

ST. LUKE SCHOOL



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Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Here we are midway through September and into our first full week of school! I would like to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Adair to our St. Luke family. Mrs. Adair comes to us from St. Mary's School and we are very blessed to have such a great teacher join us! She will be the English Gr 2/3 homeroom teacher. We are still in the process of finalizing our third release teacher and then staffing will be complete.

The staff at St. Luke School strive to provide a Christian atmosphere of love, cooperation and security in which students are given the opportunity to grow in their faith, their academic work, and in their social, emotional and physical development. You, as the parents, also play an integral part of your child's journey as a learner, and it is important to work together as a team so that every child can be set up for success.

This is a good time to remind families about the preferred process to bring forward any concerns. We suggest that concerns be expressed first to the classroom teacher (if possible, please try to avoid an email or text). The teacher is generally the one who has the big picture. Some parents feel that going directly to the school administrators is the first step: however, the administrators often lack the background information that is necessary to add clarity to a concern. While both Mr. Cole and I are ALWAYS open to supporting students along with parents and teachers, we recommend you begin with the teacher. Remember they are the ones who are with your child all day/every day. If you feel your concern is not understood or addressed by the classroom teacher, we would not hesitate to become involved. We believe that it takes a village to raise a child. When parents and staff work together as a team, we know that our students will find success!

Finally, this week is Welcome Week! We have many Spirit Days planned this week. We also look forward to seeing parents at our Meet the Teacher night on Thursday, September 16th. Please be sure to check your emails as it will look different this year. We ask that everyone wear a mask, and if possible, we would ask that only adults attend the event. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe!

Shelly Lord, Principal St. Luke School

Dates to Note . . .

Tuesday, September 14

 Spirit Week – Please see paragraph below for more information

Wednesday, September 15

❖ 6:30PM – St. Luke CSCC Mtg. in Library

Thursday, September 16

Meet the Teacher Night
 7:00 – 7:30pm – K to Grade 4
 7:30 – 8:00pm – Grade 5 – 8

Saturday, September 19

Midnight deadline for Healthy Hunger orders

Wednesday, September 22

 Lifetouch Pictures – Kindergarten to Grade 4

Thursday, September 23

❖ Lifetouch Pictures – Grades 5 – 8

Friday, September 24

Healthy Hunger Lunch – "Subway"

Welcome Week

Monday September 13th

Jersey Day-Put on apparel for your favourite sports team

Tuesday September 14th

Tie-Dye/Neon Tuesday- Bust out your brightest colours and rock them head to toe!

Wednesday September 15th

"When I grow up Wednesday"- What do you want to be when you grow up? Dress the part for today!

Thursday September 16th-

Crazy socks and/or Slides - Show off your craziest and silliest pairs of socks and slides (if you have them)!

Friday September 17th-

Dress like a teacher- Now is your chance to dress like one of us! Show us what you think we look like.

We are also hosting our **Meet The Teacher Night on Thursday, September 16**th. We wish to keep our families as safe as possible, so we are doing things a little differently. First, we are kindly asking **parents to NOT bring their children for this**. We recognize that this may create difficulties, but we are trying to limit the number of people in the school overall. Secondly, we will not be gathering in the gym at the beginning. Instead, please proceed directly to your child's teacher's classroom.

The schedule will be as follows:

7pm – Kindergarten to Gr 4 classroom teachers will present to parents in their classrooms.

7:15pm – Kindergarten to Gr 4 classroom teachers will present the same session again.

7:30pm – Gr 5 to 8 classroom teachers will present to parents in their classrooms.

7:45pm – Gr 5 to Gr 8 teachers will present the same session again.

Hopefully, this will allow parents will multiple children a chance to get into the different classrooms. The anticipated end time will be 8pm. The principal and the other non-classroom staff will be out and about in the hallways to say hello! As always, everyone is asked to wear a mask in the school. Thank you again for your support in this. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Staggered Entry

 To ensure safety, students must consistently use their designated entrance door when entering or exiting the school Any student <u>arriving late</u> will need to come through the front doors and check in at the office and receive and "admit slip".

School Times

8:35a.m. - First bell 8:40 a.m. - Start of school day

> 9:55 a.m. – Recess Cohort A 10:10 a.m. – Recess Cohort B

11:40 a.m. – Lunch Recess Cohort A 12:00 p.m. – Lunch Recess Cohort B

1:40 p.m. – Recess Cohort A 1:55 p.m. – Recess Cohort B

3:10 p.m. Dismissal

Cohort A

- Kindergarten Mrs. Johns
- Kindergarten Mme Long
- Grade One Mrs. Mighton
- Grade One Mme Wingerter Mlle Kirkpatrick
- Grade Two Mrs. Knihniski
- Grade Two/Three Mrs. Adair
- Grade Two/Three Mme Kennedy
- Grade Three Mrs. Cowan
- Grade Four Ms. De Bakker

Cohort B

- Grade Five Ms. Draeger
- Grade Five/Six Mrs. Rasmussen
- Grade 7 Mrs. Baron
- Grade 7 Mrs. Resch
- Grade 8 Mr. Cole

Entrance/Exit Doors:

Johns/Knihniski/Adair will use primary entrance door.

