



*Virtue of the month:*  
**Peacemaking**

## **St. Anthony Catholic School**

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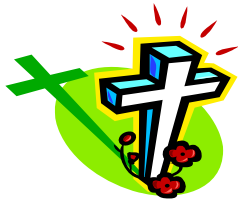
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Enrollment:  
**366**

Hours of Operation:  
9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Lunch Hour:



*November 2009*

# **St. Anthony Catholic School News**

## **Administrator's Message**

The 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month marks Remembrance Day in Canada. Many gather at cenotaphs and memorials in over 2,000 cities, towns and villages throughout this wonderful country. We bow our heads in respect and reflection and we wear a poppy. We take part in a simple, but very moving ceremony to honour the many Canadians who were killed in the two World Wars, the Korean War, the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, and most recently, our soldiers killed in Afghanistan. During the two minutes of silence we remember, each in our own way the brave people who paid the supreme sacrifice in order to preserve the many freedoms that we enjoy today and to ensure that this great country of ours remains free, democratic and at peace.

*Appropriately, our Virtue of the Month is Peacemaking.*

*God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.* For All Souls Day our students will also remember, in a special way, their own loved ones who have passed away. Our school will mark Remembrance Day on November 11, with several school activities; Junior classes will attend the memorial services at City Hall, prayers, individual class activities and a school mass at 1:15. Please join us if you are able.

## **Catholic School Advisory Council**

A personal note from the new CSAC chair, Sharlene McDevitt-de Sa, "I thank you for bestowing me the honor of CSAC Chair for 2009/2010. My commitment to you, the community, is to be accessible and available. I take great pride in being your ambassador, so if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you. I can be reached anytime on my cell at 416-258-4710 or via e-mail at [csac.stanthony@tcdsb.org](mailto:csac.stanthony@tcdsb.org). Let's make this the most memorable year by displaying the great community of St. Anthony School and Parish. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 3 @ 7:00. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend."

## **Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

On Monday, November 2, St. Anthony will be commencing its major fundraiser for the school year; a Cookie and Muffin Dough drive. Students will be asked to sell frozen muffin and cookie dough from MacMillan's Inc. a family owned business which specializes in flash-frozen gourmet batters which are peanut free. This fundraising activity is being sponsored by the St. Anthony Catholic School Advisory Council. This year's event will focus on raising funds for the continuing needs of our children, including; computers, SMART Boards, class trips, school presentations, graduation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and other CSAC approved items. Students will be encouraged to approach family members, friends and immediate neighbours to assist them with their sales. Students are not to solicit door to door. The campaign will run for three weeks with all order forms to be returned by Friday, November 20. Incentive prizes will be awarded to the top 10 sellers and a pizza party for the class that raises the most funds. We thank you for your continued support.

## **Safe Arrival**

Student safety is a top priority at St. Anthony. If you know that your child(ren) will be

## Report Cards and Parent Interviews

First term report cards will go home on December 1, 2009. Parent-Teacher interviews will take place on December 3 and 4. Parents will be notified of their interview time when the reports are sent home. Please remember to complete page 3 of the report card and return it to school with your son or daughter.

## Absenteeism

Whenever a child is sick he/she should be kept at home to rest and recover quickly and not transmit the illness to others. Please phone the school to inform the secretary of the details of the illness. Often in cold weather we are asked to keep children inside during recess. If children are well enough to be at school, they are well enough to go outside. A note should be submitted to the teacher when a student has been absent 3 days or more.

## Swim to Survive Program

The TCDSB and the City of Toronto will once again be offering the 3-Session Swim to Survive program for grade 4 students. All grade 4 students in the TCDSB are expected to participate in this Ministry of Education drowning prevention program. The City of Toronto, Parks, Forestry and Recreation will be covering all costs and responsibilities associated with booking facilities and instructors through a grant administered by the Lifesaving Society. This program will adhere to all requirements outlined in the Ontario Safety Guidelines. Our grade 4's will swim at Wallace Emerson Recreation Centre, 1260 Dufferin Street according to the following schedule:

**Mr. Rashotte/Mr. Siciliano:**  
Dec 1, 8, 15 @ 1:10-2:45

## Me-To-We

Two of our Me-To-We ambassadors attended a student leadership training workshop on October 28. Our two ambassadors generated more ideas on how St. Anthony School can raise awareness of children's rights issues. Along with our current Halloween for Hunger Food Drive and Vow of Silence for our Brick by Brick Campaign to build a school in Africa, several other initiatives are being considered for implementation during the school year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the food drive. St. Anthony's Church will be able to help many needy families this Christmas due to your generous contributions.

## Healthy Habits

As your children grow and gain independence you have increasingly less control over what they eat, when they

living happy and healthy lives long after they have surpassed you in height.

**Enough Sleep.** Children ages 6-12 need about 9 or 10 hours of sleep a night. Try to maintain a consistent bedtime routine and allow time to read or play quietly before it's lights out.

**Healthy Snacks.** Snacks are a great way for children to fuel up between meals. Just make sure the snacks are low in fat and sugar, and aren't eaten too close to a meal.

**Getting outside.** Physical activity is vital! So turn off the TV put down the video game controls and play outside as a family.

