

SEPTEMBER 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

Welcome Back, Bienvenue

It's been an exciting day at St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion School! Our students arrived in their school uniforms and are so very proud to wear them. We are following our routines and the students are making friends. We welcome back all of our past students and we also welcome all of our new students to our St. Anthony community. We are opening the school with an enrolment of approximately 210 students. How proud we are of our many successes as we look forward to future goals.

Your principal,

Mme Catherine Richard



Staff List for 2008-2009

Principal	Mme Catherine Richard
JK1 & SK1	Mme Helen Millar
JK/K & SK2	Mme Helen Bobyk
1A	Mlle Katherine Dutrizac
1B	Mlle Susan Pepe
1/2	Mme Nancy Rodrigues
2A	Mme Joanne Welch
2/3	Mme Tina Mailloux
3A	Mlle Melissa Patterson
4A	M Dennis Gray
English	Mme Carol McMahon
Special Ed	Mme Anne Marie Wouch
Music	Mlle Jodie Brydle
Secretary	Mme Janet Pettit
Librarian	Mme Anne Murphy
Custodian	Mme Joyce Woldenberg
Custodian	M Bob Martin
Noon Hour	Mme Betty Wade
Noon Hour	M Serge Hebert

Expectations of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate

Catholicism's Core Understanding of the Human Condition: Distinctive expectations for graduates of Catholic schools are determined and shaped by the vision and destiny of the human person emerging from our faith tradition. This Christian anthropology or world view, reveals the dignity and value of the person. Our tradition tells us God creatively and lovingly calls each of us into the wonder of life, sustaining us by the power of the Holy Spirit, throughout the human journey, into life eternal. We acknowledge that the journey includes moments of brokenness and sin. We recognize in the person of Jesus, the risen Christ, the human face of God sharing our life in order to heal us of our brokenness and liberate us from sin.

This Christian vision of the human journey is best understood within the context of relationship. It is accomplished in community, in solidarity with brothers and sisters in the Church and beyond.

Catholic education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. The expectations of Catholic graduates, therefore, are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.

The School Day Schedule

8:50	Bell Rings	12:50 - 2:15	Classes
8:50 - 10:15	Classes	2:15 - 2:30	Recess
10:15 - 10:30	Recess	2:30 - 3:30	Classes
10:30 - 11:50	Classes	3:30	Dismissal
11:50 - 12:50	Lunch		

During the first 15 minutes of the lunch hour students eat their lunch in their classrooms. At 12:05 students are dismissed for lunch recess on the yard. No food is permitted on the school yard.

All students need to leave the school property promptly at dismissal time. Students are not permitted to stay on the school yard after school without the presence of a parent.

Any changes in the school will be broadcast over local radio stations. Please check newsletters throughout the school year for specific information (i.e., inclement weather details.)

Upcoming:

Sept. 12: Agenda money due

Oct. 3: PD Day

Oct. 13: Thanksgiving

Attachments:

Family Literacy

School Insurance Form

Western Fair

Milk Order Form

Arrival and Departure of Students

As supervision of the school yard begins at 8:35 a.m., we ask that all students JK to Grade 4 inclusively, upon arrival, go directly to the school yard.

At the 8:50 a.m. bell, JK and K students will enter by their respective classroom doors. The other students, Grade 1, 2, 3 and 4, will enter by way of the primary door area (south-east corner of the school.)

At the end of the school day, the classroom teachers will accompany their students to the buses. Parents of walkers may pick up their children in front of the school on the sidewalk area. Waiting for your child outside the school will decrease the distractions and allow for more instructional time. Dismissal is at 3:30 p.m.

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please do so after 3:30 or call to make an appointment. All visitors to the school must sign in and out at the office. Following these procedures will help us in creating and maintaining a safe school environment.

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call the school at 519-660-2777 and leave a message. Your message may be left on the answering machine at any time, day or night, for your convenience. If we do not receive a phone call or a signed note from you to tell us that your child will not be at school, we will need to call you at home or work to check the absence of your child. If your child will be leaving school early, please send a signed note with your child explaining what time and who will be picking your child up from school. When picking up your child, please check into the office. Thank you for your cooperation.



