



# THE STARS NEWS

## Message from the Principal

Greetings! Fall is upon us and the school has already had some major events. We had our Terry Fox Walk/Run, the opening school Mass with Fr. Antony from St. Gerard's and the volleyball teams are practicing for games and tournaments. Our division held the cross country meet at Logan Flats and we had over 80 students qualify to move on to the next level. In addition to this, the safety patrollers are once again outside after school helping students and staff cross the intersection safely. We are a month into school and so many things have already come and gone.

We were lucky to have a presentation from Andy the Musical Scientist, who incorporated scientific principles of music, pro active recycling, and multi culturalism. The students really enjoyed his presentation. A big THANK YOU to the Yorkton Arts Council for supporting presentation.

In our newsletter you will see our "Are you Being a Star" Poster. This is a new teaching tool here at our school using positive language to help and support students in day-to-day activity. It highlights expectations in a certain section or part of the building or during a certain time. I invite you to review this with your child (ren) in support of the school.

Finally, I would like to close with the school year prayer. May love of Christ bless each and everyone of us in our journey.

*Yours in Catholic education,*

Mr. S. Boucher Principal— email: [boucs01@cttcs.ca](mailto:boucs01@cttcs.ca)

Mr. L. Bissonnette & Mrs. S. Willson, Vice-Principals

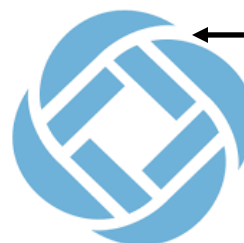
## School Information

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**DOWNLOAD THE SCHOOL MESSENGER APP TODAY! STAY INFORMED WITH ALL THE SCHOOL EVENTS!**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Our Heavenly Father,  
We are thankful for all Your blessings, goodness and mercy on us.  
We are thankful for all the people in our lives who make our life meaningful and beautiful. Thank You for watching over us and getting us all here safely. Let Your blessings be upon everyone here today. May we be protected and all our prayers be answered.  
In Jesus mighty name.  
*Amen*  
THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

## Shared School Driveway

Please note, that school buses take PRIORITY in the driveway.

Parents/family members etc. should not be exiting their vehicle during the drop off or pick-up. If you need to exit your vehicle to assist your child, please park on the street and walk them up.

**Please DO NOT use the staff parking lot for drop off or pick up.**

It's also important that the drop off/pick-up is quick. **Do not sit in the driveway waiting.**

If drop off or pick-up requires time, we ask that you please park on the street and walk your child to the school.

**Please do not block the entrance of the driveway or stop behind a bus.** Please pull up as far as you can on our side of the school.

This is a reminder to support student and staff safety!

## Band News

- In July at Yorkton Band Camp, several students were presented with The Bob Mossing Band Camp Youth Leadership Awards, all of which were from our school division including: Zoë Napoleoni, Layton Kuntz, and Olabanji Falana. Congratulations!
- In August, Gr. 7/8 Band students performed 2 national anthems and a prayer at Ukrainian Day.
- 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.

## School Photos \*\*revised dates– see below

School Photos are Scheduled for:

**Wed. Oct. 4th:**  
**KB & Grades 5-8**  
**Thurs. Oct 5th:**  
**KA & Grades 1-4**

**Retakes are on: Friday Nov. 3rd**  
- Day 6 (you need to be on the re-take list at the office to have your photo taken again with parent permission).



## SENDING MONEY TO

### SCHOOL:

When sending any form of money to school (ie: cross country, monthly hot lunches, donations etc.) PLEASE make sure it is in a **sealed envelope, or ziplock bag with form or name attached**, especially if you send change. It is really hard to tell who has paid when loose unmarked money is sent to school. Thank you for your understanding.