**Eating breakfast.** It really is the most important meal of the day! Children who eat breakfast do better in school, are more active, and eat healthier food overall.

**Safety first.** Safety is an essential component of a healthy life. As a family, discuss safety expectations for different areas, from wearing a seatbelt to surfing the Internet.

*Taken from The Elementary Family Newsletter –  
Premier Agendas*

## Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Head Lice continues to be a common nuisance that the school deals with on a continuing basis. Treatment of the live lice is only the first step in treating Pediculosis. Nit removal is the key. This may take days and will require vigilance on the part of the parent/guardian. Please check you child's hair on a regular basis. Your local pharmacist will provide treatment options should your child contact lice.

## Emergency Medical Information

For students who are at risk medically i.e. anaphylactic, asthma, etc. it is imperative that parents complete emergency forms. These forms need to be reviewed with a family doctor and returned to the school as soon as possible. Anaphylactic students are required to have two current epipens, one in the office and one carried on them.

## Snack Program

We are pleased to announce that we are offering a Snack Program to all students three times per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). A variety of nutritious items, like fruits, vegetables and dairy, will be distributed. Distribution of snacks will begin on **November 3**. Many thanks to our Snack Program Coordinator, Mrs. Genova. Please contact her at the school if you'd like to volunteer for this program.

In celebration of Canadian Children's Book Week we will be having a Bookmark Contest. Students will be invited to create a bookmark that celebrates reading and Canadian authors. Ms. Ricci, our library technician will provide further details.

As well, TD Canada provides every Grade One student with a free book which will be sent home in the next few days to assist and encourage your child's reading. The book selected for this year is Let's Go! By Lizann Flatt.

### High School Open Houses

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

Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton	November 5, 2009
Loretto College	November 5, 2009
Archbishop Romero	November 4, 2009
St. Mary	November 3, 2009

### Professional Activity Day – November 13

### Picture Retakes November 17

### Tree Stewardship & School Yard Greening

On October 27 several of our students worked with a team of volunteers from the community based organization, 'GreenHere' to clean up and mulch the gardens surrounding our school. Daffodil bulbs were also planted. Our students did such a fine job that they have been invited to participate in another greening workshop to take place along Gladstone Avenue on November 5. Participating students developed a sense of ecological responsibility and ownership towards our urban space.



in the church for the parents/guardians of the children who have registered to receive First Holy in 2010 St. Anthony's Church. Parents/Guardians must attend this meeting.

### Confirmation – Rite of Commitment Mass

One Sunday, November 15, there will be a Rite of commitment Mass at 10:00 for all the candidates receiving Confirmation in 2010 at St. Anthony's Church. The presence of the candidates and sponsors is a must

### St. Anthony CSAC Presents Dr. Ashleigh Molloy

An informed parent becomes an 'engaged' parent. This interactive presentation will be supported with hands on pair and share activities, video clips, and group dialogue. Participants will be engaged in activity based learning that supports them in their role. Brain based research will be explored to assist parents/teachers/caregivers in understanding how gender learning differences can be facilitated in partnership with school staff.

**St. Anthony Catholic School Gym**  
**Thursday, November 12, 2009**

**6:30 check in and seating, session starts @ 7:00**

**Admission: \$5.00 payable at the door**

**Refreshments will be available.**

### Sister's Craft Club

The Don Bosco & Mother Domenica Mazzarello Mission Club consists of a community oriented group of young adolescents who wish to help the poor in different mission countries. They gather together once a week to create small crafts which are sold to raise funds for the poor. The money raised through these sales will be given to selected missions around the world. St. Anthony's club meets every Tuesday from 3:45-5:00 in the lunchroom. Once a month during afternoon recess they will sell these crafts to the younger students of the school. Our first craft sale will be held on **November 10**.

### H1N1

St. Anthony's is taking the appropriate steps to help prevent the spread of influenza including:

- Consulting with Toronto Public Health on infection prevention and control
- Ensuring soap and water is available for hand washing, as well as hand sanitizer
- Placing posters around the school on proper hand washing, and coughing and sneezing etiquette
- Frequently cleaning commonly touched

➤ Watching for signs and symptoms of influenza-

➤ Providing Toronto Public Health with absenteeism levels in school

### School Yard Safety

When dropping students off in the morning or after lunch, parents are asked to remain outside of the school gates. For the security and safety of our students, we can not have any adults other than the supervising school staff in the yard. We appreciate your support in this regard.



### Crazy Hat Day



PEACE I LEAVE YOU,  
MY PEACE  
I GIVE TO YOU.

~ JOHN 14:27 ~

- BY OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD,  
WE FEEL PEACE WITHIN US.
- EVERY PERSON CAN WORK FOR  
PEACE BY CAREFULLY  
CONSIDERING HOW THEIR  
WORDS AND ACTIONS MAKE  
OTHERS FEEL.
- EVERYONE WANTS TO BE TREATED  
FAIRLY; WE NEED TO REMEMBER  
TO TREAT OTHERS FAIRLY.
- BE GUIDED BY THE WORDS OF  
PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS -  
"THE PEACE THAT CHRIST GIVES  
IS TO GUIDE YOU IN THE  
DECISIONS YOU MAKE."
- PEACE AMONG NATIONS STARTS  
WITH PEACE AMONG US.

PEACE



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