

St. John Community School

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September 2020

Mr. M. Cantin - Principal

Mr. J. Bourdon - Vice Principal

"Working Together, We are Better"

NEWSLETTER



Gospel Value for 2020-2021



~Christ Be Our Light~

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this school brings

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my new studies and courage to accept new opportunities

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

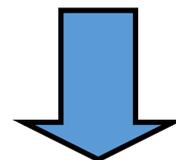
Principal's Message

Welcome back to St. John Community School. We are looking forward to seeing all of our students after such a long time away from school. We have a proud tradition of providing a warm, caring, Christ-filled learning environment to the students in the East Flat. Our students strive to reach their full potential in all aspects of their lives: intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, and most importantly spiritually. Our community extends beyond our school walls to the homes and families of all our students, our home parish, St. Mark, and the East Flat community. Our Catholic Faith is filled with the Light of Christ. As partners, we will work for the good of all our students. We look forward to engaging with you and we wish all families a rewarding school year!!

Mr. Mark Cantin & Mr. Jason Bourdon

Christ Be Our Light

Important School Year Information



We would like to extend very warm welcome to our newest staff members for the 2020-2021 school year at St. John Community School

Mr. Jason Bourdon	Vice Principal
Ms. Kelsey Petit	Grade 3/4
Ms. Dani Arcand	Grade 4/5
Ms. Chantelle Anderson	Grade 6
Ms. Kristine Dahl	Special Education Teacher
Ms. Keltie Duret	Special Education Teacher
Ms. Bonnie Malenfant	Special Education Assistant



ABSENT OR LATE?

Please remember to call the **Attendance Line @ 306-953-7590** or by **texting only @ 306-981-2074** if your child will be absent, late or require to leave for any reason. **Students cannot excuse themselves.** Our office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you call before or after school hours, please leave a message on our voicemail. If we do not hear from you Mrs. Leader will be contacting you at home or work. Thank you for your cooperation.

Around the School

Sept 25 No Classes

Sept 28 Orange Shirt Day

EMERGENCY LUNCH PROGRAM

If there is any circumstance where you cannot provide your child with a lunch, an emergency lunch is available in our kitchen daily. Emergency lunches consist of a sandwich and fruit.

Canteen

Regrettably the canteen as well as microwaves will not be accessible to students as school opens. Notes will go home in the future advising when they will resume use. Please bring to school a basic lunch which does not require to be heated up.

School Fees

Are due for the 2020-2021 school year. Fees help cover a variety of educational materials, field trips, and accidental insurance. **Prompt payment is greatly appreciated!**

Kindergarten - \$15.00

Grades 1-5 - \$20.00

Grades 6-8 - \$25.00

We are wanting to reduce the amount of traffic in the school. Please send the fees to school with your child. A receipt will be sent home. There is also the option to do an e-transfer. **Please Contact the school for details.**



Nut Free and Allergy Sensitive School

We currently have students who have life-threatening allergies to nuts, nut oils, and fish. We ask that all students and parents take the necessary precautions to make school a safe environment for our children. Please make sure to read all labels to see if they may contain nuts. Thank you.



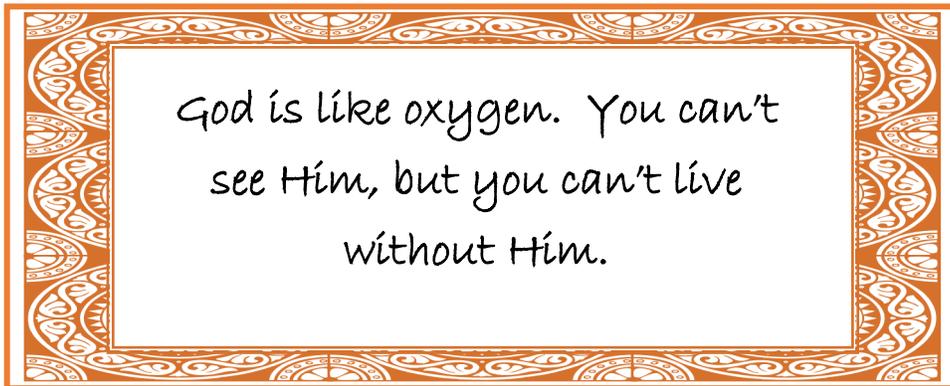
Safe Transportation at Our School



The school has two parking lots that are designated for **staff parking only**. We ask our students NOT to go in the parking lot areas for safety reasons. We also ask that our parents please refrain from using these parking lots at all during the day as staff may leave at different times throughout the day. Also, PLEASE refrain from parking in the designated **BUS PARKING ZONES** on the street directly in front of the school. These zones are designated so the buses can park to pick up students. Prek and Kindergarten students— we ask parents to walk with your child to the front of the school and leave them with the designated school Staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

