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NEWSLETTER #11

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Food for Thought:

"Difficulties are stepping stones to success."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, November 10	Common Dismissal Day – No School
Friday, November 11	Remembrance Day – No School
Monday, November 14	Operation Christmas Box campaign ends
Wednesday, November 16	Three Way Conference charts to up today
Thursday, November 17	Schools Win Twice draw @ St. Anne School
Thursday, November 24	Sub Lunch
	Three Way Conferences (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)
	Scholastic Book Fair in Library (3:30 – 6:00 p.m.)
Friday, November 25	Three Way Conferences (8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.) No classes
	Scholastic Book Fair in Library (9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
Saturday, November 26	CRAFT & BAKE SALE

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY

Poppies were distributed to students. Typically schools take a coin collection and donate it to the Legion as they are the ones who sponsor the poppy campaign. We simply ask for a small donation to cover these costs so that this tradition can continue. A big thank you to Rhett H. who will be representing our school at the city wide Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 11 at the Credit Union Centre. Rhett is a member of the 702 Air Cadets Lynx Squadron.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! The dates are Thursday, November 24th, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m., as well as Friday, November 25th, from 9:00 to 3:30. We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us. Students will visit the Book Fair during class time and may make a list of books they would like to purchase. If you are unable to visit the Fair, look over the Highlights flyer that your child will receive and use the Student Wish List form to select books. Then, simply send it and the correct amount of money to school with your child.

Don't forget to enter our Family Event Draw. You could win \$50 in books – \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom! We hope you will join us at the Book Fair.

We will need parent volunteers to help out on these two days. If you can give some of your time, please call Mme Aebig @ 659-7480 to leave your name and telephone number, so that I may contact you, or leave a message to let me know the times you are available. Thank you. Mme. Lucie Altman, Teacher-Librarian

QSP MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

The QSP Magazine campaign is well underway. Please consider supporting Sister O'Brien with your magazine purchases or renewals on-line through QSP.

Magazine Subscriptions or Renewals can be submitted on-line at www.QSP.ca.

The Group Number for Sister O'Brien is 15610.

The student and student's teacher's name will be requested on the order. The deadline for ordering is November 14.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

St. Anne's Parish Community is again preparing to provide Christmas dinner hampers for families in our community. These hampers include such choices as a turkey or ham, potatoes or rice, fresh fruits, vegetables, and many other extras to help celebrate Christmas with your family and friends. If you, or a family you know, would appreciate a hamper this Christmas, please feel welcome to pick up a hamper request form at the school office or by contacting St. Anne's Parish (217 Lenore Dr.) at 931-4700. Please note that request forms are due back to the church before Friday November 18th.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX CAMPAIGN

Boxes are due back by November 14.

A gentle reminder that \$7.00 should be included in the box for shipping/handling purposes.

SCHOOLS WIN TWICE RAFFLE - Draw date: November 17 @ St. Anne School. A list of all winners will be posted.

SASKATOON DISTRICT HEALTH – Public Health Services

When is a sore throat a strep throat?

What is strep throat?

- Strep throat is an infection caused by bacteria.
- The infection is most common in children.
- Children with strep throat may have fever, sore throat and headache.
- Scarlet fever is caused by the same bacteria as strep throat.
- Scarlet fever has the same symptoms as strep throat plus a red rash on the body that feels like sandpaper.

How do you get strep throat?

- An infected person has strep bacteria in their saliva.
- The bacteria can be spread from person to person by droplets in the air caused when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or by direct contact such as kissing.
- People with an untreated strep infection can spread the bacteria for 2-3 weeks.

What should you do if you think your child has strep throat?

- Take your child to your doctor – they will do a swab to diagnose strep throat.
- If the strep bacteria is found, your child will be treated with antibiotics.
- This medication can prevent complications such as rheumatic fever

When can your child return to school?

- If the child feels well
- No longer has a fever and has been taking antibiotics for 1-2 days

COMMUNITY NOTES

- **Columbus Bosco Homes** is having its Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 14 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Bishop Murray High School. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Bishop James Mahoney High School presents *Charlotte's Web*, adapted from the book by E. B. White. This play tells the story of Wilbur, the irresistible young pig who desperately wants to avoid the butcher; Fern, a girl who understands what animals say to each other; Templeton, the gluttonous rat who can occasionally be talked into a good deed; and, most of all, the extraordinary spider, Charlotte, who proves to be "a true friend and a good writer." Determined to save Wilbur, Charlotte begins her campaign with the "miracle" of her web. This is a beautiful, knowing play about friendship that will give your heart and soul an evening of enchantment. See it at Bishop James Mahoney High School (231 Primrose Drive) on Thursday, November 24; Friday, November 25; Saturday, November 26 at 7 p.m. Ticket are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$2 for elementary students and younger.
- **"Sing Choirs of Angels": Saskatoon Children's Choir in Concert**
The award winning Saskatoon Children's Choir (SCC), under the direction of Artistic Director Phoebe Voigts, will be joined by a number of professional brass players from Saskatoon for its annual Christmas concert "Sing Choirs of Angels." The concert takes place on December 2 and 3, 2011 at 7:30 pm at Third Avenue United Church in Saskatoon, and will feature the angelic voices of over 115 choristers, accompanied by pianist Michelle Aalders. The program will feature classical and contemporary choral music of Lang, Stroepe, Tiefenbach, Bach, Franck, Canadian folk music, as well as the choir's stunning renditions of traditional seasonal favourites. The SCC is a strong presence on the world choral stage, including performances in France, Spain, Austria, the Czech Republic, China, the United States and Canada. This past July, the choir performed five concerts on their tour of South Africa. Tickets are \$20 and are available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, and at the door. Reserved seating. For more information, contact Rita McLeod, ritamcleod@shaw.ca or 306-374-8077.
- **Making the Talk Last a Lifetime: Raising Healthy Kids in a Sexually Charged Culture**
If "the talk" is a memory you'd rather forget... if your toddler is already asking where babies come from...if you don't know what "hooking up" is...If your kids know more about sex than you do...then this session is for you! On Thursday, November 17, from 7:30 – 9 p.m. at St. George School (748 Redberry Road) our speaker will be Leah Perarult, Director of Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Saskatoon and the co-author of *How Far Can We Go? A Catholic Guide to Sex and Dating*. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of children of all ages are invited to spend an hour thinking about extending "the talk" from infancy to adulthood. Young people have more information about sex than ever before, which adds to our responsibility to make sure that they have the confidence, information and support to make healthy and holy choices. Presentation and refreshments, courtesy of St. George CSCC. For more information contact Shirley Berthelet 978-7242 or email shirleyb@holyyoga.net
- The STARS summer volleyball camp is being held on December 28th and 29th, 2011. Times: 9:30-noon and 12:30-3pm daily for kids K-Grade 7. Athletes will be challenged according to ability with a focus on fun and fundamentals. Healthy snacks, t-shirt and prizes are included in registration cost. Check out the website <http://starsvolleyball.blogspot.com/> or contact us at 249-0952 or tchazen@starsvolleyball.ca for more information.