



Virtue of the month:
Courage

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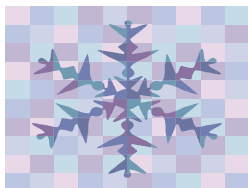
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Enrollment:
366
Hours of Operation:
9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Lunch Hour:
12:00-12:45



January 2010

St. Anthony Catholic School News

Administrator's Message

Happy New Year!

We hope that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas holiday and that the New Year will bring health, happiness, peace in our world, and a year of appreciation for the many blessings given to us.

Hopefully everyone is renewed and ready for the many exciting opportunities that lie ahead. As we begin this new year, students are encouraged to review the goals that were set out for them at the end of the first reporting period, and with renewed energy and commitment, work hard to achieve these goals.

This month we celebrate one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the virtue of courage. Our community will live this virtue as we reinforce the following: all of our actions must be guided by the idea that God is inside everyone, sometimes, doing the right thing is tough but with courage we can do it, stand up respectfully when you see something wrong that is being done and live your life in a way that makes others know you a follower of Christ.

With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity.
Keshavan Nair

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Junior Kindergarten children for the school year September 2010 – June 2011 will be held in our school in the month of January. Extended hours for registration will be held on Wednesday, January 13, from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Children registering for Junior Kindergarten in September must be four years of age by December 31, 2010 (born in 2006) and children registering for Senior Kindergarten, who are new to our school must be five years of age by December 31, 2010 (born in 2005).

Documents required for registration include:

Baptismal certificate
Birth certificate
Immunization records
Landed Immigrant Status (if born outside of Canada)
Children's Health Card Number

Catholic School Advisory Council

Please join us at our next CSAC meeting scheduled for January 5, 2010 @ 7:00.

There will be a presentation by a representative of R.J. McCarthy's, the school uniform supplier, in order to begin preparations for the Appropriate Dress Code which will be implemented here at St. Anthony's beginning in September 2010.

Please send along any comments or suggestions to csac.stanthony@tcdsb.org

Cold Weather Reminders

Students must come to school prepared for outdoor recesses, hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves are a must. Parents, please ensure that your children have a pair of indoor shoes to change into when they enter class after recesses. If we have an unexpected fire alarm during the winter months students will not have time to get boots on before exiting the building.

Parents are also reminded that supervision in the playground begins at 8:45 a.m. Please do not drop your child off at school before this time. In order to access up to date information regarding school closures and bus cancellations, parents can phone the board's 24-hour information line at 416-222-8282, ext. 2873, visit the board's website at www.tcdsb.org or listen to news releases via Canada Newswire to all media outlets in the city of Toronto (all radio and television stations including the ethnic media).

Absenteeism

The cold and flu season is upon us. 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.

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 with them.

Moving?

We realize that some families will be changing their address throughout the school year. Please notify our office immediately of any changes to pertinent information.

You can imagine our concern when a child becomes ill at school and there is no way of contacting the parents or guardians because telephone numbers (business and home) are no longer valid. Please make sure that we have current information when changes occur so that we are able to contact you should the need arise.

Introducing abc123 Videos for Parents

Helping your child improve his or her reading, writing and math skills is as easy as abc123 with new video resources, available in English and French.

A – Apply what your child learns in the classroom to regular activities at home.

B – Bring reading, writing and math into your family's everyday life. That could mean counting items at the grocery store or reading signs while you take a walk

C - Check out ontario.ca/abc123 to view video podcasts and watch real families like yours using some practical ideas to help their children learn.

1. There's only one requirement for watching the video podcasts: a computer with a media player, such as Windows Media.

2. Two new videos will be posted every month – so bookmark the abc123 website and keep checking in for simple ways to help your child learn.

3. You can view the video podcasts in three different ways:

- Watch them online
- Download them to your computer
- Put them on a mobile device with video capabilities (such as an iPod)

Besides the video podcasts, the abc123 website offers tip sheets and guides for parents who want to help their children improve their skills in reading, writing and math.

