



# St. Mary's School

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

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## JANUARY 2024

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

Happy New Year!  
Christ is born!  
Glorify Him!

It's amazing that 4 months of school has already gone by. Lots of lessons have been taught and learning has progressed for everyone. A large factor of growth is due to good attendance at school. We know there has been lots of illness hanging around so staying healthy is really important. Thank you for your diligence to follow health and safety measures for your family.

The winter weather has been kind to us so far and we have been enjoying our recess time outside. A good balance of learning, fun, friends and faith are the goals for the rest of the year.

Our Crusader basketball team is practicing hard to play some good upcoming games. Come cheer them on. Families are also welcome to join us for our Epiphany water blessing service.

St. Mary's is blessed to have 2 new staff members, Mrs. Diaz as an educational assistant and Mr. Aromin as an intern student working with Mrs. Pelletier in Grade 4/5. We look forward to the gifts they will share with our students and staff team.

Looking forward to the new year and wishing you many blessings in 2024!

Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Klemetski

Happy New Year 2024!



### Epiphany Water Blessing Service

Father Basil from St. Mary's Church will be coming to celebrate the New Year with us on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 2:15 pm. As a special way of celebrating Epiphany, and remembering the baptism of Christ, water is blessed in a majestic and solemn way. Following this, Father Basil will be blessing each classroom with this holy water. This is a time of prayer, during which Father will ask God's blessing upon us, and that we be kept safe from all harm during this new year. The holy water will be available for students, families, and people from the community to take home. Please bring your own container.



**PLEASE** let the school know when your child will be Absent. Please call 306-782-2889 or email [stmaattendance@cttcs.ca](mailto:stmaattendance@cttcs.ca). Our system will contact you via email or phone call if your child is not at school. If you would like to receive absent information via text to your cell phone, use that cellphone to text the word "YES" to the number 978338. This will not work if your cell phone is not already in our system. Contact the school to have the number registered.



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## 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.

### TALYN

**Virtue-** Sharing

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

### JUSTINE

**Virtue-** hardworking

**Action-** working well at finishing assignments

### YOHAN

**Virtue-** Helpful

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

### CASSADEE

**Virtue-** service

**Action-** volunteer to change Oct. calendar to Nov. calendar

### SAWYER

**Virtue-** Listening/cooperative

**Action-** explain expectations of classroom

### ZEDRIC

**Virtue-** courage

**Action-** Being a good example to others

### RYKER K.

**Virtue-** Listening/cooperative

**Action-** explain expectations of classroom

### DAWSON

**Virtue-** Listening/cooperative

**Action-** explain expectations of classroom



## JANUARY 2024 Calendar

Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
NO SCHOOL Happy New Year	Christmas	Holidays	Classes Resume for Pre-K, Grade 1-8	Classes Resume For Kindergarten
8	9	10	11	12
	Basketball game vs. Mc Knoll at 4pm *White Day			*Jeans in January
15	16	17	18	19
		*Wear a Word Wednesday	Basketball game vs. St. Mikes at 4pm	*Blue Day
22	23	24	25	26
	Ephiphany water blessing at 2:15 p.m.	*Wellness Wednesday Wear your Workout gear		*Orange Shirt Day
29	30	31		
	Grade 5-8 Ski Trip To Assessippi	In Service NO SCHOOL		

\*Spirit days

\* NO SCHOOL -Jan.31 , February 19-23

## BAND:

\* Parents, if you want your child to do a solo/duet/trio etc. in the Yorkton Music Festival, you need to do the following in the next week or so:

- ask Mrs. Karapita for music.
- if your child has never been in a Sask. Festival before, create a parent **profile** at: <http://yorkton.musicfestivalsuite.com> (Teacher profile: ENT00014). Then create an entrant profile for your child.)
- Also consider Speech Arts (ex. poetry, Bible reading, speech, etc.)

- Once your child has chosen appropriate music, do online **registration** before Jan. 24



## DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Parents are reminded to be certain that your children arrive at school properly dressed for the weather conditions each day. Planning for jackets, headgear, boots, and gloves is essential for this time of year, as well as an indoor pair of sneakers. As all students are expected to be outdoors at recesses and noon hours, appropriate clothing may assist the students in enjoying the fresh air and exercise.