Cross Country  
Sally Smith 1/2E Maier

### St. Gerard's Roman Catholic Church

Father Sathi Antony  
125 – 3rd Avenue North -  
Phone: (306) 782-2449  
E-mail: office@stgerard.ca  
Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m. & Sunday Mass: 9:00  
a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*All Sacraments are taken through the Church, please  
contact the Parish Office.*

### St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

Fr. Basil Malowany - Pastor  
Fr. Yevhen Zadorozhnyi, CSSR - Assistant  
Pastor  
155 Catherine Street - Phone: (306) 783-4594  
Saturday Divine Liturgy: 5:00 p.m. (English)  
Sunday Divine Liturgies: 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 am  
(Ukrainian/English)

## Visitors/ Parents:

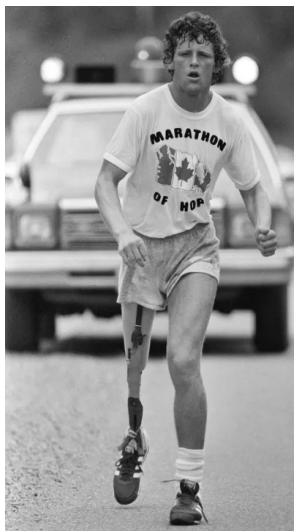
Please  
remember  
to **SIGN IN**  
and **WAIT**  
**AT THE**  
**OFFICE** for  
assistance.

Thank You!



A **HUGE** shout out to Cst.  
Kimberley Flett from the  
Yorkton RCMP Detach-  
ment for escorting us  
along our Terry Fox Walk

on Sept. 19! The entire school walked around  
the block safely/ or ran in remembrance of  
Terry Fox. We have raised \$553.50 as a school  
community for the  
Terry Fox Founda-  
tion! Thank you for  
your donations! St.  
Michael's rises to  
the top yet again!



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## Triple P

Positive Parenting Program

Call 306-783-3080

Text 306-621-3084

Facebook Messenger @yorktontriplep

Email triplep@signyorkton.ca



St. Michael's School



## Halloween

Halloween is fast approaching and the children are excited about their costumes. As a staff, we have done some reflecting on the various costumes that are out there that truly depict negative and violent themes. One of our directives from administration is that ***“we must model and reinforce socially respectful behaviour so teaching and learning can take place in a safe and caring environment”***. The costumes that depict blood, gore, weapons and violence create a negative image and engage children in conversations that are not healthy. There are a lot of costumes that we can wear that create humour, laughter and imagination. These are the types of costumes that we encourage your child to wear this year. **Costumes that depict a violent theme are not allowed. Weapons, blood and gore are unacceptable accessories to the costume and will not be allowed.** If

these are worn, we will ask the student to remove the costume and/or accessories. Please respect our concern regarding violent themes and inappropriate costumes. We wanted to share this information with families early to allow you plenty of time to plan for your child’s costume. Note: We have done some research on “fun” costumes and have supplied a list for families to use as a guideline. Creating costumes from odds and ends, old clothes, boxes, etc. can be fun, inexpensive and a family activity. **Examples:** Fairy, Fireman, Pumpkin, Policeman, Scarecrow, Farmer, Ghost, King, Bat, Princess, Various Animals, Witch, Frankenstein (“friendly” monsters) Dragon.

***Students are able to change into their costumes after lunch time. There will be NO Halloween parade. Parents will NOT be allowed to help dress into costumes here at school.***



## School Fees/ Yellow Demographic Forms

If you haven't done so already, please hand in your yellow demographic forms that were sent home on the first day of school **if you have changes.**

There are still some families that have not paid school fees, please call in or stop by the

office to make a payment!

Thank you to those who have handed in your forms and paid your fees!

**Preferred method of payment is CREDIT or DEBIT CARD in person or on the phone.**



# Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools

## 2023-2024 School Calendar

2023 AUGUST / SEPTEMBER					
	28 Inservice	29 Inservice	30 Inservice	31 Inservice	1 Inservice
	Labour Day	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4
	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3
	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2
	25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1

2024 FEBRUARY					
				1 Day 3	2 Day 4
	5 Day 5	6 Day 6	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9 Day 3
	12 Day 4	13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15 Day 1	16 Day 2
	19 Family Day	20	21	22	23
	26 Day 3	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	29 Day 6	

2023 OCTOBER					
	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	6 Day 6
	9 Thanksgiving	10 Inservice	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3
	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2
	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1
	30 Day 2	31 Day 3			

2024 MARCH					
					1 Day 1
	4 Day 2	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 Day 6
	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 PR
	18 Day 6	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Day 3	22 Day 4
	25 Day 5	26 Day 6	27 Day 1	28 Day 2	29 Good Friday

2023 NOVEMBER					
			1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 6
	6 Day 1	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Inservice
	13 Holiday	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 PR
	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 6	24 Day 1
	27 Day 2	28 Day 3	29 Day 4	30 Day 5	

