

OCTOBER 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

Our "Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night" was a great success. We had a fantastic turnout, warm weather and good pizza. We also held our curriculum information meeting on the same evening.

As we give thanks for our many blessings, the staff of St. Anthony French Immersion School wishes all of our families a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving. In celebration of Thanksgiving, we gather to praise the Lord. We pray for the needs of others, and we hope that all of God's wonderful gifts will be shared fairly in our world. Please join us on Thursday, October 9 at 9:30 at St. Justin's Parish for mass. We have many things to be thankful for at St. Anthony French Immersion! Come celebrate with us.

Your principal,
Catherine Richard



School Pictures

School pictures were held on the morning of Wednesday, October 1st for our students from Junior Kindergarten, as well as the Mme Bobyk's JK/SK class and also on Thursday, October 2 for all of the Kindergarten to Grade 4 students. Our rooftop photo was taken during the morning of October 1st.



Colder Weather

Now that the weather is changing, please remember to dress your child(ren) accordingly. Children must have something warm to put on during recess and lunch. We also ask that you label your children's clothing.



Mabel's Labels

Need a unique way of labeling your child's new clothing and uniforms? We have a solution...MABEL'S LABELS! Currently available online and by phone, this company has every type of label imaginable. For lunch bags, backpacks, Tupperware, shoes and everything in between. Please visit www.stanthony.mabel.ca to order direct to your door, or send a note to school for a brochure and telephone order instructions.

Interim Report Cards

Interim Report Cards will be sent home on Monday, October 6 for students of grades 1 to 4.

School Mass Schedule at St. Justin's

October 9, 2008	Thanksgiving Mass	9:30 am
November 13, 2008	Remembrance Day Mass	9:30 am
December 11, 2008	Christmas Mass	9:30 am
January 8, 2009		9:30 am
February 12, 2009		9:30 am
March 12, 2009		9:30 am
April 9, 2009		9:30 am
May 4, 2009	Education Week Mass	9:30 am
June 12, 2009	St. Anthony Feast Day Mass	9:30 am

All masses will be held at St. Justin's Parish. Please plan on joining us.

Upcoming:

Oct 6 - Interim reports go home (grade 1-4)

Oct 9 - Gr. 4 Cross Country at RMC

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

Oct 13 - Thanksgiving Day - no classes

Oct 21 - School Council Meeting in Library at 6:30 pm

Oct 22, 23 - Hot Lunch

Oct 31 - Orange and Black Day

Visitors/Parents to the School

Please be reminded that the Safe Schools Act of Ontario states that all persons on school property during the school day, who are not part of our staff, must report directly to the office.

Should you wish to speak to your child during school hours (recess included) please report to the office and we will assist your request.

If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day, please do not wait for them in the hallway outside the classroom. This causes distraction for students and staff alike. Please wait outside of the school for the dismissal bell. If you must wait inside for the dismissal, please report to the office.

Thank you for assisting with student safety at St. Anthony French Immersion School.

Medication

If it is necessary for your child to take medication during school hours, the parent(s) or guardian(s) must first complete a written request to the principal accompanied by the completed forms for Administering Medicines to Students in accordance with Board policy. These forms are available at the office.



PLEASE NOTE: The staff cannot dispense or administer aspirin or other over the counter medication to students.

Inclement Weather Transportation

2 Hour Delay - If you choose to bring your child/ren to school when their transportation is delayed for 2 hours, please listen to Q97.5 or logon to www.ldcsb.on.ca to confirm that buses did in fact run that day, or if they changed from a delay to a cancellation. If the buses were cancelled, no buses will be running home and it is then your responsibility to call the school and inform staff as to whom will be picking your child(ren) up.



Bus Cancellation—If you choose to bring your child(ren) to school when transportation has been cancelled you must accompany your child(ren) into the school and notify the secretary or staff member as to whom your child(ren) will be picked up by at the end of the school day.

Be Alert to Allergies

The number of life-threatening allergies is increasing. Anything can trigger anaphylaxis in an allergic person, however, the most common causes in schools are peanuts and insect stings. We have students in our school with peanut allergies, therefore, St. Anthony French Immersion School will adopt a NUT-AWARE policy.

We ask the students only bring nut-free products to school.

Illness, Late Arrival, Appointments

Emergency or Illness: In the event that your child becomes ill or has an accident requiring more attention than we are capable of, or qualified to give, parents or caregivers will be notified so that further arrangements can be made. It is of great importance that you Emergency Information is accurate and up-to-date. Please notify us immediately of any changes.

Absenteeism: Should it be necessary for your child to miss school for any reason, please contact the school secretary or leave a message on our 24 hour answering machine, stating the reason for the absence. If for some reason, no message is left, it will be the school's practice to make every effort to contact parents at home or at work to ensure that your child is safe. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Late Arrival: If your child should arrive at school late, he/she must report to the school office for a late slip before going to his/her classroom.

Playground Safety

Here are some safety reminders regarding the use of playground equipment:

General Rules: No pushing. No running. Take turns. No fighting. Injuries should be reported to the playground supervisor immediately. No throwing stones, sticks or other objects. No eating while outside.

Weather Conditions: During damp and snowy weather the playground equipment is off limits.

Clothing: Scarves should not be worn when playing on the equipment. Loose strings should be tied securely or removed.

Slides: Students are to sit while sliding down on the slide. No walking up the slide. No pushing. No playing at the top. Before sliding down be sure no one is at the bottom of the slide.

