

MAY 2009



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

Our Catholic Education Week leads off the month of May. Have a look at our Education Week brochure for May 4th to May 8th. Come and join us for the many activities we have planned.

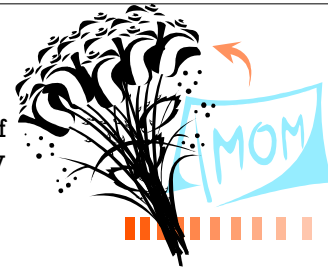
Once again our Grade 3 students will participate in the Provincial Assessment of Mathematics. Our students will be writing the EQAO test on the morning of May 28th and June 2nd, 2009.

I, along with my staff will soon be in the process of developing class lists for September, 2009. To help with our planning, we would ask families to inform the school if they are moving out of the school area. Should you know of neighbours, friends or families who plan to attend St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion School next year, please have them call for registration materials. This process of designing classes is taken very seriously and we focus on positive learning environments for our students. A great deal of time and effort is taken to create a balanced classroom. Academic ability, maturity, friendships and teaching styles, combined grades and male/female ratio are some of the factors considered.

We appreciate your cooperation and trust with this process. Each student is given due consideration and parents can be assured the process is not arbitrary.

A proverb states, "God could not be everywhere, so He made Mothers." On behalf of all of us at St. Anthony French Immersion, Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers in our community. May our loving God continue to strengthen and support you in your most important vocation; motherhood.

Mme Catherine Richard, Principal



## 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 documentation. Should you have any questions pertaining to the registration process, please call the school.

### UPCOMING:

- May 4 - 8 Education Week
- May 4 - Mass at St. Justin's 9:30 am
- May 5 - School Partnership Learning Series 6:30-7:30 pm
- May 6, 7, 8 - Book Fair
- May 8 - Jump Rope for Heart Event 1:15 pm
- May 11 - School Council 6:30 pm
- May 13,14 - Hot Lunch
- May 18 - Victoria Day-No School
- May 20, 21 - Hot Lunch
- May 28 - EQAO gr. 3 - am
- June 2 - EQAO gr. 3 - am



## School Council Meeting

Our next School Council Meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 11 at 6:30 pm in the Library. All are welcome to attend. Please join us.

## Holiday Reminder

There is no school on Monday, May 18th. This is Victoria Day! Enjoy your long weekend!



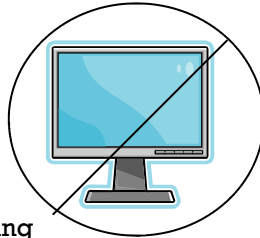
## JK Parent Information Meeting

Parents with children entering the school system for the first time are invited to an information meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm. Invitation letters will be sent out to families who have registered for French Immersion.



## Pause to Play Week

Please send in your completed logs from Pause to Play week so that we can award individual, class and school prizes. The idea behind the week, which ends May 3, is to decrease the amount of time spent watching TV, playing video games and using the computer and increase the time spent on other leisure activities. St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion School has been among the top schools for the past two years and we want to do even better this year. As a bonus, there are a number of free activities listed on the back of the log sheets. Just show the log sheet to participating organizations for free admission from April 27 to May 3.



## 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!

## News from St. Justin's Parish

Many of our grade two children will celebrate their First Communion at St. Justin's Parish on Saturday, May 23 at 5:00 pm or on Sunday, May 24 at 3:00 pm.



St. Justin Mass times are: Saturdays at 5 pm, Sundays at 8:30 am and 11 am.

## Safe School Corner

Did you know....

- that the Safe and Healthy School Committee is pleased with the success of our April 22nd Earth Day. We have a new "Reading Circle," a new green space for our students. Our school also received much media attention: radio and television news coverage.
- that our am and pm safety routines have improved. Thank you to everyone who meets their children outside in the designated areas.

## From the Librarian's Desk



The Scholastic Book Fair will be held on May 6 to 9 during regular school hours. There will be hundreds of books in English and French available for sale as well as school supplies and activities. Your child will have an opportunity to purchase items during their regular class hours. Parents are more than welcome to attend any time the book fair is open (Wednesday, May 6 and 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, May 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. As well, the book fair will be open on Tuesday, May 5 for an hour prior to the reading workshop at 6:30 p.m. Thank you for your support. Monies raised help to buy new materials for the library.