2024 APRIL					
	1	2	3	4	5
	Easter Holidays				
	8 Day 3	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 Day 6	12 Day 1
	15 Day 2	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	18 Day 5	19 Day 6
	22 Day 1	23 Day 2	24 Day 3	25 Day 4	26 Day 5
	29 Day 6	30 Day 1			

2023 DECEMBER					
					1 Day 6
	4 Day 1	5 Day 2	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5
	11 Day 6	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14 Day 3	15 Day 4
	18 Day 5	19 Day 6	20 Day 1	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29
	Christmas Holidays				

2024 MAY					
			1 Day 2	2 Day 3	3 Day 4
	6 Day 5	7 Day 6	8 Day 1	9 Day 2	10 Day 3
	13 Day 4	14 Day 5	15 Day 6	16 Day 1	17 Day 2
	Victoria Day	Inservice	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24 Day 5
	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 Day 4

2024 JANUARY					
	1	2	3	4	5
	Christmas Holidays			Day 2	Day 3
	8 Day 4	9 Day 5	10 Day 6	11 Day 1	12 Day 2
	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18 Day 6	19 Day 1
	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25 Day 5	26 Day 6
	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	31 Inservice		

2024 JUNE					
	3 Day 5	4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 3
	10 Day 4	11 Day 5	12 Day 6	13 Day 1	14 Day 2
	17 Day 3	18 Day 4	19 Day 5	20 Day 6	21 Day 1
	24 Day 2	25 Day 3	26 Day 4	27 Admin	28 Admin

Student Progress Reports: November 17 and March 15  
 Student-Led Conferences will occur on 2 evenings in both November and March.





## Cross Country

CTCS School Division had our annual Division Cross Country Meet on Thurs. Sept. 21 at Logan Flats. Congratulations to all our athletes! St. Michael's did extremely well and now have 83 students advancing to Districts on Fri. Sept. 29. Congratulations and good luck to those who will be representing our school! Good Luck St. Michael's!

There will be practices afterschool until 4pm until districts. Our Grade 1 and 2 students had their cross country meet on Wed. Sept 27 @ Weinmaster Park. Congratulations to all athletes!

## St. Michael's Clothing Order - DUE OCT 17

We are running a St. Michael's School clothing order now until Oct. 17th.

Order at:

[bit.ly/stmikesmerch](https://bit.ly/stmikesmerch)

or the QR code below

This time we are only accepting online orders. Thank

you to A Winter's Day Design's for helping us with this clothing order. We have hoodies, sweats, t-shirts, shorts, lanyards, toques and water bottles to purchase!



### How to order:

1. Scan the QR code or go online at [bit.ly/stmikesmerch](https://bit.ly/stmikesmerch)
2. Choose your items and add to cart
3. Checkout cart. Select local pick up.
4. Checkout cart. Secure credit card payment, e-transfer and paypal options are available.

- \*All sizes and information available online.
- \*Order closes October 17, 2023
- \* All orders will be dropped off at the school once completed.
- \* 15% of orders will be donated back to St. Michael's School.

A Winters Day Designs



A Winters Day Designs



Some sample clothing is available at the school to try on. All size charts will be posted on the website





## 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.

Barbara Bush

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/maths/> 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!

Navy League  
Monday  
Age 9-12



[nlcsd.ca](http://nlcsd.ca)



Army Cadets Mondays  
Air Cadets Tuesdays  
Age 12-18



[cadets.ca](http://cadets.ca)

