

DECEMBER 2008



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



During this first term, our school community has come together to support two of our families; the Mukuha Chege family who endured the house fire and the Di Santo family, in the loss of Nick, husband to Penny and father to Sierra, Serenity and Jonathan.



My staff and I are awed by your deep generosity and kind hearts as you have reached out to be present to them in their time of need.

We are proud to serve your children and to be a part of this wonderful school community.

As our first term comes to an end, I would like to thank my staff for their total commitment to excellence in education. Staff have given unlimited hours in bringing various projects to fruition: valued academic experiences, educational field trips, school paraliturgies and community events, projects, and Board initiatives.

A special thank you to our support staff: to Mme Pettit, my valued assistant, Mme Murphy, our librarian, Mme Woldenberg and M Martin, for their hard work, and to Mme Betty and M Serge who keep our children safe at noon hour.

We are truly blessed to be surrounded and supported by so many angels.

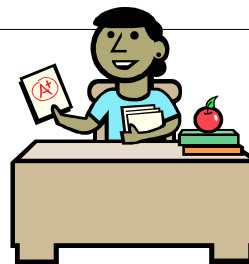
On a personal note, I would like to thank the St. Anthony French Immersion community for your support and for choosing a Catholic French Immersion education for your children. We have accomplished so much in our first term. It has been possible through a strong School Council and with the support of all of you, our devoted parent community. Merci beaucoup!

The staff of St. Anthony French Immersion take this opportunity to extend to you our wishes for a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy 2009!

Your principal,  
Catherine Richard

## Term One Reporting To Parents

On Thursday December 4 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, as well as Friday December 5 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, parents will be meeting with teachers regarding the progress of their children. Interview sheets have gone home to schedule requested appointments. We request that you be on time as interviews are 10 minutes in length.



### UPCOMING:

**Dec 4** - Reporting to Parents (Interviews) 4 - 8 pm

**Dec 5** - PD day (no classes)  
Reporting to Parents (Interviews) 9 am - 12 noon

**Dec 11** - Mass at St. Justin's Parish 9:30 am

La fete de Noel at St. Justin's 6:30 pm

**Dec 17** - Hot Lunch

**Dec 18** - Hot Lunch K's

**Dec 19** - Milk orders due

**Dec 20 to Jan 4** - Christmas Break

**Jan 8** - Mass at St. Justin's Parish 9:30 am

## Catholic School Graduate Expectations

THE GRADUATE IS EXPECTED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR:

Who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of gospel values. In a culture where communication is increasingly commercialized, we are invited to prayer and to worship.

## Christmas Food Drive



This Christmas season, we will conduct a food drive to support the efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Each morning, "elves" will visit the classrooms to collect non-perishable food items, and if there are five or more items, the elves will lead the class in a Christmas carol. The food drive will occur from Monday, December 8 to Thursday, December 18. Please consider supporting this worthwhile

## Fete de Noel



All of our students will be participating at our Christmas School Concert. Our school choir as well as each class will be participating. We are looking forward to seeing you at St. Justins's Parish Hall, 855 Jalna Blvd., from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Thursday, December 11.

## School Council Meeting

There will be no December School Council meeting. Our January meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 in the Library. All parents are welcome. Please join us.

## Mini Raffle

Our Thanksgiving Mini Raffle was another popular success with the students! Lucky winning students were Emily (goldfish Webkinz), Sara (lizard Webkinz), Jared (snake Webkinz), Jenna S. (swan gourd), Kirsten (horse) and Jade (movie night package.) Our Christmas mini raffle will start on December 1st and the draw will be on December 12. Once again, tickets will be available in the office, 3 for \$1.

## Winter Wear

Many times over the winter, our students come inside after recess with wet mittens, socks and pants. In the event that your child becomes wet during a recess, it would be most appreciated if you would pack an extra pair of mittens, sock and pants in your child's backpack. We thank our school neighbour Norma Lewis for her generous donation of hand-knitted head bands.



## St. Justin's Parish News

### Christmas Mass times:

Christmas Eve, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 & midnight

Christmas Day: 9:00 & 11:00am

### Christmas Eve Children's Celebration 5:30 pm

Children in JK-grade 6 process in and sing songs, read, offer the gifts, etc. Forms were distributed through the church. If your child wants to participate, please contact Teresa Duffy immediately at 519-204-4495.

### Ongoing Opportunities:

Children's Choir for ages 7-12

Contact: Tina Lefave via the parish office

Children's Liturgy JK-Grade 3 at both Sunday mass times

Altar Server Ministry – Grade 4 and up

Contact: Peter Buckley at 519-872-4772 or the parish office

Parish Office: 519-685-2795

### Weekly Mass times:

Saturdays at 5:00pm, Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am



## From the Librarian's Desk



It's time for the semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair! There will be lots of materials in French and English for sale, with profits being used to buy more materials for the library. Children will have an opportunity to prepare a wish list on

Nov. 28 and Dec. 2 and then purchase items then or later on in the week. The dates and times are: Friday, Nov. 28: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 1: closed; Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 2 and 3: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 4, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (open during Parent-Teacher interviews) and Friday, Dec. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. You are welcome to attend any time the Book Fair is open. Parent volunteers are appreciated, especially if you can help during the day with wish list writing or on cash. Please contact Mme Murphy at am.murphy@ldcsb.on.ca or 519-660-2777 if you'd like to be part of the book fair.

Mme Murphy, Librarian

## Hot Lunch



Due to an oversight, November Hot Lunch forms were sent out late and therefore had a very short return time back to the school. Please accept our apologies for this error.