Newsletters

Handouts will continue to be sent home on Mondays (or Tuesdays if Monday is a holiday.) Please ask your oldest child for the information. The next newsletter will be coming home on October 6th, and all subsequent newsletters will be sent home on the first school day of each new month.

Student Agendas

All students in Junior Kindergarten through grades 4 will be using student agendas. Agendas encourage students to become better organized in their daily work and homework. The St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion School handbook is also found in the first section of the agenda. Please review this information about school procedures with your child(ren).

The cost of the student agenda is \$7.00 each and it would be appreciated if this money could be submitted to your child's classroom teacher by **Friday, September 12th**.



Lost and Found/Valuables

In any building with so many bodies, items go missing. Sometimes they are misplaced or simply forgotten. St. Anthony's has a Lost and Found area located by the south-east gym doors. Please check it regularly. Since our students are now wearing uniforms, it is so important to label your children's clothing with his/her first name and grade. Please refer to the Mabel's Labels information on page 4.

We ask that children keep valuables at home. Please note that cell phones, CD players, MP3 players, Gameboys and all other electronics are NOT permitted at school.

Family Literacy Conference



The Family Literacy Conference is taking place on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at John Paul II Catholic Secondary School. This promises to be an exciting morning and afternoon of very interactive literacy workshops for parents and their children! If you are

interested in taking part in this conference and you and your family have not yet registered, please visit the London District Catholic School Board's home web page (www.ldcsb.on.ca) and click Bulletin Board (top of left hand column.) Click the link for the Family Literacy Conference at the top of the drop-down menu. Details about the conference, including a link to a list of all available workshops, can be found on this page. Just email required information to Karen Dean at k.dean@ldcsb.on.ca. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Medications

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.



We are a “Nut-Aware School.” 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 the JK/K area as well as the primary pod areas with peanut allergies, therefore St. Anthony French Immersion will continue its **NUT-AWARE** policy. **WE ASK THE STUDENTS ONLY BRING NUT-FREE PRODUCTS TO SCHOOL.**

Noon Hour Supervisor Supplies

In the event that our Noon Hour Supervisors Serge and Betty are ever absent from their duties, we would like to have a list of supplies that we could access. This will be an on-call paid position. If you are interested, please contact the school office for details.

Piano Lessons

Private piano instruction is available once again this year at St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion School. If you can provide a piano or keyboard in your home and if you can dedicate fifteen to thirty minutes a day for practice, you are ready to enjoy music lessons!



Call Mrs. Iole Pullara at 519 657-4187 regarding price, times and other details.

School Council Meeting

Our first School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30 at 6:30 pm in the Library. Being a member of the School Council allows you to be active in your child's education, and all parents are invited to join. Hope to see you there!

Middlesex-London Health Unit

Smile Checking

As part of School Health Services in schools served by the Middlesex-London Health Unit, dental hygienists from the Middlesex-London health Unit do annual dental screenings in certain grades.

The screening uses individualized, pre-sterilized mirrors, explorers, non-latex gloves and takes less than 60 seconds. The program allows the Health Unit to assess the dental health in the community, tailor preventive dental programs for the school and the individual, and inform parents of any child needing individual care. Information and assistance is provided to help families locate dental care if this is necessary. Any child requiring care may be re-screened several months later to look for improvement. The screening is NOT A SUBSTITUTE for a dental exam.

If you as a parent do NOT wish your child to be involved with this health program, please write a note to the school with your child's name, grade and teacher to indicate this.

Any questions may be directed to the Dental Services, Middlesex-London Health Unit at (519) 663-5317, ext. 2231.

Parish News

St. Justin's Catholic Church Mass Times:

Saturdays 5:00 pm

Sundays 8:30 am and 11:00 am



Opportunities for Children:

Children's Choir for ages 7 - 12

Altar Servers Grade 4

Contact the parish office at 519 685-2795

The Children's Liturgy Program will resume on Sunday, September 14 for children in JK to grade 3. Registration will begin after mass on September 7.

