



# St. Mary's School

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

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**OCTOBER 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

Dear St. Mary's Families,

Now that autumn is here, there are many chances for us to celebrate all that God has given us and to be grateful for. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a lovely prayer about the life of Mary and Jesus. Touching rosary beads as you pray helps engage your body in prayer. If we pray more, we deepen our relationship with God – to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him. Prayer is healing for us and for when we pray for others, we grow in love for one another.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and the opportunities to think about our gratefulness opens us to the joy of the holiday.

All Hallow's Eve gives us the chance to think about the saints and souls that have left their legacy for us to live together harmoniously in this world.

Let us use this month to reach out to one another; our precious family time at home, spending time with friends, giving a call to someone or a simple smile will make a difference. Be the difference!

Blessings,  
Mrs. Klemetski

## Dates to Remember:

October 5	School Photo Day, No Re-Takes
October 5	District Cross Country
October 6	<b>Thanksgiving Celebration at 10:45 a.m.</b>
October 9	<b>Thanksgiving Day, NO SCHOOL</b>
October 10	<b>Professional Learning Day, NO SCHOOL</b>
October 16	Safety Patrol Ceremony at 2:45 p.m
November 10	<b>Inservice, NO SCHOOL</b>
November 11	<b>Remembrance Day, NO SCHOOL</b>
	<b>SPiRiT DAYS:</b>
October 3	Yellow Day
October 13	Orange Day
October 23	Black Day
October 25	Wear a Word Wednesday

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Don't miss school information or upcoming events  
SIGN UP TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL  
Just text YES to 61569





***Congratulations Runners!***

**CTTCS Meet Result:**

Aalayah 2 <sup>nd</sup> /39	Kaizen 33 <sup>rd</sup> /38
Evan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Gavin 10 <sup>th</sup>
Jayden 30 <sup>th</sup> /38	Danylo 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Cassadee 7 <sup>th</sup> /38	Kylie 26 <sup>th</sup> /56
Ryker A 28 <sup>th</sup> /42	Lilly- 19 <sup>th</sup> /38

**SALTCOATS Cross Country Meet result:**

2 KM:

Kingston 35/97	Danylo 54/90
Ryker A. 77/98	Jayden 54/62
Kylie 48/90	Kaizen 52/62
Aalayah 8/52	Cassadee 10/54
Gavin 23/90	Lilly 35/54

3 KM:

Evan 17/40	
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**BAND:**



**Band Classes:**

- Day 4 (pm)
- Day 6 (am)
- Band forms and fees are now overdue; band instruments need to be at school on band days.
- Playing and written exams at the end of each month; please send a video if you can.
- Beginners need to hand in their practice minutes at the beginning of each month.
- Chocolates arrive in Oct.
- Gr. 6, 7/8 Full band classes have started; Gr. 5's begin on Oct. 16.

**GOOD LUCK TO THE ST. MARY'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM GAMES SCHEDULED AT 4p.m.**

Wednesday, Oct. 4 at St. Paul's  
Home game Oct. 11 vs. Mc Knoll  
Home game Oct. 19 vs. St. Michael's

*St. Mary's School*



**Crusaders**

**ST. MARY'S CRUSADER OF THE WEEK**

A crusader is a person who makes a determined effort to achieve something that they believe to be right or to stop something they believe to be wrong.

**JUSTINE**

**Virtue-**hardworking  
**Action-** working well at finishing assignments

**TALYN**

**Virtue-** Sharing  
**Action-** he gave his piece of bannock to a student who didn't get one

**YOHAN**

**Virtue-** Helpful  
**Action-** Helped clean-up after Feast

**YORKTON FOOD RESOURCES:**

**Salvation Army Food Bank-** 78 Front St. Yorkton in Parkland Community Church, Tuesday/Thursday 10-2, tel. no. 306-783-4650

**Bruno's Place** -139 Dominion Ave. open 24 hours, breakfast Mon-Fri 8-9:30 a.m., Lunch Tuesday/ Thursday 12-1 pm tel. no. 306-782-7866

**Yorkton Community Fridge** – 345 Broadway St. West, in the SIGN parking lot, open 24/7, take what you need, leave what you can.



