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French Immersion

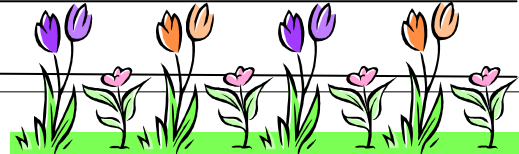
ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL



*LONDON DISTRICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:
To serve the Catholic student in a community that nurtures a living faith and provides a quality Catholic education that enables the individual to become a contributing member of the Church and Society.*

Working together to be the best we can be!
Ensemble on est meilleur!

Principal's Message



Spring has sprung at St. Anthony French Immersion and the signs are everywhere: student artwork has flowers and bright colours, story writing is all about outdoor activities and sunny as well as rainy days. Over the winter months, our Lost and Found has grown quite full of clothing articles. If you are missing an item or two, please come check our Lost and Found box by the gym.

Parent-Teacher Interview Night was held on March 26. Interviews were arranged by both parents and teachers who felt the need to do so. We thank you for the effort you continually make to stay in touch with your child's teacher. This is invaluable to their success at school.

At the beginning of May, our school will be involved in activities for Catholic Education Week: May 4 to 8. This week helps us to recognize the gift that Catholic Education is to our society. This year's theme is, "Good News for All."

As always, please continue to remember our staff in your prayers, as we remember you in ours.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mme Catherine Richard,
Principal

Arrival & Dismissal of Students: Routines & Procedures

As supervision of the school begins at 8:35 am, we ask that all students, JK to grade 4 inclusively, upon arrival, go directly to the school yard. We ask that students and parents not enter the school to bring in backpacks. Students have always been expected to line up at the bell and then enter as a class. The routines are in place to ensure a safer and more orderly environment.

At the end of the school day, classroom teachers continue to accompany their students to the buses. Parents picking up their children need to continue to meet them in front of the school on the sidewalk. Meeting your child outside the school eliminates congestion and distractions in the hallways at such a busy time. It also ensures an atmosphere that is more orderly and secure for dismissal.

We thank you for maintaining our arrival and dismissal routines.

Kindergarten Registration

We are continuing to register new Junior Kindergarten students (children born in 2005) or Senior Kindergarten students (children born in 2004) for September, 2009.

PLEASE CALL 519 660-2777 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

Documents needed in order to complete the registration are: a birth certificate, a Roman Catholic baptismal certificate, Ontario Health Card, proof of home address, and if appropriate, passport, immigration and landing paperwork. Should you have any questions pertaining to the registration process, please call the school.

UPCOMING:

- Apr 1 - April Milk Orders Due
- Apr 1 & 2 - Hot Lunch
- Apr 10 - Good Friday
- Apr 13 - Easter Monday
- Apr 15 - School Council Meeting in Library 6:30 pm
- Apr 24 - PD Day - no classes
- Apr 29 - May Milk Orders Due
- Apr 29 & 30 - Hot Lunch



School Council Meeting

Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 6:30 pm in the Library. All are welcome to attend. Please join us.

Pause to Play in April

St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion School is hoping for a 3-peat as winners of the Pause to Play. . .Turn Off The Screens Week from April 27 to May 3. This year, the rules are a bit different as students will be allowed to watch TV or use the computer -- as long as it's balanced with healthy activities.

Students who turn in their completed ballots will be eligible for prizes and the class with the greatest percentage of participation will receive a special prize. Last year, more than 42 per cent of students turned in their ballots.



Gymnastics

Our students made us proud at the Board's Annual Gymnastics Meet last month. We thank all those who participated, as well as the coaches who prepared the students.



We were proud of all of the gymnastics team, who all achieved either bronze, silver or gold standard for their performances. Once again, thanks to our School Council who generously provided our red St. Anthony t-shirts. Our students were easily recognizable and were thrilled to wear their school name!

Earth Day - Tree Planting Project

On April 22nd—Earth Day, our school will be working with ReForest London to plant trees in our school yard. This is a very exciting project for the students as they will be the ones digging and planting. We are looking for parent volunteers to come and help with the digging. If you are interested in helping please contact Lisa Lampman at 519-685-1965 or rmastrandrea@sympatico.ca.

We would also like to mention, this will be a no uniform day. Please send your kids to school in appropriate clothing and footwear for digging in the dirt...for example, jeans and rubber boots/old running shoes.

Thank you from St. Anthony's Healthy and Safe School Committee

News from St. Justin's Parish

Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Holy Thursday - 7:30pm

Good Friday - 11:00 am Children's Celebration,
3:00pm Solemn Celebration

Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 11) 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Masses 9:00 and 11:00 in both the church and hall



Safe School Corner

Did you know...