St. Anthony Mass Schedule

September 11, 2008	9:30 am
October 9, 2008	9:30 am
November 12, 2008	9:30 am
December 11, 2008	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)	9:30 am
June 12, 2009	9:30 am

All masses will be held at St. Justin's Parish.



**Ontario Early Years Centre Elgin-Middlesex-London
presents.....**

An informative presentation by David Booth on the topic of supporting young children as readers and writers so that they will grow into literate citizens, primarily boys.

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Salvation Army Church

380 Elm Street, St. Thomas, ON

Tickets: \$10 per person, available at Ontario Early Years Centre St. Thomas, Aylmer and Rodney. For more information, please call 519 631-9496.

David Booth is Professor Emeritus in Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto where he is Scholar in Residence in the Curriculum, Teaching and Language Department.

News from our Fundraising Committee

Welcome back students and families! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer, and are refreshed for a new school year. I would like to extend warm greetings to our newest elementary children and parents. Our school has so much to offer, and we are glad to have you as apart of our school community. There are also so many ways to interact and get a real sense of belonging at this school. We have a large school council, both social events and health and safety committees, and many other ways for you to be involved as a volunteer. If you are interested in any of these areas, can help out in your childs class room, or afternoon help like hot lunches and the milk program please send us a note. We would love to hear from you!

Some programs that are run through the fundraising committee are the Boston Pizza Reading program, CAMPBELL'S Labels For Education Program, and online serves like QSP Reader's Digest and Mabel's Labels. Every child will be sent home a Boston Pizza Reading Calendar each month until June 2009. Our school participation in their program supports at home reading, and therefore requires that you hand in the monthly calendar to track our progress. We have received \$600 so far over the last 2 years just for reading, and look forward to another \$300, so please ensure you do this every month. Something to also keep in mind is that we collect CAMPBELL'S labels and UPC's for prize redemption. Please send your child to school with soup labels, goldfish wrappers, V8 labels, etc. and check out www.labelsforeducation.ca for a complete list of eligible products. Our partner store, A&P at Wellington and Commissioners, has a special collection bin in their store to collect from the community. Please tell your friends and neighbours to help us accumulate valuable points.

Another thing to mention to them would be our online magazine subscription campaign, for renewals and new orders, available year round at www.qsp.ca. For every online subscription order your son/daughter gets credit for, through our school ID #)6985, QSP Readers Digest sends us a cheque. Magazine subscriptions are perfect for gifts, offices, or around the home, and can be delivered anywhere in Canada. QSP offers a wide variety of selections to suit the hobbyist, sportsman, children's titles, and much more.

Need a unique way of labelling 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 sandals, and everything in between. An information flyer has already been sent home announcing this products durability and ability to identify your valuable uniform pieces easily. 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.

A new tradition we are implementing this year, to raise funds and promote community connections, is hosting McDonalds and Wendy's nights at their restaurants. A flyer announcing the date and place, as well as a special card to bring with you, will be sent home throughout the year. The card is to give to the cashier when ordering. This card is very important and will track our overall sales, and in turn, our school receives 15% as profit. What a passive way of making money for much needed supplies in our children's classrooms!

This year we are having our first Winter Raffle, thanks to confirmed donations from Mary Quigley, QSP, Jack Astor's, and 3M. If you know of a business that might be willing to donate a gift for our raffle, please contact me at sarahrameau@rogers.com, or send a note into school. The school would be happy to write a letter, from St. Anthony Catholic French Immersion, requesting a donation from your workplace. Other items are greatly appreciated such as crafts, knitted items, and baked goods. Thank you for your support.

The fundraising committee has chosen Cards and Calendars for our first school fundraiser. There are beautiful Christmas cards (available in French or English), wrapping paper, and 2009 calendars. We are sure that you will be impressed with their quality, and for gift ideas, we included a magazine full of titles offered through our combined campaign. Something for everyone!!

The Fundraising Committee