BENEFITS OF  
**EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES**

IN STUDENTS DEVELOPMENT

[www.theasianschool.net](http://www.theasianschool.net)



**ENHANCE ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE**

Extracurricular activities help students in improving their academic performance along with their outlook towards schools in general.

**BOOST SELF-CONFIDENCE**

The extracurricular activities are an essential factor in growing self-confidence. As a student experiment with their creations or practice for performances, they achieve confidence that they are able to accomplish their goals.



**LEARN NEW SKILLS**

It is one of the major benefits of extracurricular activities in a student's development. The extracurricular activities allow students to learn something that could stay with them for a lifetime.

**BROADER SOCIAL SKILLS**

It is a perfect opportunity for them to mix like-minded students in something they all relish. This offers them an opportunity to grow their social skills, meet with new friends, and become more confident.



**DEVELOPS THINKING SKILLS**

The extracurricular activities also develop the thinking skills in students. When the students revel in rote learning through books only, it gives no place for growing thinking skills.

**IMPROVES TIME MANAGEMENT**

It is also an essential benefit of extracurricular activities in a student's development. The extracurricular activities also offer students an excellent tool through which they get to learn some vital time management skills.



**ST GERARD CHURCH  
SACRAMENT  
PREPARATION  
PROGRAM  
2023 - 2024**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION  
CONFIRMATION  
FIRST EUCHARIST**

**GRADE 2 AND UP**

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER

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***St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church***  
***Father Basil Malowany, Administrator-Pastor***

*155 Catherine Street*

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*www.stmarysyorkton.com*

*Saturday Divine Liturgy: 5:00 P.M. (English)*

*Sunday Divine Liturgy:*

*9:00 A.M. (English & Ukrainian)*



***St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church***  
***Father Sathi Antony***

*125 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North*

*Phone: 306-782-2449 Fax: 306-782-8566*

*[www.stgerard.ca](http://www.stgerard.ca) / email add: [office@stgerard.ca](mailto:office@stgerard.ca)*

*Saturday Mass: 5:00 P.M.*

*Sunday Mass: 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.*

Thank you for supporting Toonies for Terry, we were able to raise \$253.00!



**THE TERRY FOX  
FOUNDATION**

## Halloween Activities

Each year our school hosts a Halloween Costume Parade. Parents are reminded that costume dress-up is an **optional** activity. When planning a costume use: bright colours, and wear masks that allow for good visibility. Please note to refrain from costumes with "fake" weapons as these are not allowed at school. These hints may help promote a safe Halloween for parents, students, and motorists.



Our costume parade is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 31 at 12:45 PM.** Parents and grandparents are invited to attend the parade in the gym. Following the parade, various activities will occur in the classrooms for the students.

**SCHOOL PHOTO DATE:**  
**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
PreK to Grade 8



Individual Photos Only and no Re-takes this year!  
Give your Best Smile



## "We Scare Hunger" Campaign



Royal-Honda collects non-perishable food items with the help of elementary schools in the community and donates the items to *The Soup Haven*. St. Mary's School would help support this project. A big box will be in School on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be picked up once it's full by Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**In Advance St. Mary's Students and Family for the Support.**



**SCHOOL STAFF PARKING LOT IS STRICTLY FOR SCHOOL STAFF ONLY,** Please Park your vehicles along INDEPENDENT Street or the Heritage church parking lot when picking up your child/ children. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING...**





## Minds on Math at Home

By now most parents are aware of the importance of reading to children at home, but did you know talking to your kids about math is important too?

Talking with your kids about math can greatly improve their attitude to math and their achievement. And the good news? No math skill is required! In fact, it would be healthy for your child to know that you are a learner too! Research shows that when we struggle with math concepts, we get better at math—even if we never get a correct answer or any answer at all! This column will give you ideas about ways to talk about math with your kids in a risk-free way.

