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French Immersion

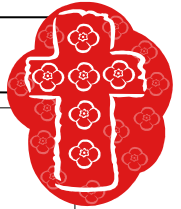
ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL



*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



November will be a busy month with many opportunities to come together as a community. Parents are warmly invited to our Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday, November 11 at 10:45 am held in the Library as well as our Remembrance Day Mass at 9:30 am at St. Justin's Parish on Thursday, November 13th.

On Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm, come to the School Council Meeting for an update on school projects.

First Term Report Cards will be distributed on Friday, November 28. Information regarding Parent-Teacher Interviews will be sent home in the upcoming weeks. Interviews will be held Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th. Please plan to attend. It is our expectation that all parents will meet with their children's teachers during first term interviews. If you are unable to attend on these dates, please make other arrangements to meet with the teacher.

On Wednesday, November 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, the Middlesex London Health Unit is offering a workshop here at St. Anthony French Immersion, called "Let's Talk."

In closing, it is with extreme gratitude and pride that the St. Anthony French Immersion School staff thank each and everyone of you for your gracious donations to our family in need. Support arrived in many forms, be it furniture, clothes, toys, gift cards and cash. The total financial donations exceeded \$2,800. Working together to be the best we can be! Ensemble on est meilleur! What a wonderful accomplishment and gesture of support to our St. Anthony French Immersion family!

Your principal, Catherine Richard

Remembrance Day



All are welcome to join us for our Remembrance Day Paraliturgy beginning at 10:45 am in the library on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

Thanks to M. Gray for all of his time and effort in preparing for this special event. We are focusing on being active Peacemakers, both at recess and in our hearts. We hope our students gain a better understanding of the importance of Remembrance Day.

Children belonging to Sparks, Brownies, Beavers or Cubs are invited to wear that uniform to school instead of the St. Anthony uniform on Remembrance Day. These uniforms are worn as a sign of respect, gratitude, willingness to serve and solidarity with others who have served our nation.

EQAO Results

We are disappointed that the results indicate 14% of our grade 3 students were at level 3 in math

As a staff, we spent the October 3rd PD day studying the analysis data of the results, what it means and how the discrepancies will be addressed. We have also met on other various occasions and will continue to do so throughout this school year. At the October 21st School Council meeting I presented a detailed plan of how we will proceed to address the areas that need to be focused on.

Our staff has looked at the last year's students, for example: how many years the students have been in a French Immersion setting, the language spoken in the students' home, etc. We have also examined teaching strategies and those implications. We will be focusing on multiple strategies targeting all students JK to grade 4 with particular emphasis on grades 2, 3 and 4.

Tonight our grade 4 parents are invited to meet our EQAO school team to discuss their child's individual EQAO report.

UPCOMING:

Nov 5 - Hot Lunch

Nov 6 - Hot Lunch K's

Nov 11- Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:45 am in Library

Nov 11 - School Council, 6:30 pm in Library

Nov 13 - Mass at St. Justin's at 9:30 am

Nov 19 - Hot Lunch

Nov 20 - Hot Lunch K's

Nov 23- Reconciliation St. Justin Church

Nov 26 - December Milk Orders Due

Nov 28 - Report Cards go home

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.



Also, please remember to send a note to the classroom teacher if you will be picking your child up during the school day for an appointment. Thank you.

Report Cards

First Term Report Cards will be going home on Friday, November 28th, 2008. Information regarding Parent Interviews will be sent home during the coming weeks. Interviews will be held Thursday, December 4 in the evening, as well as the morning of Friday, December 5. Please plan to attend. It is our expectation that all parents will meet with their children's teachers during first term interviews. If you are unable to attend on these dates, please make other arrangements to meet with the teacher.



College Boreal

We are pleased that the Introductory French class offered by College Boreal, is being held every Monday night here at St. Anthony French Immersion School.

If there is an interest we can offer another introductory course in the New Year. Please call the school and indicate if you are interested and which evening is most suitable. We also hope to continue with the next French level course in January, 2009.

A Note from the Crossing Guard

When picking up your child at the end of the day, please park in the school parking lot or on Lacey Crescent.

Do not park behind the buses in the No Parking Zone as you block the view of oncoming drivers for the crosswalk and also the cars' view when coming out of the school parking lot.

Thank you for helping keep our children safe.

Did You Know?

