



ÉCOLE SISTER O'BRIEN SCHOOL

451 Silverwood Road
306-659-7480
www.scs.sk.ca/obr/

NEWSLETTER #14

Mr. Marc Colleaux – Principal
Mr. Ted View – Vice Principal
Board Trustees: J. Carruthers, L. Lambert & W. Stus

November 30, 2011

Food for Thought:

*"Tell me and I forget;
show me and I remember;
involve me and I understand."*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, December 2	Western Day
Monday, December 5	54 th Annual Knights of Columbus Carol Festival 2011 (Sister O'Brien not singing)
Tuesday, December 6	54 th Annual Knights of Columbus Carol Festival 2011 (Sister O'Brien not singing)
Wednesday, December 7	Grade 7/8 host Elmwood Lodge
Tuesday, December 13	Christmas Concert (7 p.m.) (Grades 1 – 6)
Wednesday, December 14	Noon Festival of Carols (12:00 – 12:20 p.m.) (Sister O'Brien choir singing)
Thursday, December 15	-Kindergarten Christmas Concert – Group B
	-Grade 6, 7 & 8 Band Concert @ Bethlehem High School @ 7:30 p.m.
Friday, December 16	Kindergarten Christmas Concert – Group A
Tuesday, December 20	Last day of classes before Christmas – 2:15 p.m. dismissal
Wednesday, December 21 to Tuesday, January 3 inclusive -	Christmas Break – No classes
Wednesday, January 4, 2012	Classes Resume

BOOK FAIR – HUGE SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Zoé S., who won \$25 in free books for herself and \$25 in free books for her classroom! Congratulations to all poster and school tool winners. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for your generous support. We raised over \$1000.00 worth of products for our library. What a great boost for literacy.

Mme Altman

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The CSCC would like to extend a large thank you to all those that attended, volunteered and donated baking to our bake sale and trade show on Saturday, November 26th. The event was a huge success, and raised just over \$800.00 for our school. The event would have not been a success without the school and community's support. The CSCC would also like to thank the Issel family for donating the \$100 VISA gift card, which was won by the Toovey family.

54th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAROL FESTIVAL 2011 @ TCU PLACE – Dec. 5th and 6th

The Knights of Columbus Carol Festival will take place at TCU Place at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5 and Tuesday, December 6. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$2.00 for 5 – 14, and under 5 free.

The Noon Festival of Carols runs from noon to 1:00 p.m. starting on Monday, December 5, until December 15. This event is free of charge. For more complete information, please go to: www.gscs.sk.ca/arts.

NOON FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

On Wednesday, December 14th, our choir will perform in the Noon Festival of Carols in the lounge at TCU Place. Our performance time is from 12:00-12:20 p.m. and all parents and family members are encouraged to attend our performance. All transportation for choir members is covered by the school. We ask that students dress in black and white for the concert. The Christmas Choir will be rehearsing every Monday and Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. until our performance.
J. Coupal/C. Sperling

NORTH END CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT - All Grade 6, 7, and 8 band students are performing at our North End Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 15th, 7:30 PM at **Bethlehem Catholic High School**. All band students are expected to attend. Please make sure all band students arrive from 6:45-7:00 with instruments, music, and in concert uniform (black and white). Students will meet in the library and attendance will be taken. Chaperones are also needed for this event. If you would be willing to help chaperone, please contact Mr. Adams by email (ladams@scs.sk.ca) or by phone (659-8726). Thank you!

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH HOSTS A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS - Kids for Christ - December 18, 2011

Welcome to **Kids for Christ** on Dec.18th at 1:30. During our **Birthday Party for Jesus**, we will have a surprise visit from St. Nicholas. We will learn about Christmas, Jesus' birthday and about St. Nicholas. There will be birthday cake, etc. Children from ages 4 to Grade 3 are welcome. Older children may come as helpers to the younger ones. Remember to wear your "Kids 4 Christ T-shirts to Mass. Information will be in the place of Welcome at Church.

SCHOOL-WIDE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

It has come to our attention that not all Sister O'Brien families are aware of our school's Christmas traditions. We are on a three year rotation for school-wide celebrations: School-wide Christmas Concert, Advent Liturgy at the Church and Family Christmas Activities. Last year we all participated in a wonderful "Family Keepsake Christmas" evening, this year we are putting on a Christmas concert and next year you will be invited to an evening Advent liturgy as a school family.

Please note that the "Family Christmas" activity put on by the staff is not the same as the CSCC (Catholic School Community Council) Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. The CSCC Christmas Craft and Bake Sale is an annual event if enough volunteers are available.

BODY BULLETIN - Turn Setbacks into Successes

The road to success is curved, much like the letter 'S' it starts with. And around every bend lies the possibility of setbacks. Don't get hung up. Keep working your way around the corners with this advice:

- Stop beating yourself up.
No achievement was ever realized without difficulties and even failures along the way. Most successful people leave many failures in their wake.
- Shrug it off.
Own up to your mistakes, correct them and try again.
- Set goals.
Make goals measurable and reachable. Get to the end of your project or initiative one step at a time.
- Stay motivated.
Your chance of success is higher if your goal matches your values and beliefs. Identify the deeper reasons you want to achieve your objective, and let them drive you forward.

COMMUNITY NOTES

- St. Joseph High School presents ***Crazy For You***— a high-energy comedy that includes mistaken identity, plot twists, fabulous dance numbers and classic Gershwin music. Performances: Nov. 30th to Dec 3rd @ 7:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$4 for seniors and for students 13 and older, and \$2 for children 12 and under. For more info please call 659-8082. St. Joseph High School (115 Nelson Road)
- **"Sing Choirs of Angels": Saskatoon Children's Choir in Concert**
The award winning Saskatoon Children's Choir (SCC), under the direction of Artistic Director Phoebe Voigts, will be joined by a number of professional brass players from Saskatoon for its annual Christmas concert "Sing Choirs of Angels." The concert takes place on December 2 and 3, 2011 at 7:30 pm at Third Avenue United Church in Saskatoon, and will feature the angelic voices of over 115 choristers, accompanied by pianist Michelle Aalders. The program will feature classical and contemporary choral music of Lang, Stroope, Tiefenbach, Bach, Franck, Canadian folk music, as well as the choir's stunning renditions of traditional seasonal favourites. The SCC is a strong presence on the world choral stage, including performances in France, Spain, Austria, the Czech Republic, China, the United States and Canada. This past July, the choir performed five concerts on their tour of South Africa.
Tickets are \$20 and are available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, and at the door. Reserved seating. For more information, contact Rita McLeod, ritamcleod@shaw.ca or 306-374-8077.
- **Elixir Children's Concert December 4** - The Elixir Ensemble is performing an exciting **Children's Concert at the Roxy on Sunday December 4 at 11am**. Featured is Tchaikovsky's (Not the Nutcracker) Album for the Young, short pieces with young children's themes arranged for string quartet, piano and flute. Opera personality Cassandra Warner will present child-friendly introductions to the pieces, and the music will be accompanied by a rare Russian film animation. A treat for the whole family! Children of all ages welcome! Tickets are \$10 Adults, \$5 Children at McNally Robinson Booksellers, the Roxy, or at the door. Rush Seating. More information at elixirensemble.com
- The **STARS** summer volleyball camp is being held on Dec. 28th & 29th. (9:30-noon and 12:30-3pm) daily for kids K-Grade 7. Athletes will be challenged according to ability with a focus on fun and fundamentals. Healthy snacks, t-shirt and prizes are included in registration cost. Check out the website <http://starsvolleyball.blogspot.com/> or contact us at 249-0952 or тчazen@starsvolleyball.ca for more information.