

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 8	Grade 7/8 Geography Challenge
January 11	S.C.C. meeting 7:00 pm
January 11 – 15	Grade 6 swim lessons continue
January 15	Grade 6 Geography Challenge (am)
January 18	Grade 8 swim lessons begin
January 20	Early Dismissal
January 21	S.C.C. hot lunch
January 25	Ski forms due
January 26	Grade 6 immunization
February 4	Ski Trip to Elkwater
February 15 – 19	Spring break
February 22	Lenten Assembly 1:00 pm
February 24	Early Dismissal



Spartan Spirit



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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year Everyone. We wish you health and happiness in the New Year!

St. Joseph students have returned to a busy month ahead. Basketball games and grade 6 and 8 swimming lessons will keep students active. A big thank you to our basketball coaches who will be organizing and preparing students for a tournament in Medicine Hat as well as regular league play after school. We appreciate the extra time you put in to work on developing our school teams!

Grade 6 and 8 swimming lessons will be offered throughout January in the afternoons. Grade 6 students will swim from January 6 – 15 and Grade 8 students will swim from January 18 – 29. There is an expectation that all children will participate in these lessons as it part of the Physical Education curriculum.

We are excited to announce that we will once again have students participating in the Read to Ride program. The program is designed so that when students read for 120 minutes, they complete a ballot and enter in a draw whereby they might win a bicycle. This year the bike has generously been donated by our local Wal-Mart. Come by the school and see it on display in the hallway. Please encourage your child to read lots at home!

Troy Froehlich

Commitment to Growth of Mind, Body and Spirit

Broomball

St. Joe's students will have the opportunity to take part in Broomball starting January 25th (weather permitting). We ask that students come prepared to take part outdoors (ie: warm coat, mitts, etc) and bring a helmet if possible.

Exploratory Sessions

We would like to thank the following people who took time to come and instruct various sessions: Nicole Graf – drum making; Brian Gillis - roping; Brett and Jessica Goddard – falconry; Collette Andree – Art Cards; Kent Yuzik – dog agility; Melissa McCuaigh (Shopper's Drugmart) – cosmetology

Curling

Congratulations to all of those students who were in the St. Joe's Curling Club. There was great competition and lots of fun! Thank you to Mrs. Fiddler, Mr. Markewich, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Nickel for volunteering with this activity.

Drug Task Force

Due to illness, Mr. Serge LeClerc was unable to speak to our grade 8 class at the Comp earlier this week. We are pleased to announce that this will be rescheduled for mid-February.

Band Notes

The next band bottle drive will take place on Saturday, January 9. Please meet at Sarcan at 10:00 am.

Music Festival deadline for solos, duets and groups is January 27.

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.

Ski Trip

Students have all received their forms for our annual ski/snowboard trip to Elkwater on Feb. 4/10. All forms and payment must be returned no later than Jan. 25/10. There will be regular school for those students not attending.

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.