We recently hosted London children's author Susan Ross who read her book "The Great Belly-button Cover-up" to the children. Copies of her book, which includes a sheep-making kit, can be ordered for \$10. Please send in your orders (cash only) to my attention and I will see that your child receives an autographed copy.

## Jump Rope for Heart

Our students will be participating in the school's annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the Heart and Stroke Society on Friday, May 8th. Please do not allow your child to canvas door to door for sponsors! The selection of prizes have been placed on display just outside of the office. Thank you for helping to teach your child the importance of fundraising to support a worthy cause. Please know that our school receives points based on our total donation to the Heart and Stroke Society. These points will be redeemed to purchase Scholar's Choice gift certificates and/or phys-ed equipment for the school.



## Bussing - Use of Alternate Address for the 2009 - 2010 School Year

Student Transportation Services (STS) is already busy planning bus transportation for the 2009-2010 school year. Forms are now available in the school office if you require alternate address bussing for the next school year. STS will arrange for alternate address bussing transportation under the following conditions:



- The *primary address* is eligible for transportation
- The *alternate address* is within the school transportation boundary
- The *alternate address* is used consistently every day, Monday through Friday, every week for the school year
- A student can have one alternate address only
- Under normal conditions, the *alternate address* must be accommodated with existing bus stops on an established bus route servicing the school, noting no new stops or runs will be created for alternate addresses
- Approval of this application will be based upon seat availability on the vehicle
- STS reserves the right to cancel previously approved alternate bus stop requests when load or service conditions warrant
- A parent/guardian must apply for use of an alternate address on an annual basis by way of the school
- Students cannot be assigned to a special needs stop on a specialized vehicle
- If a change or cancellation to approved arrangements is required, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to complete a new Use of Alternate Bus Stop Request Form.

Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you should require this form. The **deadline** for submission of the Alternate Address form is **Friday, May 8**. For late registrants, transportation will be provided to the primary address. The late request to use an alternate stop will be processed after October 1, 2009.



## Memory Book Update

Thanks to all who participated in the recent survey. We received a great response. In total 70 sheets came back with 58 say yes they would be interested in purchasing a memory, 12 no's and 9 that said they would be interested in advertising. Based on the expression of interest, we will be moving forward on the memory book for the 2009-2010 school year. Any profits generated from the memory book will be put towards class field trips. Look for more information on the "Livre de Memoire" in September.

## Parking Lot Courtesy

It has been noticed that some parents drive into our school parking lot directly to the Kiss n Ride area, without going around the loop. Driving the wrong direction is dangerous and can cause mishaps to both children and adults walking through the lot and also to other vehicles. Please drive in the right direction. Do not speed and be cautious of children who may be crossing the parking lot. Also, please do not park your car in the Kiss n Ride area for extended periods of time as this is a designated fire zone. Thanks for keeping our school a safe place.



## 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.

*The Catholic School Board appreciates your continued support!*

## School Council News

Happy Spring to you and your family!

On behalf of the School Council A BIG THANK-YOU to all of our STUDENTS (and parents, too!) who worked so hard on Earth Day to plant the new trees and shrubs for our Reading Circle! Despite the cold and rainy weather, every student and teacher helped in a very large way to beautify our playground!

Great work everyone! You should all feel proud that you were responsible for 'greening' our school yard! Let's keep the trees growing so the birds and animals can also enjoy their beauty.



### **Backpack 411: SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR (April 29 – May 8)**

**Catch the Reading Wave! Is the theme...**Join your child during the day and see the exciting books he/she wishes to bring home. You may also give a donation to the library to enable new resources for the school library.

**Parent-Partnership Learning Series (PSP)** continues with its last session on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm school library. Share the enjoyment of reading with your children – in any language! Fran James, LDCSB Curriculum Support Teacher, will be presenting Reading Together – Tools & Tips.

*Encourage your child to read – Practice reading with your child*

*Be mesmerized by their imaginations!*

### **NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Monday, May 11, 2009 6:30pm**

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you haven't joined our email list, you can let the front office know and we will add you to the communication list. This parent group receives monthly emails that include council updates and opportunities for parents to participate in school events.

**DON'T FORGET...**The parent suggestion box is always available for your comments. At any time, please feel free to anonymously place your comments and concerns that you wish to be addressed by the Council.


