



# St. Mary's School Newsletter



*"Together we grow in Faith, Hope and Love"*

Christ the Teacher Catholic School Division #212

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

October brings on the cool weather of the fall season, leaves changing colours, thoughts of Thanksgiving turkey and orange pumpkins. At school, we've been working on classroom routines, procedures, and our school goals of the importance of reading, writing and math. Autumn is a beautiful time and helps us think of all that we have, and to be thankful for our many blessings. Begin each day with a grateful heart!

Our religious theme this year again invites us to "Follow Christ". We can pray for God to help us know His ways, to lead us, and to teach us to follow His ways. Our faith focus poster reminds us of some of those ways in which we can follow and imitate Christ – through Compassion, Holiness, Respect, Integrity, Service, and Thanksgiving. We have the example of Jesus to live our lives with respect and integrity, which will be the virtues we focus on this year. Let's pray for the courage and wisdom to be faithful disciples and may following Christ become our way of life.

Wishing all families a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Mrs. L. Klemetski  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day, <b>No Classes</b>
Oct 13	Picture Day
Oct 26	Inservice, <b>No Classes</b>
Oct 30	Halloween activities
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 2	All Souls Day
Nov 5	Photo Retakes @ 1:00 pm
Nov 11	Remembrance Day, <b>No Classes</b>
Nov 12	Holiday, <b>No Classes</b>
Nov 13	Holiday, <b>No Classes</b>
Nov 20	Term One Student Progress Reports

**FOLLOWING CHRIST**  
- John 8:12

**C**ompassion  
**H**oliness  
**R**espect  
**I**ntegrity  
**S**ervice  
**T**hanksgiving

Christ the Teacher  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
Becoming More Like Jesus

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Picture Day is coming!!

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

After Picture Day, order pictures on [mylifetouch.ca](http://mylifetouch.ca) using your Portrait ID and Access Code which can be found on your Picture Day order form.



**IMPORTANT**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>  
& MONDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>  
No Classes!**



## CROSS COUNTRY

St. Mary's School hosted their Cross Country Meet on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following top finishers:

### Grade 1

1<sup>st</sup> – Gavin; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Drayden; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gabrielle;  
4<sup>th</sup> – Creedance; 5<sup>th</sup> – Nova

### Grade 2/3

1<sup>st</sup> – Cassadee; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ryker; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Philipp;  
4<sup>th</sup> – Kaizen; 5<sup>th</sup> – Sofia

### Grade 4/5

1<sup>st</sup> – Evan; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Emmanuel; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Andreas;  
4<sup>th</sup> – Eeden; 5<sup>th</sup> – Samiah

### Grade 6/7/8

1<sup>st</sup> – Noah

➤ We would also like to congratulate all runners for the great effort they showed in representing St. Mary's School for the 2020 Running Season!

➤ Thank you to Mrs. Falconer and Ms. Cook for encouraging the runners and cheerleaders.

## HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES



Students are invited to bring a costume for the afternoon of Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Costumes should be simple enough that the students are able to put them on themselves, as parents are not able to enter the

school. The child(ren) can go home for lunch to get dressed if you want. The SRC will have a best dressed contest awarding one winner in each classroom. There will be NO Costume Parade this year. Various activities will occur in the classrooms for the students in the afternoon. Please don't send any treats to hand out to other students. The SRC will hand out a treat bag to each student. Please limit Halloween treats in lunches to one treat item.

**PreKindergarten spaces are available.  
Contact the school office for more details.**



A very "grateful" thank you to the Yorkton Dream Centre and Staples for the donation of school supplies. The supplies include items such as backpacks, lunch kits, water bottles, binders (with zippers and without), geometry sets, pencil cases, markers, and more.

To Mrs. Villeneuve and Mrs. Macza for making us a delicious meal to recognize Orange Shirt Day. Our school spent the week learning about Residential Schools and their sad effects on Indigenous families and cultures. We reflected on standing in unity with our Indigenous sisters and brothers, and thinking more about having compassion, courage and hope to work together for justice.



Every  
**Child** matters

Thank you to our safety patrollers this past month: Isabelle, Samiah, Bree, Isabell, Aya, Karehl, Rainah, Chelsea M, Trenna and Chelsea L.

School Bus Driver Appreciation...THANK YOU to our bus drivers Michelle and Bernie who safely deliver our students daily.

## BAND INFORMATION

Band checklist:

- Gr. 5: Register online; get an instrument
- Gr. 6-8: Hand in your band **registration form (overdue)**
- Pay your band **fee** (Grade 5 - **\$35** (\$20 band fee + \$15 band book); Grades 6-8 - **\$50**)
- Help your child find *at least* 2 layers of dense **fabric** to cover the end of their instrument in class
- Help your child sign up for band on **Google classroom**

St. Mary's has a twitter account!



follow us on  
**twitter**

Please follow:

**@stmarysyorkton**

is the place to look on twitter!

## St. Mary's School Parking

**Attention Please!**

Please do not park in the staff parking lot as those spots are specifically assigned for St. Mary's staff members.