## Administering Medicines



We have been receiving a large number of parents requesting that the school staff administer medicine to their child without having the authorization form signed by their doctor. This includes both prescription and non-prescription medication. Please know that we are unable to administer medication without this form. It is available in the office, should you need one.

## Student Absences

If your child is ill or will be absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school. Outside of school hours, please leave a message on our 24 hour answering machine.



## Late Arrivals & Change of Pickup



If your child is going to be late for school, please call the office to advise us. It is imperative that upon arrival your child stop at the office to pick up a late slip before going to class.

If it is necessary for your child to leave school prior to the 3:30 dismissal bell, or if there is a change in who is picking up your child or the method of transportation home, please send a note to your child's teacher. In order to minimize phone calls to the office, please know that it is best to let your child's teacher know in writing, although a phone call is acceptable in a last minute or emergency situation.



## School Council News

Hello Parents of St. Anthony!

School Council has been working very hard to keep our school the best we can be! At our November meeting, parents and staff spent time thinking about our own memories of elementary school! Our reminiscing was held with laughter and joy as we shared many wonderful memories from our past. From Fun Fairs to Play Days to French café night, we are committed to

### **CREATE MEMORIES LIKE THESE FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

We want to see more of you in our school! In January, we will be confirming dates for some of the 'fun'-raising ideas that we were so excited discussing at our November meeting. We would love it if you would consider attending our next meeting – your creative ideas, and love for growing our beautiful school of memories is instrumental in bringing FAMILY and COMMUNITY into our school.

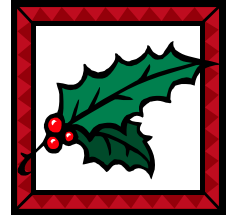
**Join us on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30pm in the Library!**

*Can't make the meeting, but wish to share your ideas?* Drop off your idea to the SUGGESTION BOX out front of the school office or contact Anastasia or Shannon (via the office).

*Do you have concern that you would like to have addressed by your School Council?* Drop off your concern to the SUGGESTION BOX out front of the school office or contact Anastasia or Shannon (via the office).

From your School Council members, we wish you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Shannon & Anastasia



### *What's New...from Council*

- ❖ **Suggestion Box** - share your ideas, comments and/or concerns (located on the table outside the office)
- ❖ **In the Spotlight: Parent Volunteer Profile** – featuring parents who make a difference at St. Anthony's (coming in January)
- ❖ **Earth Day Tree Planting Project** – we are planting trees in our school yard (more details coming in the spring)
- ❖ **Family Valentine's Day Dance** – get out with the kids and dance (more details coming in January)

## Fundraising Committee Update

**Happy Winter!** Please read below for all the exciting updates from your Fundraising committee:

The December Panago pizza award for free pizza goes to Brooke in Mme Bobyk's SK class. Brooke's consistent top sales in every fundraising project, as well as her family's passion for our school, has shown that she is more than deserving of our Good Sport award. Congratulations Brooke and thank you for your support!

Thank you to everyone still bringing in CAMPBELL'S labels and UPC's, to date we have raised over 2000 points, which means we have collected 1500 individual labels to get to that point level.

Great work returning your monthly Boston Pizza calendars. Doing this every school month will guarantee our gift of \$300 for our growing library.

Important- Expensive uniform pieces are still being turned into the office UNLABELLED. A great solution to avoid losing these items are using Mabel's Labels, and you support our school financially as well, visit [www.stanthony.mabel.ca](http://www.stanthony.mabel.ca) today!

The SAMKO Warehouse sale is now over. Please send in your STAMPED receipts into school today, as we are on a deadline to send them in ourselves. Last year we raised over \$240 simply collecting your receipts, thank you in advance!

Our anticipated Winter Raffle is on now! We are asking that all unsold tickets be returned by Friday, December 5, 2008. Good luck, draw date is Monday, December 15 @ 9am, and winners will be contacted right away.

Future reminder- WF Chocolate covered almonds are coming home February 2-3, 2009. If you do not want your (oldest/ only) child to bring home a case, or wish to make pick up arrangements, please send a note to the school (inc. child's full name and teacher/ grade).

\*\*\*Merry Christmas\*\*\*

## Pop Tabs

Once again, St. Anthony is collecting aluminum pop tabs for the London District Catholic School board. The funds raised from the recycling of aluminum pop tabs are used to purchase wheelchairs for students with special needs. Please save your pop tabs and send them to the school. Have your relatives and neighbours save too!



## Did You Know...

- That the outdoor play equipment is closed during cold weather to ensure safety
- That scarves are not permitted due to a safety issue.
- That the Healthy School committee will be meeting Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6 pm in the library.



*Let's make Christmas one long, extended gift of ourselves to others. Unselfishly, without announcement or obligation.*

- *Seek out a forgotten friend.*
- *Write a long overdue love note.*
- *Mend a quarrel.*
- *Express appreciation.*
- *Gladden the heart of a child.*
- *Hug someone tightly and whisper, "I love you so."*
- *Make or bake something for someone else anonymously.*
- *Listen.*
- *Speak kindly to a stranger.*
- *Enter into another's sorrow.*
- *Smile. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.*
- *Take a walk with a friend.*
- *Kneel down and pat a dog.*
- *Read a poem or two to your mate or friend.*
- *Play some beautiful music during supper.*
- *Apologize if you were wrong.*
- *Talk together with the television off.*
- *Treat someone to an ice cream cone.*
- *Pray for someone who helped you when you hurt.*
- *Give a soft answer even though you feel strongly.*
- *Offer to babysit for a weary mother.*