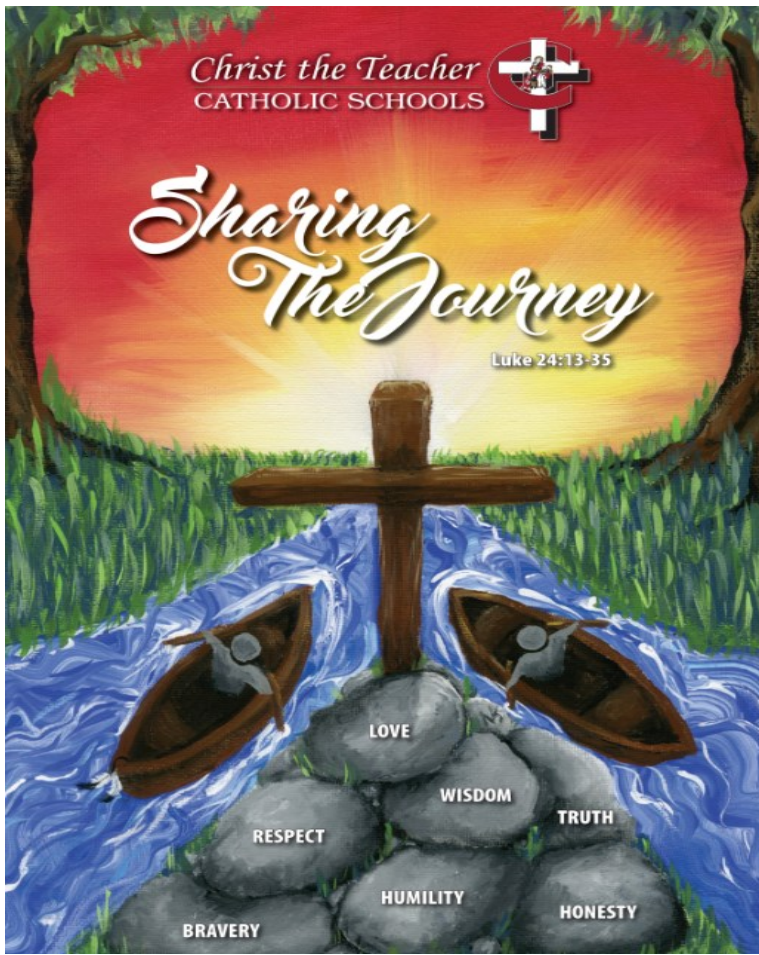






# Sharing The Journey

Luke 24:13-35



*“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

## St. Michael's School – Are you being a STAR?

	Classroom 	Hallway 	Restroom 	Playground 	Electives 	Digital Citizenship 	Bus 
<b>Be Safe</b>	Keep hands and feet to self. Keep your area clean.	Keep your hands by your side. Stay in your space. Model good hallway <b>behaviour</b> .	Keep hands and feet to self. Flush the toilet. Wash your hands with soap.	Bring in things you take out (equipment, clothes). Be safe as you play.	Listen to and follow directions the first time. Use instruments or equipment and tools the way the teacher tells you.	Tell an adult if you see something online that is bad. Limit what you are sharing.	<b>Remain seated at all times.</b> Use inside voice to avoid distracting the driver.
<b>Be Trustworthy</b>	Use kind words. Listen when others talk. Share/cooperate with others. Accept others for who they are.	Walk quietly. Follow the teacher's expectations.	Stay in your stall. Give privacy to others. Use inside voices.	Use kind words. Take turns. Share with others.	Use kind words. Stay in my own space. Show teamwork.	Be positive. Tell the truth. Be kind.	Obeys all directions from the driver. Use kind words.
<b>Be an Achiever</b>	Try your best. Ask for help if you need it.	Go directly to your destination.	Keep the restroom clean.	Keep the playground clean.	Have fun and support others having fun.	Be a digital creator.	Keep your bus clean.
<b>Be Responsible</b>	Follow classroom procedures. Complete all work. Bring materials to class.	Stay in a single file line. Stay on the right side of the hallway in the direction you are going.	Report problems to an adult. Wait your turn.	Report problems to an adult. Listen for the bell/whistle when it's time to go back inside.	Stay on task. Follow the electives expectations. Keep hands and feet to self.	You <b>are in charge</b> of what you type and send. Make good choices. Things on the internet are permanent.	Get off at the correct bus stop. Take care of your seating area on the bus.



# October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 SCC Little Caesars Fundraiser STARTS	3 SCC BP's Hot Lunch	4 KB & Grade 5-8 School Photos	5 KA & Grades 1-4 School Photos <u>District XC</u>	6	7
	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	
8	9 Thanksgiving No School	10 Teacher Inservice No School	11	12	13 Wear your TIE DYE Clothing!	14
			Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	
15	16	17 <u>Gr. 6 Immunizations AM</u>	18	19 Gr. 5-8 Wheelchair Basketball Clinic	20	21
	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	
22	23 FCC we scare hunger campaign starts	24	25	26	27 Orange Shirt Day	28
	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	
29 FCC we scare hunger campaign ENDS Oct 30th	30 SCC Little Caesars Orders DUE SCC Hot Dog Hot Lunch	31  Halloween/ Costumes (PM) or wear orange Day				
	Day 2	Day 3				