



Virtue of the month:
Faithfulness

St. Anthony Catholic School

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366
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9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Lunch Hour:
12:00-12:45



June 2010

St. Anthony Catholic School News

Administrator's Message

It is hard to believe that June is upon us! All students, staff and parents should be congratulated for helping to make this year so successful. From our extra-curricular activities, enrichment presentations, Book Fairs, Dance-a-Thon, Snack Program, Concerts, to receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, and to participating in many sporting activities, it has been a productive and fun-filled year of learning and growth.

A special note of gratitude is extended to the teaching staff of St. Anthony, who is truly committed to teaching excellence and learning for all, who believe in putting children first, and who are always supportive of all school initiatives. Thank you also to our support staff, our secretarial staff and our caretaking staff who consistently make significant contributions to the success of our school.

In addition, thank you to the parents who work with us in partnership by supporting our many endeavors, volunteering and offering suggestions. Your support is integral to the success of our community.

The members of our Catholic School Council must also be recognized for their efforts, dedication and support for many of our school programs. We thank them for their fundraising efforts that have provided many enhancements to our learning materials. Please consider joining our school council in the upcoming year as the Catholic School Advisory Council can truly make a difference for our school and our students.

Thank you also to the St. Anthony's Parish Community and Father Santos who have facilitated our school masses and prepared our sacramental candidates.

We wish our Grade 8 students well as they continue on their educational journey, closing the door on their elementary education and opening a new and exciting door as they go off to secondary school in the Fall. These senior students must be commended for their great displays of leadership throughout the year.

As a school community, we have worked very hard this year focusing on developing each one of our school objectives. We should be proud of our accomplishments and should look forward to building upon these objectives next year.

We pray that all staff and students be blessed with a safe and peaceful summer. May it be a time of renewal for all of us, a time of relaxation and joy; a time during which to rejoice in God's presence in recreation, nature and each other.

God Bless

Happy Father's Day

To all of our fathers and those who do the work of fathers in caring for children, may God bless you for all you do. Happy Father's Day on June 20th

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>

Dress Code

As the warm weather approaches, students should be dressed comfortable, but appropriately for school. Shorts, especially for our junior and intermediate students, should be walking length, no cut-offs or 'short shorts.' Tops should be regular t-shirt length. No mid-riff tops or spaghetti straps.

Please ensure also that your child has protection from the sun by wearing sunscreen and wearing a hat on hot sunny days. Also remember those water bottles, dehydration can be serious and on those hot, sweaty days fluids need to be replaced. For more information call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600 or visit www.city.toronto.on.ca/health/sun/index/htm

End of Year Community Bar-B-Que

Please join us on June 8 (rain date June 10) for our first annual End of Year Community Bar-B-Que. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this year's accomplishments and build new friendships for the upcoming school year. Please watch for a flyer which will provide more information as well as an RSVP. Your family will not want to miss this fun-filled evening!

Graduation

Our Grade Eight students – Class of 2010, will be participating in a Graduation Mass with the entire school community on June 24 @ 10:30 at St. Anthony Church. Following the mass, the Grad Luncheon will take place in our Atrium followed by the Grad Dance. The awards ceremony will take place on the evening of June 24 @ 7:00 in our gym with refreshments served in the atrium immediately afterwards.

Our Senior Kindergarten students will mark their promotion to Grade One on June 25 @ 1:30 in our school gym.

Medication Pick Up

A reminder to all parents that medication, which is kept in the office, including epi-pens, should be picked up by a parent on the last day of school – June 29

Keeping Your Child Focused Until the End of the Year

Where choice is permitted, help your child/ren find a creative way to respond to a project (as long as it meets the teacher's criteria) novelty often helps spark motivation

- ✓ Help your child/ren divide homework into 'chunks' that give time off in between for enjoying the outdoors.
- ✓ Help them to work ahead on assignments on cool or rainy days so they can reward themselves with an evening off on balmy days
- ✓ Break up study time with popsicle breaks
- ✓ Purchase a few new pens, pencils as an incentive to work
- ✓ Help your child/ren set new manageable goals for the last month and discuss a modest reward that will result from achieving these goals
- ✓ Make sure the goals are specific – 30 minutes daily on math, 20 minutes of reading – avoid the general "I'll try harder" promise that is too often an avoidance of change.
- ✓ Together with your child/ren go over some of the work your child/ren did in September (tests, notebooks) help your child/ren see how much they have learned, as well as how neat they tried to be at the beginning of the year. It is a useful reminder of what they are capable of achieving with effort. Praise and reward work well done with works and hugs.

Organization for September

The planning process that will result in the school organization for the 2010-11 school year has already begun. The task is complex, time consuming and because it is consensus seeking, it is the subject of many revisions. The process begins now and continues right up to the final publication of class lists in September. Our primary goal is to develop balanced classes. A balanced class reflects the diversity of our community and allows the variety of interests and talents of our learners to emerge and be appreciated. It is our hope that each new year brings opportunities for students to meet new friends and expand their circle of acquaintances. We try to place the child where he or she will be able to work best and achieve the most success.

