



“With Open Arms”

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.” - Philippians 4:13

## February 2020

### Principal’s Message

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Ms. Farrah  
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We have ended off 2019 with a bang with the Christmas Concert and the fantastic performances that were a part of it. In the community, I continue to hear praise of our students! Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered for the Christmas Market, and to those who provided the delicious annual Christmas Lunch. Both events celebrated our school as the great place that it is, and allowed people to socialize as a part of our open and sincere school community. As always, we appreciate the extent of parent involvement in so many ways in our school. It is truly second to none!

The month of January is always a time of renewal of commitments. Here at Holy Family it usually surfaces as dedication to studies as we enter final exam time for junior high and high school. The schedule regarding their exams is included in the newsletter, and will be sent home with the students in January.

We are blessed to be a part of the family that we have here. A new year helps refresh the possibilities that lie ahead! Thank you for your continued support of your children.



**H.F.C.S**

God bless,

Ms. Farrah Ollikka

### Virtue’s Program

December and January focused on the virtue of justice. Community circles focused on questions on what a society can do to bring people closer together, on how we show dignity to others, and how we can advocate for those who are not.

February and March will focus on the virtue of fortitude. Fortitude is needed to find our true purpose and to carry up hearts around us.

## Spirit Wear Recycling

If you have spirit wear at home that no longer fits your student you can donate it back to the school. We will pass it to other students that don't have spirit wear or theirs no longer fits.

Thank you

## HFCS School Council News

School council purchased new spirit wear for all the students in the school. We will be preparing pancakes and sausages for all students for Shrove Tuesday.

## Skating

Skating will begin for K-6 on Feb. 20. Students will be going every Thursday for 3 weeks. They must have skating CSA approved helmets. We do have some skates at the school for younger students if they need.

## Accountability Pillar Survey

Accountability Pillar surveys were mailed out to parents of students in grades 4 and above, on January 13th. We kindly ask that parents take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback is important for our program planning, and in our process to continually provide high quality educational experiences for your child.

They are due by Feb 28, 2020.

## Spirit Wear

### Why do we have Spirit Wear?

Spirit wear is a way to promote a sense of belonging to our school community. It is the same as wearing a jersey when part of a team. It builds a connection between the students that they are part of something special. We ask students to wear their spirit wear on specific days in the school to show support and belonging. An example of this is Grad Pep Rally. There are other events that may happen that we will ask the students to wear their spirit wear in support of their school community.

## Healthy Lunches

Feb. 27th - Soup and a bun

## WE Student Project

The WE Students are going to be starting Lent projects on Feb. 26th. Their Global commitment will be part of the Chalice School Connection in which our WE Students will be paired with a school in Kenya. They will send video's to each other and learn about the needs of students in their sister school. They will take on some fundraising activities here that will raise funds for their sister school to purchase items to improve their school. During lent the students in our school and their sister school will pray for each other. We will update families with their fundraising ideas near the end of February.

## Physical Health

We are proud to offer an excellent PE program with daily gymnasium access, and promotion of continual healthy choices!

This will be continued with our annual skating program, and our annual activity day. This year, the Winter Active Day will be on March 10. Please join us for a great afternoon as our junior high leads the K-6 through fun activities!

## Highlight on High School

This year, option classes will begin a yearly rotation with Wildlife/Environmental Science as per their surveyed preference. We are excited to offer this for the first year! Next year, they will be surveyed to find their preference between Foods and Sports Medicine, and onwards from there.

This is also the first year that we are offering an ELCC (Early Learning and Child Care) class. With ongoing anticipated interest, students who complete it next year, will be able to receive their Level 1 Child Care certification.

## Lunch Clubs

French Club - Is up and running on Mondays. Miss Hirschmann is teaching interested students beginner French.

Librarians in Training - This club is on Tuesday until the end of February. Students learn about the library and how to be librarians.

Choir - Choir club is on Wednesdays with Ms. Souza and Mrs. Maynard.

Geography Club - Is for grade 4 & up. Miss Quirk holds this club every Thursday during lunch. Students learn facts about our planet, and will have friendly competitions to build their knowledge.