View the full text at:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/podcast/>

Toronto Catholic District School Board Budget Meeting

The Toronto Catholic District School Board invites parents, staff and Catholic stakeholders to participate in consultation sessions regarding the 2010-2011 Budget. Consultation began November 14th at the annual Catholic School Advisory Councils. In November and December, the Board also made presentations to the Community Advisory Committee, the Special Education Advisory Committee, Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and the Union Staff Liaison Committee. Parents, staff and all stakeholders in Catholic education are invited to one of the following sessions in 2010 to provide input into the budget:

Saturday, January 9th

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

and 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

at the Catholic Education Centre, 80 Sheppard Avenue East, North York

Tuesday, January 12th

6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School, 2 St. Andrews Boulevard, Etobicoke

Thursday, January 14th

6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

St. Thomas More Catholic School, 2300 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough

For those who are not able to attend one of the sessions, a survey is available online at www.tcdsb.org.

Public delegations regarding the budget can also be made to the Board in March and April 2010.

Karate Kids Club

We are excited to announce that the **Karate Kids** program will be coming to St. Anthony in the winter term. This 40 minute class will run during the lunch hour recess in the school gymnasium. It combines fun fitness activity, character education lessons and non-contact basic martial arts movements. The class is designed to build self confidence, self discipline and fitness levels in a non competitive environment. The program will run once a week on every Monday starting January 18th until the last week of May. Enrolment flyers containing full details will be distributed to the students on **January 11th**. This is a popular program that is currently running in over 85 schools across Ontario. You are invited to visit their website for more detailed information at www.karatekids.ca or call 416 482-8198.

So You Think You Can Dance?

We are very pleased to welcome back UGOT DANCE, Ontario's only mobile dance studio. They will be offering an 8 week after school dance workshop. Each course features new and original combinations, from beginners to advanced levels. Students receive step by step lessons, guided by a professional instructor. Students will be introduced to the dance company on **January 12** during an interactive assembly. Registration packages will be distributed then. For more information, visit their website at www.ugotdance.com

Numeracy Night

Please join us for an interactive evening of mathematics fun and learning on **January 27 @ 7:00**. Our mathematics resource teacher will lead the session with hands-on experiences that will serve to enhance both student and parent understanding of the math program. This event is open to all interested families. Further information will be sent home closer to the date.

Christmas Kindness

Thank you to all of our families who donated items to our Mitten Tree. The mittens and gloves were presented

to St Anthony's Church at our Christmas Mass. Also to be commended are our Kindergarten students who participated in a Christmas Toy Drive in support of CP24/Christmas Wish Foundation. Please visit their site at www.thewish.ca and scroll down the donors list to find our school. As a Catholic community, it is important that we continue to teach children Christian values and the act of giving and generosity.

Family Literacy Day

January 27, 2010 marks a very special day ~ Family Literacy Day. Literacy is more than books, there are several ways to keep your literacy skills sharp – all it takes is practicing for 15 minutes every day. Reading, writing, playing a game following a recipe, or even singing a song all help prepare children for challenges ahead and sharpen skills for adults. For ideas on how you can encourage literacy at home visit: www.abccanada.org/en/family_literacy/family_literacy_day

Christmas Concert

Thank you to all of our staff and students for working so hard to make our Christmas Concert so memorable. It definitely showcased the wealth of talent of our students.



Newsletter – Electronic Copies

Should you require this newsletter or any other previous ones please see our school's web space on the board's website at:
<http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stanthony.asp>

Ottawa Trip Information Meeting

To mark their graduation, our grade 8 students will be traveling to Ottawa in June.
An important parent meeting is planned for Thursday, January 14 at 7:00 in order to discuss the details of the trip.

Snack Program

We are very pleased to offer a Nutrition Program here at St. Anthony's. We hope that as many children as possible will join the program, which provides students with not only a delicious snack but also information about the importance of good nutrition. If your child has not yet signed up for this program or would like to extend their participation, please have them pick up the appropriate forms from the office.

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.

Winter Safe Play

We continuously remind our students that snow, however enticing, must remain on the ground. Serious injuries could occur should a snowball hit someone. Please support and reinforce this rule at home.

**DO NOT BE AFRAID,
I AM WITH YOU.**

~ ISAIAH 41:10 ~

- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE IDEA THAT GOD IS INSIDE EVERYONE.
- KNOW THAT SOMETIMES DOING THE RIGHT THING IS VERY TOUGH BUT WITH COURAGE YOU CAN DO THE RIGHT THING.
- STAND UP RESPECTFULLY WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING WRONG THAT IS BEING DONE.
- LIVE YOUR LIFE IN A WAY THAT MAKES OTHERS KNOW YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

COURAGE

