commented that they would like to do a comparison of product and price in order to make an informed decision. Here is the information specific to the two photography options we are considering for next year. Again, please fill in the attached survey form, as these results will be our deciding factor as to which photography company to go with next year. Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter. Please return all survey forms by Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Here are some factors for families to consider when evaluating the **Picture Perfect** options:

- Complimentary class picture for every student (no need to buy anything in order to get the free class picture)
- No Need to buy large packages which have pictures you may not want. We sell individual sheets. Each sheet has a different combination of pictures. One sheet is \$13.00, any two sheets are \$10.50 per sheet and any three sheets are \$9.50 per sheet. Four or more sheets are \$8.00 per sheet. Families can combine all their children's sheets to buy four or more sheets for \$8.00 per sheet.
- We sell a 10in. X 13 in. personalized (with student picture, year, school name and non-school days indicated) calendar for only \$10.00.
- Black and white as well as sepia pictures at the same low price as colour pictures.
- Service in days, not weeks. Last year we took pictures at Sister O'Brien on September 20(Thursday) and delivered proofs and order forms on September 25(Tuesday). Completed orders went back to the school one week after they were picked up.
- Complimentary fund-raising photo shoots are available for our school customers.
- Any concerns are addressed immediately.
- Saskatchewan family-owned business, not an American owned multi-national corporation.

Here are some factors for families to consider when evaluation **Life Touch** options:

<b>A New Generation in School Portraits - Finally the choice is yours!</b>		
➤	You select <b>one of 5 poses</b>	
➤	You select <b>one of 5 colour backgrounds</b>	
➤	We photograph your child with your choices (1- ¾ pose, 1- head and shoulder pose)	
➤	We deliver an 8x10 proof featuring <b>5 images of your child</b>	
➤	Option to purchase any image and any package in colour, sepia, or black and white	
➤	Most importantly, Lifetouch delivers <b>beautiful</b> portraits of <b>exceptional</b> quality	
<b>Package Contents</b>		<b>Price</b>
A	3-8x10, 4-5x7, 4-3x5, 8-2x3, 8-1x2, <b>CD</b> , Calendar (opt-out)	\$47 (\$40 no calendar)
B	2-8x10, 2-5x7, 4-3x5, 8-2x3, 8-1x2, <b>CD</b> , Calendar (opt-out)	\$43 (\$36 no calendar)
C	1-8x10, 2-5x7, 4-3x5, 4-2x3, 8-1x2, Calendar (opt-out)	\$37 (\$30 no calendar)
D	2-5x7, 2-3x5, 4-2x3, 8-1x2, Calendar (opt-out)	\$34 (\$27 no calendar)
E	2-3x5, 8-2x3, 8-1x2, Calendar (opt-out)	\$30 (\$23 no calendar)
F	8x10	\$16
G	Magnets (set of 4)	\$10
H	Calendar	\$16
I	2-5x7	\$16
J	8-2x3	\$16
Retouching		\$6
Name/Grade-on Wallets		\$5
➤	<b>½ price off second package, all are considered packages</b>	
➤	<b>Everyone receives a complimentary class photo regardless of purchase!</b>	

**Family Plan – first 2 children pay full price for package, each additional child in the same family receives same package ½ price (transferable to any school Lifetouch photographs**

Photography Options

My first choice is:

Life Touch \_\_\_\_\_

Picture Perfect \_\_\_\_\_

for photography for the 2008/2009 school year.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note your input is very valuable for us and decisions will be made based on your response.