Play: Children are to play with their own age group.

School Council

Our first School Council Meeting for the 2008-2009 school year was held on Tuesday, September 30 with an impressive turnout. Thanks to the many parents who attended and who have volunteered for positions. Our executive is as follows:

Co-Chairs: Shannon Maheu and
Anastasia Kyriakopoulos

Secretary: Tracy Lezizidis

Treasurer: Anne Cormier

School Council meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the library. However, an exception will be the next meeting in October. The October meeting will be on October 21. All parents are always welcomed to School Council Meetings.

From the Librarian's Desk

First of all, a great big thank you to School Council for buying a special reading carpet for the library. The children are really enjoying the carpet during storytime.



Now that we are settling into a routine, I want to remind you that we alternate French and English books each week. Your child may keep a book up to one week and return it during their regular library period. We ask that children take only one movie a month so that all St. Anthony students can have access to them.

Here's the schedule for each class:

Wednesdays: Mme Millar's JK class, Mme Bobyk's JK/K class, Mme Rodrigues's Gr. 1/2 class; Mme Mailloux's Gr. 2/3 class
Thursdays: Mme Millar's SK class, Mme Bobyk's SK class, Mlle Dutrizac's Gr 1 class, Mlle Pepe's Gr. 1 class and Mme Welch's Gr. 2 class
Fridays: Mlle Patterson's Gr. 3 class, M Gray's Gr. 4 class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 519-660-2777 or am.murphy@ldcsb.on.ca

Happy reading, listening and watching.

Toonies for Terry

We are very proud of our students for raising a total \$240 for cancer research. We enjoyed a beautiful fall morning for a walk and we learned all about our Canadian hero, Terry Fox. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause as cancer touches everyone's lives

Safe School Corner

Did you know...

- Our October virtue is compassion. The students will be focusing on displaying compassionate behaviour at recess.
- We have qualified staff who are First Aid certified, having received First Aid Training.
- That the orange cones are set up before school and at every recess so as to delineate in a visual way to our students, where are school boundaries are.

Making Jack O'Lanterns

Just take a golden pumpkin of quite the largest size, cut all 'round the stem, just so, scrape out the inside below, and cut two holes for eyes. And now fix a nose beneath, and such a great big mouth with teeth, and you've a jack-o'-lantern!



Child Care

From time to time, the school receives requests for before and/or after school childcare. Anyone that is interested in providing childcare, please contact the school office at 519-660-2777. We will take your name and telephone number and pass it along to those that are requesting that information.



Hallowe'en

The students at St. Anthony French Immersion School will celebrate Hallowe'en on Friday, October 31st. We are having a black and orange dress day (no costumes.) We will have various activities planned for a fun-filled afternoon!



Self Esteem Matters

Show confidence in your child by:

Giving your child age appropriate responsibilities: by giving your child jobs, you are saying, "I know that you can do this." Children love to feel that their contribution is valued.

Asking your child's opinion. Show them that their opinions matter.

Avoiding the temptation to take over. When children are allowed to work at a task, it is often amazing what they can accomplish with a little persistence and encouragement. They will gain confidence and learn not to give up easily, knowing they were able to accomplish a task on their own.

World School Milk Day



Many thanks to the Dairy Farmers of Ontario for providing every student with a complimentary carton of chocolate milk on World School Milk Day!

Fundraising Committee News

Time is flying by and fall has arrived! Our entire school is showing exceptional team spirit by supporting the programs offered by the fundraising committee. We thank you for all of your hard work so far, and remind you that all orders are due Tuesday, October 14 (the day after Thanksgiving Monday). We wish you and yours a safe holiday, and please remember we do not support door to door fundraising.

Just a reminder that we are hoping to collect as many CAMPBELL'S labels and UPC's as possible throughout the year. Thanks to parent volunteer Wendy Lanctot, mother of Brock in Mme Bobyk's SK class, for organizing this program. Special thanks to parents that have signed up for various duties to help carry out fundraising activities. Your time is so valuable to us, thank you for giving back, and I look forward to working with you.

Mabel's Labels... I can't say enough about this inventive product. Washable, durable, and personalized labels for your child's shoes, backpacks, uniforms, and many more. Labels are available online, choose your colour and design, and they are mailed to your door.

Our Boston Pizza Reading program has had a strong start, thank you for remembering to send in the completed calendars, each and every month. Please remember that our \$300 reward is only given with 100% school participation.

My favourite passive way to make funds is just around the corner. SAMCO Warehouse sale is coming to the Western Fair again this November. Flyers will be coming home soon and 10% of your shopping receipt is given back to the school (last year we made \$271 sending in these receipts)!!!

NEW!!! Each month I would like to recognize certain students and parent volunteers that have gone above and beyond. This month's Student is a real star, purchasing over 32 online subscriptions, and earning the school over \$278.00 is Matteo Ornato. Matteo is in Mme Rodrigues' class, and his mother Margaret is also recognized as a new committee volunteer. PANAGO pizza on Wonderland and Southdale has partnered with us to reward Matteo's family with free pizza and \$5 coupon for being such a good sport. PANAGO is offering to support our volunteers and fundraising efforts with gift certificates such as these, as well as a gift basket donation, for our winter raffle. We are very fortunate to have their partnership and support for the school year!!

Sarah Rameau, Fundraising Committee

