

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 3	Spartan Chicken Lunch
February 4	Ski Trip to Elkwater
February 5	No School for Students
February 11	St. Pat's Grade 5's visit – SCC lunch
February 15	Family Day – no school
February 16 – 19	Spring Break
February 22	Lenten Assembly 1:00 pm
February 24	Early Dismissal
February 28	District K of C Freethrow (11:00 am)
March 1	Lenten Assembly 9:00 am
March 8	Lenten Assembly 1:00 pm
March 12	Term II Report Cards go home
March 16 & 17	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences



Spartan Spirit



February 3, 2010

Edition #6

Principal's Message:

It's exam time again and students will be busy preparing and writing tests in the upcoming weeks. Most students have done a good job of keeping up with homework. However, those students who have allowed study hall to become a chronic problem have developed a plan to foster good work habits. A letter to parents will be sent home indicating that their child has developed a work plan. We thank all parents for supporting their children in their academic learning at home and at school.

The ski/snowboard trip to Hidden Valley is set for this **Thursday, February 4th**. We have two Sun West Coaches reserved and almost filled to capacity. The buses plan to leave **at 7:00 AM** for the hill, so please have your child to the school early Thursday morning. **There will be regular classes for those students not attending.** The buses will be returning to the school around 7:00PM.

We would like to thank the Sue Beverly and the St. Joseph School Community Council for their support in continuing the Breakfast for Learning Program at our school. Students may choose to have a healthy morning snack every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning before school starts at St. Joe's.

Troy Froehlich

Commitment to Growth of Mind, Body and Spirit

Ski Trip

Students have all registered for our annual ski/snowboard trip to Elkwater on Feb. 4/10. Thank you to the many parents for volunteering to chaperone!

There will be regular school for those students not attending with the expectation of attendance.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate the following students on their accomplishments:
Traian Gabor – winner of the grade 7/8 Geography Challenge
Thomas Flicek – winner of the grade 6 Geography Challenge
Jezzyl Soriano – winner of the St. Joe's Spelling Bee

Read to Ride

Read to Ride is on again this year. Students who read for 120 minutes can enter their name to win weekly and monthly prizes, and for the final prize of a bicycle. We would like to thank Walmart for their generous donation of a bicycle for this contest!

Skating Rink

Students may use the outdoor rink at noon hour with a completed parent waiver form. Forms may be picked up at the office. Please talk to your child about the expectations you have for them while off school property.

Band Notes

Our following school bands will be performing in the annual Swift Current and District Music Festival:
Grade Six Band
Grade Seven/Eight Band
Junior Jazz
Southside Jazz
The school also has 35 students involved in solos, duets and trios!

The Grade 6 Band trip to Westbank Camp is May 20/21. The cost is \$80.00. Music miles may be used towards this amount. Chaperones are needed – please call Mr. Kuglin if you are interested.

The year-end trip to Calgary for the Grade 7/8 Band will be approximately \$220.00. Music miles may be used towards this amount. Date to be announced.

February 5 – No School

Due to a Middle Year's Professional Development Inservice for teachers, there will be no school for St. Joseph's students on Friday, February 5th.

Yearbook

We at St. Joseph School are in the process of creating our 2009-2010 yearbook. To help defray the cost, we offer advertising space to supporters of the school. We offer two different options:

If you do not wish to advertise, you may sponsor a page.

You may also wish to have a block section where you could insert your ad, business card or logo. Prices are as follows:

- 1 page sponsorship - \$50.00
- 1/8 ad (business card) - \$25.00
- ¼ page ad - \$38.00
- ½ page ad - \$67.00
- 1 full page ad - \$100.00

Please forward your interest or questions to Mrs. Coward here at the school. Thanks.

Grade 9 Transition Meeting

Meetings for our grade 8 parents and students will be occurring in February. On February 2nd students with a surname beginning with A – M are invited to attend while surnames N – Z are invited to attend on February 4th. The meetings will begin at 7:00 in the Comp. Lecture Theatre. Please enter the main doors and follow the signs. If you cannot attend on your assigned night, please come on the alternate evening.

The purposes of these meetings are:

1. To assist students and parents with the transition to SCCHS
2. To explain the structure of Grade 9
3. To provide a tour of the school
4. To outline course selection options
5. To outline various Curricular and Extra-Curricular opportunities at SCCHS

This is only the first step in the plans for students to transition to the S.C. Comprehensive High School. More orientation activities will take place later this spring and before classes start in the fall.