- Mlle Kim Brown is our new crossing guard. Feel free to say hello!
- We continue to have special nutrition days at school - Thursday, April 9th is Yellow and Orange Day. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy yellow or orange fruit or vegetable for their snack.

From the Librarian's Desk



April will be a busy month in the library. On Wednesday, April 22 and Thursday, April 23, local children's author Susan Ross will be reading her new book "The Great Bellybutton Cover-up". Copies of the book, plus a sheep-building kit, will be available for \$10. A letter will be going home later this month explaining more details.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held during Education Week May 4-8. As always, volunteers to help the younger children write out their wish lists and to help at the cash desk, are appreciated. More details will be going out after Easter. Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Scholastic English book order. We received \$150 in commissions and \$30 worth of new books for our efforts.

And finally, it appears that St. Anthony helped Canada break the world record for most children listening to adults read. Although the figures still have to be authenticated by The Guinness Book of World Records, the unofficial tally is more than 25,000 participants higher than the existing record of 79, 781.

National Immunization Week

April 25 to May 2, 2009

Did you know.....It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to notify the Health Unit when their child has been immunized?

Under the immunization of School Pupils Act (1990), students under 18 years of age attending school in Ontario must provide proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (German measles) or have a valid exemption.

Please keep the London Middlesex Health Unit informed:

Call: 519-663-5317 ext. 2452

Fax: 519-663-0416

Online: www.healthunit.com/immunization

Walk-in: 50 King Street

Is Your Child Returning in September?

In order to accurately plan for staffing and student placement into classes for September, we need to be informed if your child will not be returning to St. Anthony in September. Please help us to keep our planning and records for next year correct by contacting the office to let us know.



Are You Planning on Moving?

If you are planning on moving or if you have recently moved, please take note of the following: You may or may not be aware that your Catholic school support does not automatically follow you when you move. Once you move to your new dwelling, your school support designation will automatically revert to Public. Unless this information is updated, your child's eligibility to attend a Catholic elementary school may be affected. You are required to: First, notify the school of your new address and the date of your move. This will enable the school to update your child's student record and to verify that your new address is located within the school's designated boundary. Secondly, you are required to complete and sign a school support form, which will redirect your school support to Catholic. Forms are available in the office.

Education Week

As mentioned in the Principal's Message, Education Week will be celebrated from May 4 to 8 with many wonderful events. A brochure highlighting these events will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. As always, please plan on joining us at school for one or all of these events promoting education at St. Anthony French Immersion Catholic School.

Grade 4 Raffle

M. Gray and his grade 4 students are excited about their upcoming year-end trip to Medieval Times in Toronto. The grade 4 class would like to thank everyone for participating in their recent raffle. Congratulations go out to the winners: Sebastian - knight action figure, Grace - Webkinz, Riley - Magic Tree House book, Emily W - 1 vs 100 game, and Magduline - Digital Photo & Folder.

The grade 4 class will hold their second raffle this week and next with the draw being held on Thursday, April 9. Tickets are available at a cost of 3 tickets for \$2.00.

FUNtastic Fridays

We will continue to sell bags of Kernels flavoured popcorn for a toonie each Friday. Available flavours are Butter Salt, Dill Pickle and White Cheddar. If you wish your child to participate, please send a toonie (\$2) to school on Fridays!



Yellow and Orange Day

On Thursday, April 9th we will be having Yellow and Orange day! This is a day to bring a yellow or orange fruit or vegetable to eat. Canada's Food Guide recommends 5 to 6 servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Yellow and orange fruits and vegetables have so many important nutrients such as beta-carotene, potassium, fiber, antioxidants, and many vitamins that help keep you healthy. They also promote good eyesight, grow healthy bones and teeth, heal cuts, reduce cancer and promote healthy looking skin. Some examples of orange fruits and vegetables are peaches, carrots, mango, cantaloupe, dried apricots, pears, pineapple, orange peppers, sweet potatoes and cooked squash. Please remember to send your child to school with a yellow or orange fruit or vegetable. Due to the fact that our children will be celebrating mass on Thursday, April 9th, children will be expected to come dressed in their school uniforms.

School Council News

Happy Spring St. Anthony's Families !

We hope you enjoyed time with your children during March Break. With Spring upon us, things seem to get more busy outdoors – riding bikes, playing sports and barbecuing – some of the most fun things about this season.

We would like to personally remind you about our Parent-Family Learning Series which was kicked off on Tuesday, March 31st by Douglas McCarthy.