## COLD WEATHER GUIDELINES

(including wind chill factor)

The following guidelines apply to cold weather days:

**Temperatures of -29 and above:** Students are expected to be outdoors at recess.

**Temperatures of -30 to -35:** Students are encouraged to get fresh air, however, going outside is optional.

**Temperatures of -36 and below:** students will NOT be allowed outdoors.



Come play with us

Basketball Saskatchewan & Canada Basketball have



partnered with your community to introduce basketball to children grades 1 - 6. **Jr. NBA**

**Practices – times & location TBD**  
Sundays January 14 – March 24, 2024  
Grade 1 & 2 mixed  
Grade 3 & 4 boys      Grade 3 & 4 girls  
Grade 5 & 6 boys      Grade 5 & 6 girls

**Tournament in Yorkton for grades 3 - 6**  
April 13 & 14, 2024

**PLAYERS receive**  
• Reversible Jersey  
• Shoe bag  
**Players provide**  
• size 5 basketball  
**Cost**  
\$70 no basketball  
\$80 with basketball

**COACHES are needed, please volunteer.**

**Coaches receive:**  
• Practice plans  
• Shirt  
• Whistle

**Register at [skybasketball.ca](http://skybasketball.ca)**

Equipment order date is **Dec 10** – if you register after this date equipment will not be available for start of the program.

**Registration Closes Jan 6**

For more information about grade 5 & 6 3X3 tournaments [www.skybasketball.ca](http://www.skybasketball.ca) under tournaments

Yorkton coordinator

Chad McDowell

[yorktonbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:yorktonbasketball@yahoo.com)

**SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH BASKETBALL**



# Winter CAMP

\$300 Per Camper

For Ages 8-14

Save \$50 Register before Jan. 1, 2024

AT St. Michael's Camp At Madge Lake

February 19th - 25th



Cross Country Skiing



Tobogganing



Skating

Down Hill Skiing

Snow Shoeing

To register visit our website or email us @ [camp@stmichaelscamp.com](mailto:camp@stmichaelscamp.com)

## City of Yorkton JANUARY IS ACTIVE LIVING MONTH

### WHAT IS ACTIVE LIVING MONTH?

Throughout the month of January, the City of Yorkton encourages the community to participate in active living opportunities by providing low or no cost options.

### WHY HAVE AN ACTIVE LIVING MONTH?

January is cold and it can be tempting to stay indoors and be idle. An active lifestyle helps maintain physical and mental health as well as community well-being.

Find & try new activities & facilities in Yorkton during

**ACTIVE LIVING MONTH**



**Yorkton Sasktel Pioneer Club** for our School Lunch Program Donation & **Key Auto Group** for our Festive Feast -Free Lunch for all students and Staff last Dec.12

Growing in Faith Together



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

155 Catherine Street

Phone: 306-783-4594 Fax: 306-782-4214

[www.stmarysyorkton.com](http://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.



**WINTER FEAST AT THE DREAMBUILDERS HIGH SCHOOL**



**Thank you to Ms. Christine and Dreambuilders High School for hosting us for the winter feast. It was a great time to celebrate the winter solstice together.**

**Congratulations Philipp! 1<sup>st</sup> place Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster Contest winner!!!**



**Down hill Ski Trip**



*Date : January 30, 2024 ( Tuesday )  
 Location : Assesippi Ski Resort , Russell, Manitoba  
 Departure Time : 7:30 a.m (from St. Mary's to Assesippi)  
 Grade : 5-8  
 Cost per Student : \$40.00*

*We will be sending a consent form for this activity, make sure to fill out the form properly.*

*Please pay to the office thru Mrs. Dominguez*



**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.



# Counsellor's Corner



Miss. Frankfurt



## WISE WORDS FROM DR. BECKY

If you've been struggling over the last week, you are not alone. Self-care isn't a "nice to have" it's a necessity. Taking care of yourself is the first step to showing up as a sturdy leader for your child, because I want my kids to be able to say, "My mom taught me the importance of taking care of myself," and I imagine you do, too. If the idea of self-care makes you feel guilty – that's okay, let's start with something small that feels doable. This might look like reading a book, taking a hot shower, making a cup of tea, or just having a good cry. Choose at least one self-care activity today that's just for you. I promise that showing up for yourself will change the way you show up for your family, too.

## WELLNESS REMINDERS

- ✓ Enjoy a nice walk in the park or at Logan Greens with your family
- ✓ Practice affirmations. "I am loved, I did what I could with what I had and that was enough"
- ✓ Take some time in the evening to read your favorite book or listen to your favorite songs

## NEWS

- ✓ There is a new Yorkton Community Fridge and it is located at 345 Broadway St W in the SIGN parking lot. Anyone is welcome to check it out and take food or donate items.
- ✓ SIGN's Rapid Access Counselling service is to provide support and counselling specifically for children, youth and their caregivers. Call SIGN @ 306-782-1440 and they can make the appointment for you

## QUOTE

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