**I struggled with math as a child:** Many people feel they are “not math people”, but we now know this is not supported by research. Everyone has the ability to learn math. **But how we feel about our math ability has a great impact on our achievement in math.** Some parents are left with a feeling that they’re not good at math because of their own school math experience. It is important that children do not hear those messages. Math does not need to be an elitist subject, reserved for physics and quantum science; it is also the



language of measurement, art, food, commerce, beauty, games, health, and nature. Real-world math is not restrictive and isolated; it is open, collaborative and

creative. Lets help children access this!

**I'm not sure how to talk about math with my children:** Great news! There are tons of resources to help parents bring math into the home. This column will be a great beginning. Talking about numbers and shapes with your child is as important as reading to them. How about some story books with math themes? Stay tuned to this column!



## I don't understand the math my child is bringing home from school:

This is normal! Unless you were immersed in the curriculum like a teacher or a student, you may not understand the math or the way math is taught. This will become more true as your kids advance up through the grades. It is not the intention that every skill and concept in math is remembered for life, but the habits of thinking and making sense become part of a mature mind and lay the foundations for thinking about the world around us in many ways. Rest assured it is not necessary to understand your child's math homework to be able to help them with their number sense and attitude towards mathematics. If you feel you want to better understand your child's math, ask your teacher for some videos you can watch.

## Let's get started!

- Encourage a growth mindset. Everyone can learn! We are still learning too.
- Reassure your child that “being good at math” has nothing to do with speed. Slower processors often think more deeply. Some of our best mathematicians, composers, and artists are not speedy, and have no desire to be!
- Be careful of praising kids for being “smart”. This promotes a “fixed mindset”—the myth that we are born with ability or not. Instead, praise kids for thinking hard, trying hard, and being open and patient.
- Don't disclose your own math anxiety to your child. Instead, encourage them to embrace challenge to grow their brains.
- Embrace errors! We know that more brain activity is associated with making errors than with correct answers—in other words, we learn more by making mistakes!
- Play games! Cards and dice = fun + learning!
- Don't time things.



Please watch these:

<https://youtu.be/bxrPy1fiVU4>

<https://youtu.be/jpYInY3F8y4>







## Minds on Math at Home – Bedtime Math

The home is the child's first school,  
the parent is the child's first teacher,  
and reading is the child's first subject.

Antonio Ruiz

It's true that parents are a child's first teacher, and one thing parents know how to do is read to their kids at bedtime. There is plenty of research indicating the importance of this practice, but did you know there is also **emerging research on the strength of incorporating mathematical thinking in reading?**

Reading about math helps kids put numbers in context and apply them to situations. Brains think more deeply and holistically about numbers when they are embedded in stories. Children remember concepts much more when they are inspired by situations and characters! Reading math stories to kids sparks curiosity about mathematical relationships, improves math vocabulary, strengthens reasoning, while reducing stressors that come with formal instruction. Adding some math to bedtime stories improves students' understanding and boosts achievement in math. It is also a guided way for parents to enter into mathematical conversations with children. Plus—kids love it!

The website "Bedtime Math" has free android and apple apps that give parents stories every day. There are parent notes that help point out the math within the stories. You can read some short stories free from the website, find them free on the app, or buy hardcover books online. <https://bedtimemath.org/>



Storyberries also has free bedtime stories <https://www.storyberries.com/category/math/> that are illustrated and have read along.



Finally, Math Before Bed has interesting prompts for kids to talk about Math. They aren't stories, but images and prompts to promote a bedtime math discussion.

<https://mathbeforebed.com/> .

Try committing to a routine of incorporating just a little math talk at bedtime, and see if your child becomes more interested in math!



*Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools  
Believe... Belong... Become*

September 5, 2023

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/CTTCS 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Quintin Robertson", written over a large, stylized, circular scribble.

Quintin Robertson  
Director of Education

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barb MacKesev", written in a cursive style.