Students are welcome to join any of the clubs that are offered.

## Anne Chorney Public Library

The Waskatenau Friends of the Library will be meeting on Feb. 20 at 7:30 at the Anne Chorney Public Library. The library is a staple of our community. Please come join to be a part of it!

### #disconnetchallenge

To promote how media and technology use affects our relationships, we are promoting the disconnect challenge.

Week 1 is about reflecting on how much we use technology.

Week 2 is fasting from technology such as social media, texting, & screen time.

## W.S.Y.F.

Thank you to all that participated in our Fall fundraiser. Here is a breakdown of what we have made this year.

Soups/Poinsettia's/Wreaths - \$1800.00

Silent Auction - \$1396.00

Christmas Market - \$950.00

So far we have donated:

\$6800 for bussing and library membership fees

\$2485 for a new laminator

We will continue to raise funds to help purchase new microscopes, and possibly some new instruments.

Our spring fundraiser will be coming out later this month.

## Important Dates

Jan. 31 - Semester 2 begins

Jan. 31 - Gr. 7-12 Report Cards Sent Home

Feb. 3 - Fortitude virtue introduced

Feb. 4 - Basketball Game Andrew

Feb. 7 - Ski Trip Long Lake Gr. 3-10

Feb. 7 - Hot Dog Friday

Feb. 7 - Tobogganing K-3

Feb. 10 - Heartbeat Theatre K-8

Feb. 10-14 - #disconnectchallenge reflection week

Feb. 12 - Early Dismissal 1:45

Feb. 13&14 - No School Teachers Convention

Feb. 17 - No School Family Day

Feb. 17 - 21 - #disconnectchallenge media fast

Feb. 19 - How to Money Presentation  
Gr. 10-12 10:00, Gr. 7-9 12:45

Feb. 20 - Skating

Feb. 21 - Hot Dog Friday

Feb. 22 - Archery Tournament Westlock

Feb. 25 - Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Lunch

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15 Church

Feb. 26 - Early Dismissal 1:45

Feb. 27 - Street Smart Counselling  
Gr. 10-12 10:15, Gr. 7-9 2:00

Feb. 27 - Skating

Feb. 27 - Healthy Lunch

Feb. 29 - Archery Tournament Bon Accord

**Parents are always welcome to attend and volunteer for school activities.**

## Feb 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Pizza Toast	4 Eggo Waffles & Sausages	5 Muffins	6 Breakfast Casserole	7 Variety <b>Hot Dogs</b>	8
9	10 Bagels & cream cheese	11 Grilled Cheese	12 Egg in a Hole	13 No School	14 No School	15
16	17 No School	18 Tortilla cups	19 Burritos	20 French Toast	21 Variety <b>Hot Dogs</b>	22
23	24 Oatmeal	25 Eggs and Toast	26 Muffins	27 Yogurt & Berries <b>Healthy Lunch</b>	28 Breakfast Scramble	

**If you are able to volunteer to help prepare items for breakfast please contact Mrs. Decker at the school.**



## Trustee Corner

### Welcome to a new year and a new decade!

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Board members finished 2019 with uplifting experiences, which included attending Christmas concerts, school masses and turkey dinners, in anticipation of the biggest celebration of all: the birth of Christ. All trustees marveled at the efforts that teachers and students put into these events, and we watched parents take great pride in the performances of their children, making all the effort worthwhile. The sense of community that we all shared during the Advent season was on full display at all of our schools, and trustees could not have been prouder of the students and those who work in the Division. What a fantastic finish to 2019.

Looking ahead to 2020, we see challenges on the horizon. A change in government means changes in policies, changes in financial structures, and changes in the way we navigate through government agency demands. We will be working hard to adjust to these changes with the optimism that comes from knowing that we have skilled administrators, teachers and support staff who are dedicated to putting students first. Challenges always inspire innovation and we're looking forward to working with parents, teachers, and administrators to provide our students with the highest quality education possible.

On behalf of the board of trustees, we wish all of our Lakeland Catholic Family a happy and blessed new year.

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