



ÉCOLE SISTER O'BRIEN SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER #24

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Food for Thought:

Good has His own ways and means to work in the hearts of people, and we do not know how close they are to Him. By their actions we will always know whether they are at God's disposal or not.
(Mother Theresa)

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4 th	Charts are posted on bulletin board by gym for 3 Way Conferences
March 13 th	Progress Reports go home
March 18 th	No classes for Kindergarten (English and French Group A) - 3 Way Conferences all day
March 19 th	No classes for all grades - Three-Way Conferences all day
March 20 th	Common Dismissal Day – No School for students
March 20 th & 21 st	Saskatoon Indoor Games (Final Track Meet for the season)

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to the students who signed up to be a part of the Sister O'Brien School Orff Ensemble. You really made our Ash Wednesday Liturgy special. We appreciate you giving up your noon hours to practice as well as your efforts to learn to music in such a short time.

This group will also be playing at our EarthDay/Retreat in the spring. Thanks also to Jordan R. (grade 5E) who did an awesome job as our psalm soloist.
Mrs. Pearson

PROGRESS REPORTS

Term 2 Progress Reports are scheduled to go home on Friday, March 13th.

Wednesday, March 18th Three-Way Conferences will then be held from 4:00 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18th ** 3 – Way conferences for Kindergarten Groups A (Mrs. Pearson & Mme Johnston) are from 9 to 5:15 p.m. There will be NO CLASSES for these groups on that day.**

Thursday, March 19th 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Sign up charts will be posted on the bulletin board beside the gym on Wednesday, March 4

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR NEXT FALL

We are now taking registrations for Kindergarten 2009-2010. If your child will be five-years-old by Jan. 31, 2010, he or she can begin kindergarten in September 2009. Please call us at 659-7480 for more information about our school and how to register. To learn more about Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and its programs, check out www.gscs.sk.ca

**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 Health Centre - #100 – 227 Primrose Drive – 655-4700

SARCAN VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK - Week ending March 6– Chen family

GREATER SASKATOON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION is pleased to invite you to the 9th annual 'Swing Into Spring' Fashion Show & Dinner on Thursday, April 30, 2009 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. Tickets are \$50 each and 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

NUTRITION MONTH

March is the beginning of nutrition month. Each year we dedicate the month of March as a month to focus on healthy eating habits. The goal is to continue these habits and make smart choices all year long. To help kick off the month, our newsletter will have nutrition 'tidbits' and the students will participate in a "Healthy Snack Week" on March 16 to 18.

Monday, March 16	Red snack day
Tuesday, March 17	Green snack day
Wednesday, March 18	Yellow/Orange snack day

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation invites applications for the position of Executive Director. The successful candidate has demonstrated a passion for Catholic education, managerial and leadership skills and community involvement. Familiarity with the education system and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, fundraising and planned giving would be an asset. As a full time employee, the Executive Director is responsible to the Board of Directors and is supported by the Office Administrator. Please forward cover letter and resume to:

Executive Director Search
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation
420 22nd Street East, Saskatoon, SK S7K 1X3

by March 16, 2009. All applications will be acknowledged.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PARENTS

Income tax receipts are ready. They can be picked up at the program. We cannot give receipts to any child. Anyone with questions can call Dawn @ 933-1074.

TAX ASSESSMENT NOTICE

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR TAX ASSESSMENT NOTICE? Please take a minute to check your property assessment notice to ensure you have correctly specified which school board should receive your property taxes. The notice, which was recently mailed out, tells you the assessed value of your property and whether the education portion of your property taxes goes to the public or Catholic school board in your community.

If you are Catholic and live within the boundaries of a Catholic school division, but your notice does not state you are a Separate School Supporter, you can switch your taxes by filling out a tax declaration form, available at your RM or town office, in Saskatoon at City Hall or online at www.city.saskatoon.sk.ca You may also pick up a form at your school or at the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Board Office at 420 22nd Street East.

There is no fee for changing your tax declaration. Deadline to submit your form for this tax year is **April 20**.

Only people who are Catholic may pay their property taxes to the Catholic school board. Under provincial law, it is not a matter of choice, personal preference, where one works or where one's children attend or have attended school.

If you would like more information about any aspect of property tax declaration, you may contact Dr. Donald Lloyd, Superintendent, Administrative Services, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools. Phone 659-7021 or email dlloyd@gscs.sk.ca You may also check the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools website (www.gscs.sk.ca) for more information.

SASKATOON HEALTH REGION

WHAT IS PINK EYE?

- pink eye is an infection of the eye caused by bacteria or viruses
- pink eye can cause watery, red eyes, and swelling and sensitivity to light. It can last from 2 days to 3 weeks.

How do we get pink eye?

- by contact with the discharge from an infected person's eye, nose or mouth
- can be spread by fingers, towels, clothing and other articles such as eye make-up applicators and eye drops
- pink eye can be spread until it is treated

What can you do if your child has pink eye?

- encourage thorough handwashing
- seek treatment early
- treat your child with antibiotics for at least 24 hours, before returning to school
- to prevent re-infection, finish all the medication as prescribed
 - wash all items that may have been in contact with eye or nose discharge

For more information, contact Public Health Services.

COMMUNITY NOTES:

- **FAMILY SERVICES SASKATOON**
Topic: Effective Co-Parenting: Putting Kids First
Friday, March 6 (8:30 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.) St. Paul's United Church (454 Egbert Avenue)
To register or for more information phone 244-0127 or email: info@familyservice.sk.ca
- The HOPE Cancer Help Centre is hosting its 14th Annual Race for Recovery on April 26th, 2009. For more information, please contact Irene at 664-8797 or by e-mail at imevents@sasktel.net. You can also visit the HOPE website at www.hopcancerhelpcentre.com.
- **Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Dinner & Champion of Children Awards** - The Saskatoon Preschool Foundation is calling for nominations for its *Champion of Children Awards*. For nomination forms and guidelines, go to www.spf.sk.ca or call the Foundation office at 683-8384. Nominations are due March 23. Awards will be presented at the Saskatoon Preschool Foundation Dinner on April 24 at TCU Place. Tickets can be reserved by calling 683-8384 or by email: spf@spsd.sk.ca
- **"Because Kids Are For Keeps"** Saskatoon Adlerian Society presents two evening workshops for parents: **"Socks, Toys, Dirty Dishes"** Wednesday, March 18 7-9 pm and **"Taming the Time Tiger"** Wednesday, March 25 7-9 pm. at John Lake School. With Deb Gibson. For details and registration www.saskatoonadleriansociety.org or phone: 975-0885
- Saskatoon Adlerian Society Presents **A DAY FOR PARENTS** Saturday, April 25, 2009. For details see www.saskatoonadleriansociety.org or phone: 975-0885