It's unsafe to park your car along the outside perimeter of the parking lot? Emergency vehicles are unable to make it through the parking circle and staff find it difficult to leave during the day. Please refrain from parking along the edge as we have an overflow lot to the east of our regular lot.

Let's Talk Parenting Workshop will be held here at St. Anthony French Immersion School on Wednesday, November 5th at 7 pm. Learn how to communicate effectively with your child.

We now have a suggestion box in the school foyer. Please feel free to drop off suggestions, comments or concerns anonymously. These will be reviewed monthly by School Council members and highlighted.

From the Librarian's Desk



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St. Anthony during the first week of December. You and your child will have a chance to see and purchase books, games and school supplies. There will be French and English resources available. Monies raised during the book fair help to buy more resources for the library. The Book Fair will be open during Parent-Teacher interviews on Dec. 4 and 5, as well as during the day on Nov. 28 and Dec. 2-4. Volunteers to help the younger children prepare their wish lists and to help at the sales table are most welcome. Please contact Mme Murphy at 519-660-2777 on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays or by email am.murphy@ldcsb.on.ca if you can help.

Mme Murphy, Librarian

School Council Meeting

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 pm in the library. All parents are welcome to attend.

PD Day

Please mark on your calendars that Friday, November 14 is our next PD day. There will be no classes for students.



Bus Cancellations

When our area is experiencing inclement weather, parents should go to www.ldcsb.on.ca for the link to the school bus cancellations and/or delays. When the link is activated at the board site, the user will be automatically rerouted to the Western Ontario School bus Association site. The bus companies are responsible for updating the WOSBA site.

The "School Bus Monitor" previously hosted via "A Channel" is no longer available as they decided to discontinue this site.

Radio will continue to broadcast school bus cancellations and/or delays as normal.

The transportation consortium is currently in the process of building a website which will host cancellation and delay information once it is available. More information on this website will be distributed as soon as

Remembering Those Who are Dear to Us

On All Souls' Day, November 2, and all through November, we think about relatives and friends who have died. We ask God to show them the mercy we all hope for: forgiveness of sins, reward for virtue and a share in Christ's eternal victory. We also ask our ancestors and friends to intercede with God for our needs. Our bonds have not been broken by death, but have been strengthened through the "communion of saints."

School Council News

Hello parents!

As the new Co-Chairs for St. Anthony's School Council, we would like to welcome everyone back – and welcome our new parents and students – to our wonderful, growing school and community!

It's hard to believe that we are already feeling the 'chills' of winter! As parents ourselves, we would remind you to encourage your children to make sure they dress warm and smile on their way out of the house.

We would like to give a BIG thank-you to all the parents who have attended and participated at our first two meetings. We have a great group of dedicated members and we encourage you to attend our next Council meeting on **Tuesday, November 11, 2008** in the Library at 6:30pm. We hope that you will join us in establishing our 2008-2009 goals. Your ideas are appreciated and needed to align our goals with the needs of the school. We will also discuss community building opportunities!

For those parents, staff or members of our community that are not able to make it to our meetings, our council has created a way that you can still be a part of what we do as a council. At the school, outside of the office we will be placing a box that you can drop off any suggestions, comments or concerns anonymously. We will be reviewing them at our meetings and responding back to you through our council update in the monthly newsletter.

Another BIG, BIG thank-you to all Council members and parents who have signed up to volunteer with school activities and fundraising. WE ALWAYS NEED MORE so if you are interested, please let the school know. Working together to be the best that we can be in 2008-2009!

Anastasia Kyriakopoulos
Shannon Maheu

Fundraising Committee News

Friends and Family of St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion School,

With so much to report on, I have decided to give my update this month in point form. I would like to say a special thanks to all students that were able to fundraise for QSP's magazines and gifts. With online magazine sales and orders that came in (as of October 20) these hard working children sold \$4400! *****Important*** *The fundraising committee has ran it's course with this 3rd annual fundraiser, and will not be using the cards/calendars/magazines in the future.*** With about 20% school participation, it is best to offer what is needed, to our community. However, we will continue to keep online magazine orders available, all year round.

The PANAGO PIZZA award goes to Owen Van Tol, his family has gone above and beyond, both fundraising and volunteering, thank you!

-CAMPBELL'S soup labels, V8 labels & UPC's, Goldfish UPC's, foodservice UPC's, please keep collecting from home and neighbours.

-Mabel's Labels are a necessity for the uniforms, shoes, and spirit wear. Order online at www.stanthony.mabel.ca today!