School Council Chairs

Shannon Maheu & Anastasia Kyriakopoulos

## Fundraising Committee Update

Our committee has been working closely with School Council to develop a plan for success to raise funds for our school. New ideas and suggestions have been brought forward for discussion, and the Social & Community Building and Health & Safety Committees, have helped survey the best avenues for fundraising in our school. We need your input and help. Please contact the school to share your email address so that school council may get input from the parents unable to attend the monthly meetings. There is also a *suggestions box* at the office sign in sheet that you can put anonymously written comments, or send a note to school telling us how you can help. Thank you for your continuous support and encouragement as we grow.

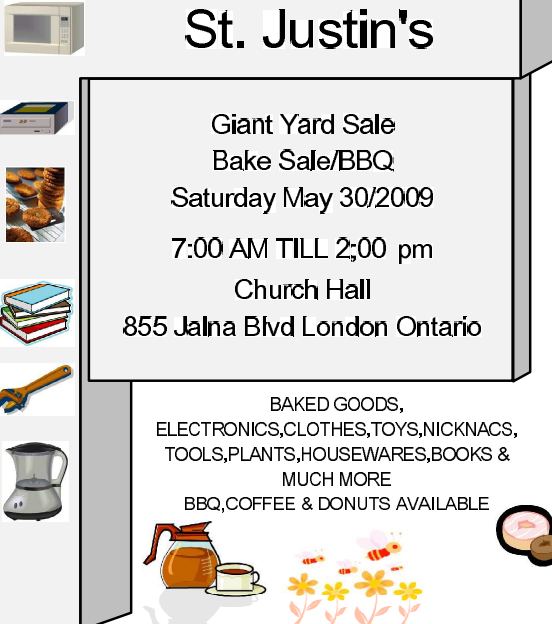
- This month's **Panago Pizza** Award goes to Brook-Lyn in Mlle Patterson's grade 3 class. Brook-Lyn is always handing in **Boston Pizza** Reading calendars and sending in **CAMPBELL'S labels** to collect for valuable school rewards. As a small token of our appreciation, we are acknowledging her family with a FREE PIZZA certificate, redeemable for the Surf n' turf sirloin steak and wild pink shrimp pizza, or any other gourmet pizza Panago offers.
- Last month our school supported many GREEN projects and showed the city that St. Anthony is on the map! The trees were planted on April 22, later that day was McDonald's FUN night, and we are hoping to keep the Earth theme going with GREEN CLEAN. More information to follow...
- WF Chocolate covered almonds proved to be our most successful fundraiser ever! We have profited \$4143 and are still waiting on late payments and a few boxes to be sold. If you would like 1 box, send a toonie to school, 10 boxes? Send a cheque for \$10 to St. Anthony School Council. Boxes are also available at the office for \$2/ each.
- QSP and Mabel's Labels have continued to grow as our passive online fundraisers. Please remember to order and renew your magazine subscriptions at [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) GROUP ID 6985. As you are summer shopping and purchasing new uniforms make sure to order a school pack of labels at [www.stanthony.mabel.ca](http://www.stanthony.mabel.ca) or call the school for a paper order form. Thank you!



**St. Justin's**

Giant Yard Sale  
Bake Sale/BBQ  
Saturday May 30/2009  
7:00 AM TILL 2:00 pm  
Church Hall  
855 Jalna Blvd London Ontario

BAKED GOODS,  
ELECTRONICS,CLOTHES,TOYS,NICKNACS,  
TOOLS,PLANTS,HOUSEWARES,BOOKS &  
MUCH MORE  
BBQ,COFFEE & DONUTS AVAILABLE




### **DROP OFF TIMES FOR DONATIONS TO YARD SALE**

Please drop of items at the trailer in the church parking lot, all Saturdays as of April 18 from 9 am to 2 pm and before all Sunday masses until 2 pm

Baked goods and plants will be accepted  
Friday evening May 29

### **ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS**

- Unbroken Knicknacks
- Clean/good used clothes
- Books (no encyclopedias)
- Working electronics
- Working small appliances
- Unbroken toys
- Lots of baked goods
- Plants & garden accessories

### **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTABLE**

- Computer equipment & software
- Outdated children's furniture
- Encyclopedias
- Large appliances (washers/dryers/stoves)
- Worn or broken furniture
- Broken bikes

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Help needed on day of sale,  
including set up and unloading of truck.**

**This is a major church event  
And your help is needed.**

**CALL:**

**Charlene Gallagher**

**519 649-5082**

**Or EMAIL:**

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