



# St. Kateri Tekakwitha School

*Regina Catholic School Division*

Monica Norris, Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In a few short months, we'll open our doors to students. It's been exciting to prepare for the opening of the new school. We have a wonderful staff joining us in the fall who are just as enthusiastic as I am. Please visit our website to view the staff list. Student placements will be shared in the fall at our Open House on Thursday, August 31.

We will be the St. Kateri Ravens and our colours will be navy blue and lime green. A few months ago, we solicited ideas from students and the community and Ravens was chosen by the selection committee. St. Kateri Tekakwitha was named "Protectress of Canada" by Pope Francis and it was shared by Elder Noel Starblanket, a First Nations Knowledge Keeper, that ravens are birds of protection. Check out our logo by viewing the Spirit Wear attachment.

Now that staffing has been completed, classroom supply lists will be posted shortly on our website under the "About our School" tab. They should be available next week. We will also have a link to SchoolStart for those interested in ordering supplies online and having them delivered to the school. As an extra bonus, SchoolStart donates 5% back to the school.

Our Playground Committee has been working hard to plan a number of exciting fundraisers for the year. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 - \$130,000 to purchase playground equipment for the school. We encourage everyone to support our efforts this year so we can create an awesome space for our students. Information will be shared on the school website and social media. Check out the new Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/StKateriPlayground>

COBS Bread Grasslands has partnered with us to fundraise for the new playground. When visiting, let staff know you'd like to support the Dough Raiser Program for St. Kateri (Loyalty #2256) and we will earn 5% on all purchases. Help us by spreading the news to friends and family. Many thanks to COBS for their support!

We have a number of exciting events coming up:

## **Spirit Wear Sale**

Next week, families will have the opportunity to purchase St. Kateri spirit wear. Sizing kits will be available:

Monday, June 19 from 3:30 – 5:30 in the St. Pius library  
Tuesday, June 20 from 5 – 6:30 in the Deshayé multi-purpose room  
Wednesday, June 21 from 5 – 6:30 in the Deshayé multi-purpose room

Orders can be completed using Healthy Hunger. (See the attachment for more information.) A link can be found on our website under "Community". Orders will be delivered on Thursday, August 31 and may be picked up from your child's classroom at our Open House. We encourage students to wear their St. Kateri spirit wear or school colours on the first day of school.

**Orders must be in by July 31 at midnight.** Proceeds from the sale will be split between the school and the Playground Fundraising Committee.

**Open House and BBQ**

On Thursday, August 31, we'll host an informal Open House and BBQ for the school community from 4:30 – 6:30. Students and families are invited to tour the building, find classrooms/drop off school supplies and meet staff. There will be **no** formal presentations this night. Avana Homes/Rentals and Orange Tree Living have partnered to sponsor our BBQ for this evening. We will be preselling tickets for \$5 (hotdog or hamburger, chips and juice box) later this month. Orders will be accepted Monday, June 19 through Monday, July 31 on the Healthy Hunger website. Tickets can be picked up from classrooms on August 31. All profits will be donated to our playground fundraiser. A big thank you to our sponsors!

**Ministry of Education Grand Opening**

On Monday, September 11 (Time TBD), the Ministry of Education will host a Grand Opening at the school.

**Meet the Teacher Night**

Thursday, September 14 will be our Meet the Teacher Night from 6:30 – 7:45. There will be a formal presentation in the gym followed by classrooms visits.

**School Blessing**

On Tuesday, September 19 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Archbishop Don Bolen will lead a school blessing. Families are welcome to attend.

**Catholic School Community Council (CSCC) Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The CSCC AGM will be held on Thursday, September 21 from 6:30 – 7:30 at the school. The meeting will be open to all interested parents and guardians.

The CSCC is the official parent/community voice within their school and consists of appointed members and five to nine elected members.

CSCC Members:

Appointed Members	Elected Members (5 – 9)
Principal (or designate)	Chair
Teacher(s)	Vice-Chair
Community School Coordinator	Secretary
Parish Representative (if possible)	Treasurer
Other (if approved)	Directors

For those who can't commit to being a regular member of the CSCC, you can help support by becoming a Member at Large. Members at Large volunteer on an as-needed basis. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Meet the Teacher Night on September 14. You do not need to attend the AGM to sign up for this group.

If you'd like to join the CSCC, a nomination form is attached. Please complete and email to Ms. Larwood at [e.larwood@rcsd.ca](mailto:e.larwood@rcsd.ca). Voting, if required, will take place at the AGM. Additional information can be found on our website.

We have a very exciting fall to look forward to!

Sincerely,

Monica Norris  
Principal of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