-Boston Pizza reading program calendars aren't being sent back, if you have September ones, send them in too!!!

-Please send your old printer cartridges and unused cell phones to the school to support our GreenTech program.

-SAMCO WAREHOUSE SALE coming to the Western Fair... please save your stamped receipts for us! More info to follow...

-Winter Raffle nearing. Tickets are in books of 10 and sell for \$2.00 each. Check out some of the prizes at the booth near the office.

-Still collecting homemade crafts & goodies, business or personal donations for prizes, and helpers to work from home on the tickets.

-Mabel's Labels has made us \$160 online, orders available through office as well, please send a note for more info.

Please attend the next School Council meeting, you'll see the direct impact of where raised monies go, & how every \$1 helps your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
The Fundraising Committee

Thank You from Tom and Danielle



October is Fire Prevention Month. Always check your fire and safety equipment.

“On October 14th at 3:30 am our family home and possessions went up in flames. Our home, like everyone else’s home was our blanket of security. By 5:30 am, as the fire trucks rolled out, everything in our house had dissipated to ashes. We packed the children, Abbi and Arthur Jr. in the car, and packed the trunk with the remainder of our salvageable belongings. We drove off with nothing left and nowhere to go. In a short time, our family went from having a stable home to being homeless. Our fears and determination to succeed in life had taken a tumble. As the day unfolded, we discovered we had no content insurance.

That was October 14th, our longest and lowest day. In the subsequent days, the local news coverage together with small groups, such as this one at St. Anthony’s, the Knights of Columbus (council 9607), West View Baptist Church, Canadian Tire White Oaks and McCarthy Uniforms all pulled together to help us recover. Of course friends, such as Erma Lotz and family provided us with refuge and emotional stability for us and our children.

On October 14th, we realized our dreams and memories had gone up in smoke, but not our lives, not our friends, and not our community. The rest we can rebuild but it will take some time. Today we can say that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Special thanks to Mme Richard for her quick witty and tireless effort, and also to Mme Pettit for all the favours and hat tricks she pulled. We cannot forget the classes our children attend, Mme Welch and Mme Millar. We would also like to thank the students, teachers and family efforts that have helped reintegrate Abbi and Arthur Jr. back to class. We would like to thank you all for the support at our lowest point in life. The St. Anthony’ Catholic French Immersion School has been a tremendous help to our family. We, the Mukuha Chege family will always be indebted to St. Anthony’s Catholic French Immersion School. For those we did not mention, sorry but we ran out of paper, you were definitely not forgotten.”

Mabel’s Labels

Mabel Moolah is Mabel’s Labels’ amazing holiday promotion... if you spend \$60 on your next order, then you can collect \$25 in Mabel Moolah, to use towards your next purchase! It’s as easy as that.

Mabel Moolah can be earned on Canadian and American orders placed between October 8, 2008 and December 19, 2008. Here's how:

Place an order of at least \$60 before taxes and shipping. Every \$60 spent in a single order will earn \$25 in Mabel Moolah.

The order must be placed by Internet or phone and paid by credit card to qualify for this promotion.

If ordering online, once the order is placed, a Mabel Moolah code will be issued by email.

If ordering by phone, ask our order desk for your Mabel Moolah code.

Another great idea for Christmas giving, Mabel's Labels offer one-of-a-kind, personalized stationery products.

Available in five unique designs, Return Address Labels can be customized with a name and address. From summer camp letter writing to thank-you notes, the “Write On” Stationery Kit lets kids express their individual writing style with customized writing paper, return address labels and envelope sealers.

New to Mabel's is Treehouse’s famous Backyardigans. Available only in Canada, young children can choose The Backyardigans Label Pack or The Backyardigans Stationery Kit, customized with their favorite character. Check out www.stanthony.mabel.ca for more details!

Parenting Workshop in the White Oaks Area!

Let’s Talk - This one session workshop will help you learn more about communicating effectively with your child, how to use encouragement to strengthen your relationship and build more confident and capable children.

This workshop is recommended for parents of children aged 5 - 11 years of age.

Date: Wednesday, November 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Location: St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion School, 1380 Ernest Avenue

To register or for more information call 663-5317, extension 2378.



Workshops are facilitated by a Public Health Nurse from the Middlesex-London Health Unit.

These programs are intended to help families meet the common challenges of parenting. Pre-registration is required.

