



Virtue of the month:
Gratitude

St. Anthony Catholic School

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Enrollment:
366

Hours of Operation:
9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Lunch Hour:
12:00 am – 12:45 pm



October 2009

St. Anthony Catholic School News

Administrator's Message

As the season of thanks is upon us it is time to reflect on how truly blessed we are. We would like to extend our thanks to all who assisted in a smooth start to our school year: our students, our staff, our parish and our parent community. We continue to be thankful to all who contribute in making St. Anthony a wonderful community for our students.

Our efforts with school initiatives like the Terry Fox Run make us realize the importance of giving and the importance of giving thanks. Thank you to all who organized this event, to the students who so willingly participated and to our community for their support.

World Teacher's Day will be celebrated on October 5, 2009. We would like to extend our appreciation to all of the staff of St. Anthony for the caring and generous ways through which they help our students grow in their Catholic faith and expand their knowledge, while developing important life skills and their love of learning. They inspire and help our students to realize their dreams and to build a better world.

We extend our wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving

Catholic School Advisory Council

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) meeting which met on September 29, 2009. We extend a warm welcome to those who have volunteered to serve on the council for the 2009-2010 school year:

Chair: Sharlene McDevitt-DeSa

Vice Chair: Sharon Deonairne

Secretary: Felicia Ashor

Treasurer: Dolores Coia

Community Representative: Matteo Severino

Teacher Representatives: Elizabeth D'Angelo-Scott & Grace Dimillo-Sarra

Our next CSAC meeting will be November 2, 2009 @ 7:00

If you wish to have any items placed on the agenda please contact the CSAC Chair, two weeks prior to the CSAC meeting and make your request. Depending on the nature of your request the CSAC chair may recommend that you speak directly to the principal. Specific questions about your child should be addressed to the school. The CSAC deals with matters of importance to the entire community.

Attendance at our monthly parent council meetings is excellent way of becoming involved in your child's education. During these meetings, parents are encouraged to discuss events which occur in the school and to present suggestions for other possible plans. The partnership of school and community representatives on a school council helps to build mutual understanding and interaction between a school and its community, resulting in benefits for both. School councils are able to make recommendations to their principal, and in turn, principals must consult with the councils on a variety of matters that affect student learning.

Parents and Visitors

In the interest of school safety and security we continue to request that all parents/guardians and school visitors report to the office. Access to classrooms and students must only take place after the office is informed and permission is received.

Parents/guardians are also asked to refrain from entering the school yard. Please remain outside of the gates in order to ensure that staff members can properly supervise the students and easily discern the presence of outsiders. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Picture Day

Individual and class photos will be taken on Wednesday, October 21. Please note this date in your calendar and have your child dress appropriately.

High School Open Houses

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend open houses at TCDSB secondary schools this fall to learn more about the various programs, services and activities that are offered, to tour the facilities and to meet with staff and other parents. Open houses start as early as October 17th. For dates, times and locations, please visit the board's website <http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/openhouses.htm>.

Students in Grade 8 are encouraged to attend the High School open houses to facilitate the decision making process.

- St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School – November 3, 2009
- Archbishop Romero Catholic Secondary School – November 4, 2009
- Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School – November 5, 2008.
- St. Joseph's College School
October 29, 2009
- Loretto College –
November 5, 2009

Intermediate Soccer Teams

Congratulations are extended to both our Girls' and Boys' Teams who represented St. Anthony's school with ability, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Our Boys' Team advanced to both the regionals and then the cities. Thank you to their coaches: Mr. Rashotte, Ms. McGrath, Mr. Pauk and Ms. McDonald.

Student Achievement Continues to Improve

Toronto Catholic District School Board students in grades 3, 6 and 9 continue to show improvement in provincial testing of reading, writing and mathematics. St. Anthony's results indicate areas of improvement as well as areas to focus on.

Study Habits

Start off the school year right – help your child develop good study habits!

- ✓ Write it down

Encourage your child to use his or her agenda to keep track of assignments, projects, and upcoming tests.

- ✓ Get rid of distractions

Turn off the TV, turn on the lights, and set the phone to go straight to voicemail.

- ✓ Same time every day.

Schedule a regular 'homework time' into the evening, either before or immediately after dinner.

- ✓ Homework first.

Make a rule that schoolwork must be completed before other social activities are permitted.

- ✓ Take a break

Depending on your child's age allow him or her to take a short break every 15, 30, or 60 minutes.

Pizza Days are back!

Our first pizza day is scheduled for **October 28, 2008**. Monies raised will help our Student Nutrition Program. Watch for more details.

Halloween Celebrations

Halloween is a great time for children. However, all the excitement can cause them to forget safety rules, particularly when trick or treating. The tips below will help you to keep your kids safe during this fun time.

Make sure that drivers can see your child.

Use costumes with bright fabrics and decorate costumes with reflective tape.

Give each child a flashlight to carry.

To prevent falling, your child's costume and shoes should fit properly. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.