Mighton/Long/Wingerter/Kennedy to use main front door.

De Bakker/Cowan/Draeger to use middle boot room door.

Rasmussen/Baron to use backdoor facing Tarmac.

Resch/Cole to use rear door facing the soccer field.

Back to School Reminders...

Start of the Day

Students should not arrive at school before 8:25 a.m. unless they are attending the Before and After School Program. Information on the Before and After School Program is available by phoning the YMCA at 306-652-7515. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Edsby

An invitation was sent out to parents to join Edsby on Friday, September 10th. If you did not receive your invitation, please

email Mrs. Oberg, our Office Coordinator at joberg@gscs.ca. We would like everyone to sign up and use Edsby to report student absences/lateness.

"Beginning of the Year" Forms Package

Due to the delay in having a new teacher assigned in our primary grades, there was also a delay in sending home the forms package.

We will be sending them home this week! This will include such items as the student emergency form, lunch supervision, field trip permission form, etc. Please ensure all student information is up-to-date, including the correct email address. We ask that you watch for this package and return them completed (some are doublesided) and signed to your child's teacher by Monday, September 20th. Please do not separate the forms – just return them as a whole package. Thank you for your attention to this.

Lifetouch Photos

The dates for school pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 (K to Grade 4) and Thursday, September 23 (Grades 5-8) Picture retakes will take place Wednesday, October 27^{th} .



School Website

Check out our school website at www.gscs.ca/luk

Healthy Hunger Lunch Day

Hot lunch days will be making a return this year at St. Luke. The CSCC is so excited to host fun lunch days using Healthy Hunger as our platform. Please review the instructions below to set up your free account. Keep your eye on your inbox as the CSCC will be sending home an email soon with the date of our first lunch with Subway. All funds raised with our hot lunch program throughout the year are put right back into our student's classrooms, helping to sponsor field trips, purchase much needed classroom supplies and much more. We thank all families for their participation!

Setting up your family's Healthy Hunger account is easy!

- 1. Go to <u>healthyhunger.ca</u> and click on "register your student" to sign up for your free account and add all of the children in your family who attend St. Luke School. Please ensure you choose the correct classroom for each child as this information is used by the individual restaurants to sort and pack each classroom's order.
- 2. Now you can view all of the lunch dates, review the menus and pricing and place your orders. Orders must be submitted by midnight five calendar days before the lunch date.
- 3. All payment is made online.

Planned lunch dates are as follows:

September 24th – Subway
October 14th – TBA
November 5th – Subway
November 25th – Edo Japan
December 10th – Subway
January 14th – TBA
January 27th – Subway
February 14th – Domino's Pizza
March 4th – Subway
March 24th – Wok Box
April 7th – Subway
May 5th – Taco Time
May 27th – TBA

Milk Program

The milk program will resume this year. Milk (chocolate or white) can be purchased for .75cents each. Bulk tickets can be purchased at the office in the following amounts:



10 for \$7.50 20 for \$15.00

40 for \$30.00

Medical Alert Forms

We still have a number of families that have not submitted their child's three-part medical alert forms package. We ask that you complete this package and return it to the office, along with any required medication as soon as possible.

Facebook Page for St. Luke School

St. Luke School has created a Facebook page! Please check it out and follow, if you wish! It is a great way to share all the wonderful things we do very day!

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St. Luke CSCC....

The CSCC will be meeting in the school library this Wednesday, September 15th at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be planning our activities for the school year ahead as we hope to be able to function in our usual role at St. Luke this year. Please review the GSCS health screening checklist prior to attending the meeting.

SafeSHIP News

As your 2021 SafeSHIP Team, we are committed to providing a safe and non-judgemental space to empower youth. We will bring a fun and informative environment for health education. We will be open and transparent in advocating for students and the community #safeSHIP2021.

Jorja, Alesha, Faith, Carly, Molly



Schools Win Twice Tickets



Holy Spirit Parish News....

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm Father Joseph Salihu, Pastor Father Phong Pham, Pastor Celena Komarnicki, Youth Ministry Coordinator www.holyspiritsaskatoon.ca



Christian Initiation of Children

For the past few years we have had inquiries from parents of a number of children who have not been baptized as infants and now the child is showing a keen interest in receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion). Is this happening in your home too?

We, at Holy Spirit Parish, are trying to meet this need and have created a process for children 8 to 15 years who would like to explore the possibility of being baptized and also receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

We will begin sessions early to mid-October. We will meet after school about every two weeks for one hour. The day of the week will depend on which day works best for most families but we are hoping for Tuesday after school.

As the children and their parent(s) come together in a welcoming atmosphere for these learning opportunities they experience sessions that are not only teaching the children about being a Catholic Christian but they are also life-giving both for the children and their parents. The children learn much while they are having fun both with the other children and parents.

The children will receive all of the sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil which this year will be April 16.

If your child has been questioning and showing an interest in being baptized I would love to talk with your family. I look forward to telling you more about this encouraging and gratifying process.

Please either call or email me at spowell@rcdos.ca or 306-374-1425.