For the safety of our students and your children crossing Independent Street, as well as, to avoid congestion during 8:45-9:00 and 3:15-3:30 St. Mary's Parent's/Guardians are encouraged to park at the West side of the Zion Lutheran Church or James Avenue. Thank you for your cooperation for helping our children and families to be safe when dropping off and picking up your children.

## SAFETY PATROL

Our school's safety patrol team has been working to help all people cross Independent Street safely after school. Our safety patrol students are located at the crosswalks on Independent Street. Please follow the patrollers' signals and cross at the crosswalk only. Just a reminder, parking for pick-up after school is available on James Avenue or the church parking lot to the west of the school.

## NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- Breakfast will be served to the classroom every morning if a student requests it at the kitchen when they come
- Regular lunch menu has started for the month of October

## REMINDERS

- If your child will be absent or late any day, please contact the school with a note or a phone call so that teachers can be made aware of his/her absence.
- Parents and grandparents, please consider joining our SCC, the School Community Council, plans events and fundraisers to help meet the school goals and brings our families together.
- KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE  
Day 1, 3, 5 on the school calendar
- Students are requested to have two pair of shoes. One for indoor; the other for outdoor.



## PARISH INFORMATION

*St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church*

### ATTENTION PARENTS!!!



**Do you have a child who is in Grade 2? Or an older child who has not received the sacraments?**

Now is the time to register for the Confirmation and First Eucharist Preparation classes!

IF you have not received a letter by email or regular mail by Monday, October 19, PLEASE phone or email the Parish Office.

Once registrations are received, more details will be made available regarding dates and times of the sessions.



# IMPORTANT

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Please let the school know if your address, phone number, emergency contact, etc has changed so we can keep our records up-to-date. Additionally, we request all families to have email addresses. If you have not received any information via email this year, please check with the office. We have had some addresses not entered correctly.

Parents are asked to wait outside the school. Call or email if you want to contact us. If students come late and their outside door is locked, use the front doors.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

This year you will see some new guidelines and protocols in place to enhance the safety and health measures for everyone to follow, and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Thank you for your support. See details on these links:

<https://christtheteacher.ca/ctt/safety-health-measures-in-cttcs-schools/>

<https://christtheteacher.ca/ctt/stmarys/2020/08/26/st-marys-return-to-school-plan/>

- Before coming to school please complete the Daily Screening Check for COVID-19 symptoms (attached)
- Each student please bring their own water bottle
- Bring your own mask if you have or we have available



St. Mary's School Daily Health Checklist for Students

Parents/caregivers must use this questionnaire daily.

Risk Assessment: Initial Screening Questions

September 8, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The safety of our children is of top priority for all of us. We, the Good Spirit School Division and Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools, are involved in intensive safety training with our community partners. Together, we developed a plan for responding to high-risk behaviours. High-risk behaviours include, but are not limited to, possession of weapons, bomb threats and threats to injure oneself or others.

This letter is to inform you that GSSD/CTCS school systems have a policy that requires principals to initiate a "threat assessment" in all cases of students displaying any type of high-risk behaviour. Should you wish to review the "Administrative Procedure 165: Safe Schools" or "Administrative Procedure 354: Threat Assessment", please visit our websites at either [www.gssd.ca](http://www.gssd.ca) or [www.christtheteacher.ca](http://www.christtheteacher.ca). The purpose of these assessments is to determine how best to support high-risk students so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive. If your child comes home and tells you that a student has behaved in a threatening way at school, please advise your principal and be assured that your principal will be taking measures to deal with the situation in a positive and proactive manner. If your principal invites you to a meeting to discuss safety concerns about your own child, please be assured that the procedure is being followed and that the primary goal is safety, not punishment.

This letter is intended to serve our community with fair notice that we, as school communities, will not accept "no response" to a serious threat. Our goal is to respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for a healthy and caring learning environment.

We are pleased to provide, in conjunction with our community partners, a safe environment for all of our students.

Sincerely,

Quintin Robertson  
 Director of Education

Barb MacKese  
 Director of Education

1.	Do you, or your child attending school, have any of the below symptoms:	CIRCLE ONE	
	• Fever	YES	NO
	• Cough	YES	NO
	• Shortness of Breath / Difficulty Breathing	YES	NO
	• Sore Throat	YES	NO
	• Chills	YES	NO
	• Painful Swelling	YES	NO
	• Runny Nose / Nasal Congestion	YES	NO
	• Feeling unwell / Fatigued	YES	NO
	• Nausea / Vomiting / Diarrhea	YES	NO
	• Unexplained loss of appetite	YES	NO
	• Loss of sense of taste or smell	YES	NO
	• Muscle / Joint aches	YES	NO
	• Headache	YES	NO
	• Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	YES	NO
2.	Have you, or anyone in your household, returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3.	Have you or your children attending school had close unprotected contact (face-to-face contact within 2 meters) of someone who is ill with cough and/or fever?	YES	NO
4.	Have you or anyone in your household been in close unprotected contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated or confirmed to be a case of COVID-19?	YES	NO

"No" to all the above questions, you may attend school.

"Yes" to any of the above questions, please **DO NOT** attend the school at this time.

Call the Healthline 811 for more assistance and follow given directions.

Please notify the school at **306-782-2889** or email the office at [saint.marys@cttcs.ca](mailto:saint.marys@cttcs.ca)