If you are making a costume, use materials that are fire resistant. If you are buying a costume, make sure it is labelled flame resistant. This means that the costume could catch fire, but it will resist burning.

Avoid costumes with loose sleeves, pants, and skirts. All costume accessories such as swords or knives should be made of soft, flexible material.

Your child should wear face paint or make-up instead of a mask. Make-up and face paint are better than masks because they don't block your child's ability to see. If your child is wearing a hat, wig, or scarf, tie it securely so that it won't slip over your child's eyes.

Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school on October 31st, however, inappropriate costumes and any kind of weaponry is prohibited.

Student Nutrition Program

Beginning in November, we will be offering a Snack Program to all students, three times a week. A variety of foods (fruits, vegetables and dairy products) will be distributed. We hope that as many children as possible will join the program, which will provide the students with not only a delicious snack but also information about the importance of good nutrition and enjoyable social time with their friends. An information letter and permission form will be sent home soon.

25th Anniversary of the Peace Garden at Nathan Phillips Square

The Toronto Catholic District School Board hosted the 25th anniversary celebration of the Peace Garden on September 25, 2009. Over 6,000 students from the TCDSB joined other students and staff from other GTA Boards of Education to be part of a commemoration and recommitment to peace, harmony and non-violence in the world and in our

communities. Our school was well represented by the Grade 8 students in Mrs. Olkovich's class.

Cell Phones, Electronics and Media Devices

Students are asked to leave all cell phones and other communication and media devices at home during the school day. If however, parents feel it necessary to have their child carry a cell phone, for safety reasons outside the school environment, then the following guidelines should be respected:

- Upon entering the school, all cell phones must be turned off.
- Cell phones are not to be used during the day when students are on school property.
- Parents wishing to contact students, in an emergency can contact the school office at 416-393-5210

The school is not responsible for any loss or damage to your child's cell phone and/or electronic devices. As a result it is recommended, where possible, that they be left at home during the day.

Me-To-We Committee

Me to We is a worldwide movement of people finding purpose through living with compassion, strengthening community and making a commitment to our shared humanity. To read more about this organization visit their website www.metowe.org. We are proud to announce that St. Anthony has a Me to We Committee organized by a group of student ambassadors. Intermediate students were invited to submit an essay outlining why they wanted to be part of this worthwhile cause. Our ambassadors will be traveling to the Air Canada Centre on October 5, 2009 to participate in the National Me to We Day event. Throughout the year, our Me To We Team will be sponsoring fundraising events to raise money for the less fortunate in our world.

News from the Director of Education

Ann Perron, our board's director of education has launched a regular webcast to update the TCDSB community about news and information that impact on our board and our schools. You can find the latest webcast on our board's website www.tcdsb.org.

Response to H1N1

Toronto Public Health remains the local authority on health matters, and as such, the Board continues to take direction from them with respect to H1N1. The Board's Pandemic Plan has been in place since April 27, 2009, and will

remain in place as long as needed. We continue to advocate basic infection control measures recommended by health authorities:

- wash your hands frequently and thoroughly
- cover your cough/sneeze
- stay home if you are ill
- consult a physician if necessary if you have symptoms of influenza

The Board implemented additional cleaning measures last spring, which remained in place throughout the summer, and which will continue this fall. The Facilities Department arranged to provide a one hour refresher training to all custodians on custodial cleaning and disinfection procedures prior to the start of classes this year. The Board's supplier of custodial chemicals was on hand to demonstrate the use of the hospital grade disinfectant used in TCDSB schools.

For Information:

- Toronto Public Health 416-338-7600
- Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000
- TCDSB Occupational Health and Safety Department—
- Corrado Maltese, Manager 416-222-8282 ext. 2665.
- www.tcdsb.org



Working Together To Educate All
Education and Community Resource Fair



Hosted By
The Toronto Catholic District School Board
Special Services Department
and
Special Education Advisory Committee

Saturday November 7th, 2009

9:00 am. - 2:00 pm.

**Catholic Education Centre
80 Sheppard Avenue East**

Assistive Technology - Autism Spectrum Disorders - Blind and Low Vision Support -
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services - Educational Resources - Gifted Programs -
Identification, Placement and Review Committees (IPRCs) / Individual Education
Plans (IEPs) - Early Language Interventions - Learning Disability Supports -
Intellectual Disability Resources - Mental Health Services - Rehabilitation Services -
Transitioning to High School

**Parents, Teachers, Support Staff and Students are all
welcome!**

If you require the services of an interpreter/translator for this day, please
call 416-222-8282 ext. 2286 and indicate the language that you speak.

**THIS IS THE DAY,
THE LORD HAS MADE.
LET US REJOICE AND
BE GLAD.**

~ PSALM 118:24 ~

- GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR EVERY DAY HE GIVES US.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHERS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE DO, WE SHOULD SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS.
- EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR COMES FROM GOD.
- REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE LEPERS WHO JESUS HEALED AND THINK OF HOW MANY RETURNED TO SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE.

GRATITUDE



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