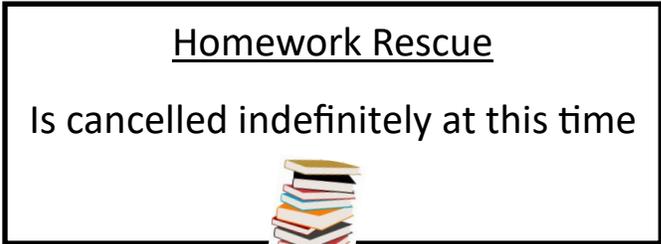
School Bus Information

School bus services is provided by First Student. All students must be registered to be able to ride the bus. If you have not yet done so or have moved please contact the school at (306) 953– 7536 to arrange registration. Those getting on the bus and that are not registered will be contacted. Visit their website at www.princealbert.firststudentinc.com for route information or call (306)763-6090 for late or cancelled bus information.



Medication Forms

If your child has a medical condition that requires him/her to have medication administered at school, we ask that you call the office at (306) 953-7536. A medical form will need to be filled out. Thank you.



School Messenger Sign Up

Stay informed of school events with text messages from our free school messenger service. To sign up, just send a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to the school's short code number, **724665**. You can also choose to opt out of this service by replying "Stop" to one of our messages at any time.

**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 724665**

†Parish Announcements †

St. Mark Parish † Father Jim Kaptein † Parish Priest

589—9th Street East—Ph: 306-764-4637—www.stmarksparish.com

Sunday Mass time is 11:00am—Weekly Mass: 9:00am (Tuesday-Friday)

A Message from Father Jim at St. Marks Parish

I hope and pray that you have had a restful summer. Undoubtedly it was an interesting one; a cold wet June/July and a summer full of news about COVID 19. I am also sure that you have many doubts and questions as another school year begins to gear up. To be fair I have had those same questions and doubts. As a parish priest I am constantly interacting with individuals, at Sunday Mass, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms and other parish business. However, I trust that Jesus Christ will take care of me. But that trust does not prevent me from following all the social distancing protocols set up by our government. To date Saskatchewan has a low infection rate, and I believe that if we all continue to work together, we will keep that infection rate down.

Just as school is gearing up, life in the parish is also gearing up. I have added an additional Sunday Mass to accommodate COVID 19 regulations on 1/3 capacity into the church. Sunday Mass is now at 11:00am and 7:00 pm. We are asking people to continue registering for Mass, as we would not want to be in a position to turn people away if numbers get to high. In the fall; people are thinking about first communion and confirmation. We will be having our parent planning meeting on Monday September 29 @ 7:00pm.



Please mark this date in your calendars. If you have any children to be baptized, please call Fr. Jim at 306-764-4637. If you have any older children who have missed their sacraments, St. Mark has a catch-up program—contact Fr. Jim immediately. If you have any other issues that you would like to talk to me about, please give me a call, to set up a meeting.

As summer slides into fall, and the holidays slide into school work, please continue to pray. Pray for all the children in the school, pray for their teachers and support staff, pray for all the medical staff, and pray for all those affected by the COVID 19 in any way.

May God continue to bless you as we strive to build his kingdom.

In the light of eternity, we're here for a very short time, really. We're here for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is Love. - James Finley

Sincerely,
Fr. Jim Kaptein

Around the Community

Christina's Art School

Follow your child's heart...if they love drawing and art make it a part of their life and help them develop their skills at Christina's Art School! We are now taking registrations for year-long art classes which start in September. We teach pencil drawing, charcoal, pastels, colored pencils, acrylic painting and watercolor! Whether they develop their love of drawing and art into a hobby, or it's their launch into a secondary school and career, the skills they acquire will be with them for life! Online registration at www.christinathoen.com or feel free to phone Christina Thoen, Certified Teacher (Art Major) at (306) 961-3350 for more information and to register. Also see the students talent in the year end Art Show

School and School Division Website

We have a school base website located at:
www.stjohncommunityschool.com

That has a lot of useful information: general school information, photos, current copies of newsletters, monthly calendars, etc. Check it out. Please visit our Prince Albert Catholic School Division website @ www.pacsd.ca for all division related communication's & updates

Confirmation and Eucharist in the city 2020-2021

All Parishes are gearing up for their Sacramental Programs . If your child is in Grade 2 or older and you would like them to receive the sacraments please attend the parent meeting in your parish at the dates noted below.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish—7:00pm Monday
September 21 in Salon Pascal **306-763-2319**

St. Mark Parish 7:00 Monday September 28th in the church basement hall **306-764-4637**

St. Joseph Parish— To be announced

St. Michael Parish-7:00pm Monday October 5th in the Church Hall **306-763-5658**