All parents are welcome to attend these exciting events – these sessions are not only good ways to gather information about your children, and their education – you can also meet other parents in our community and make connections and friendships! If you are interested in attending any of the upcoming sessions and have not sent in an RSVP, please contact the school to count yourself in!

Sincerely,
Shannon & Anastasia

Fundraising Committee Update

We have a lot to be thankful for, from the Chocolate sales to the M&M day on March 5, we thank our families for your support! Below are the updates we are happy to share with you.

Awards & Results:

Panago Pizza 'Good Sport Certificate' has been given to Andrew Mohammed in Mlle Pepe's grade 1 class. Their family is extremely involved in volunteer work, and has even taken over doing our Boston Pizza monthly reading program, thank you for all of your help! So choose a Steak Mushroom Melt pizza or any of their gourmet selections, such as Tropical Chicken, *for free*.

World's Chocolate Covered Almonds, our biggest fundraiser, raised us *\$4000 and counting*. If you have not yet paid in full ***please do so today, we accept cash or cheque payable to St. Anthony***. Winners of the 2 5lb chocolate bars were Mme Bobyk's SK and M Gray's grade 4 classes, Sara Parsons and Eleas Kyriakopoulos won the 2 1lb chocolate bars for selling 10 cases each, and Emma Kvas in Mme Welch's grade 2 class won the DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT for helping sell the remaining cases.

M&M Meats fundraising flyer for March 5, rewarded our school with *\$98 in profit, in just one day!!*

GREENTECH recycling program has raised over \$100 and continues to grow as you send us ink and tonner cartridges and old cell phones. What a passive and easy way to gain valuable funds. Ask your workplace and spread the word, bring in your collection boxes on any school day, it's that easy.

Upcoming Events:

The McDonald's Restaurant night is on Earth Day, Wednesday, **April 22 (4pm-9pm)** on the Commissioners/Wellington Road intersection plaza. A flyer will be sent home containing a VIP card attached. Come and enjoy drinks, dinner, and dessert! Every sale on the cards will count towards our profit goal of \$500. This will allow School Council to fund trees that are desperately needed to provide shade in the warmer weather.

Does your family know of a business or individual who could donate a prize or gift certificate of any kind for our next raffle. New prizes recently donated are from Chloe Alexander in Mme Millar's class for an A&P \$25 gift card, \$25 gift certificate from Food Basics on Ernest Avenue, and \$100 from Leons on Wharncliffe Road South. Any gift is greatly appreciated, please send a note to the school for Sarah Rameau, if you can help!

Ongoing:

Mabel's Labels is the perfect way of clearly labelling your child's uniforms, lunch containers, shoes and backpacks. Go to www.stanthony.mabels.ca to order yours, or write a note to the office.

Campbell's labels and UPC's, check www.labelsforeducation.ca to see all eligible products. Do you work at a hospital with a cafeteria, or a restaurant? Please take 2 seconds to check with the kitchen to see if they use Campbell's products and send them to school for us!

Renew your magazine subscriptions at www.qsp.ca GROUP ID 6985, available 24/7, 365 days per year. Let your dentist, doctor, veterinarian, and hair stylist know about buying for our school. To date, this program has raised over \$1000, and can grow quickly the more the word gets out!



French Immersion

Parent-School Partnership Learning Series

Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 school library or gym
 Childcare provided for ages JK and up
 Refreshments included
 RSVP to reserve your place – see below!

Organized by the St. Anthony School Council. Funded through the Ontario Parents Reaching Out Grant.

Tuesday, April 14

Child Safety Night

Bring your children to obtain their very own fingerprint card! This important record could assist you in a time of need. **Child Find Ontario** will provide its “KidCheck” finger-print program and share ways to prevent and reduce the incidence of missing children. Visit other information and activity tables.

Tuesday, April 21

Having Fun in French at Home

Learn how to use language strategies that will help parents encourage their children to succeed in French. This workshop will give you a "safe" environment to learn about available resources to help support your child at school. *Come and experience lots of fun activities to try at home!* Presented by Michele Specht, LDCSB Curriculum Support Teacher for French as a Second Language.

Tuesday, April 28

Effective Discipline

This one hour session workshop will help you learn more about effective discipline strategies that will encourage appropriate behaviour in your children. Presented by Denise Walsh, Public Health Nurse, Middlesex London Health Unit, Child Health Team.

Tuesday, May 5

Reading Together – Tools & Tips

Share the enjoyment of reading with your children – in any language! Learn how you can help your child succeed. Presented by Fran James, LDCSB Curriculum Support Teacher



RSVP Parent-School Partnership Learning Series
Reserve Your Space – Return this to the School Office

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