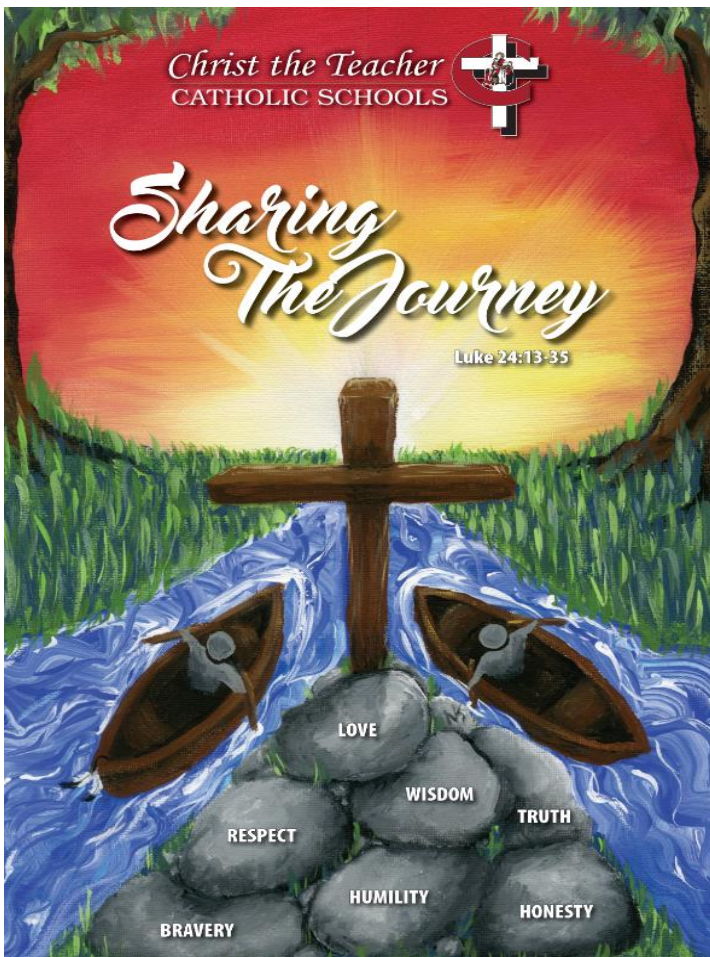
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*"While they were talking and discussing,  
Jesus himself came near and went with them,  
...he went in to stay with them."  
Luke 24:15, 29*

God our Creator,  
as we share our journey in faith  
on this precious Mother Earth,  
may you continue to be a guide for us,  
to become better listeners and bearers of your Word.

May you transform our lives by your grace  
as we embrace your presence within us.  
Open our eyes and hearts to the dignity of all your people.  
Pour out your Spirit on all who struggle along the journey;  
may love guide their path.  
May we be moved to respond and support one another  
with wisdom, compassion, and courage.  
Move us to welcome all people and witness to your love.

Give us one heart and one mind  
to walk together in the love and strength of your Spirit,  
and as we share this journey,  
may we build and strengthen our community  
to be a reflection of your Kingdom.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
brings forth a world of harmony and peace,  
God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

*"They are a proof to the whole Church of your love  
and it would be a kindness if you could help them on their journey  
as God would approve."  
3 John 1:6*

CTCS Theme 2023-2024

**Dream Broker Program Referral Form**

Please complete the below information and forward a copy to the Dream Broker and Sask Sport Dream Broker Consultant.

Name of Child:  Age:  Grade:

Name of Parents/Guardian:

Complete Address:

Phone Number:

Child's Area of Interest:

Reason for the Referral:

Has the consent form been signed? Yes  No

Date signed:

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES**  
Through Sport, Culture and Recreation

Dream Brokers is a program for St. Mary's families to access community activities, clubs, and sports and receive financial support.

Dream Brokers also has a sports bank for families to access sporting equipment at zero cost.

If you are interested in enrolling your children in clubs and sports in Yorkton and wish to access Dream Brokers, please email [hunter.frankfurt@ctcs.ca](mailto:hunter.frankfurt@ctcs.ca) to assist you in completing the Dream Brokers form.