In building classes, we use the following criteria:

1. Heterogeneous groupings – a balance of abilities in each class.
2. A balance according to gender
3. Best matching of the student's learning styles with instructional styles.

If you have any additional information that would be helpful to us as we formulate class lists, please put them in writing and return to the office by June 4, 2010.

Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home with your child on Monday, June 28. Please complete, sign and return page 3 of the report cards promptly the next day so they can be filed in the Ontario Record Card in the main office. Students leaving early for vacation will have their report cards mailed to their home address.

Text Books/Library Books

We ask that you please check knapsacks, closets and under beds for any books that may have been misplaced during the school year and return as soon as possible. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Students are requested to remove all significant personal belonging from the school by June 29. Any items remaining after this point will be donated to a charitable organization.

St. Anthony's Got Talent

Congratulations to all of the students who performed in our Talent Show. Students showcased various talents such as dancing and singing. A special 'thank you' is extended to our vocal music teacher, Ms. Janus for organizing this exciting event.

School Office

If your child will not be returning to St. Anthony's in September 2010, please advise the office. In addition, please let us know if your child will be on an extended vacation and returning to St. Anthony's School after September 7, 2010. The school office will be open during the weeks of July 5th and August 30th.

Play Day

Play Day 2010 will be held on Monday, June 28. Students from grades 1 – 7 will be taking part in a fun-filled day of outdoor activities run by our grade 8 students. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day's weather, including hats and sunscreen and running shoes.

Year Book 2010

We are please to announce that we are offering a 30 page coloured yearbook printed by Bright Pics. Included will be class pictures, teams and special events. It is available for a cost of \$15.00. Orders must be submitted by Friday, June 11 to ensure delivery by the end of June. Order forms will be sent home. Thank you to our Year Book Committee for all of their hardwork in putting together this wonderful book!

The QSP Magazine Fundraiser will be returning to our school this fall so please save your magazine orders (new or renewal) and order through our campaign to support your child's education. Our school earns a profit while you save money on your subscriptions.

School Year Calendar 2010-2011

Number of school days	194
Number of Professional Activity Days	6
Labour Day	September 6, 2010
First Instructional Day	September 7, 2010
Thanksgiving Day	October 11, 2010
Christmas Break	
December 20, 2010–December 31, 2010	
Family Day	February 21, 2011
Mid-Winter Break	March 14–18, 2011
Good Friday	April 22, 2011
Easter Monday	April 25, 2011
Victoria Day	May 23, 2011
Last day of classes	June 29, 2011

Professional Development Days:

September 2, 2010

Faith Development & Provincial Educational Priorities

November 19, 2010

Parent-Teacher conferences

January 21, 2011

Assessment and Evaluation

February 18, 2011

Parent-Teacher conferences

May 20, 2011

Assessment and Evaluation

June 30, 2011

Provincial Education Priorities

George Ermellini Literacy Award

It is with great pleasure that we announce that St. Anthony Catholic School has been selected as the recipient of the George Ermellini Literacy Award. This award is given annually to an elementary school in recognition of innovative programming in the area of literacy among primary students and their families. The George Ermellini Literacy Award was established to honour the memory of George Ermellini, a dedicated and much-loved TCDSB educator who was well known for his commitment to the promotion of literacy within the elementary schools of the TCDSB.

Please be reminded that all students are expected to be dressed in our appropriate dress code, navy bottoms/white tops (e.g., shorts, skorts, skirts, dresses, pants, Capri pants, golf shirts, blouses, dress shirts) on the first day of school – September 7, 2010. Although we have aligned our school with McCarthy's Uniform Store, it is not necessary to purchase from them. Clothing can be purchased wherever appropriate items are sold.

We are very much looking forward to the implementation of this initiative as there are many noted advantages of an Appropriate Dress Code:

- ✓ Promotes school safety
- ✓ Promotes inclusiveness and equality and helps to reduce social conflict.
- ✓ Encourages students to focus on academics rather than their wardrobe.
- ✓ Promotes the Catholic school identity
- ✓ Simplifies morning routine for students and parents
- ✓ Is economical, gives parents choice and flexibility
- ✓ Provides consistency in dress code policy at the elementary and secondary level.
- ✓ Eases transition from elementary school to secondary school as students will already be accustomed to the uniformity of dress.

*Wishing you all a
wonderful
Summer holiday!
See you in
September*



HAPPY ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE NOT SEEN,
YET STILL BELIEVE.

~ JOHN 20:29 ~

- BEING A CATHOLIC IS FOUNDED IN FAITH - FAITH IN THE LORD.
- REMEMBER THAT IT IS THROUGH OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS THAT OUR FAITH BECOMES EVIDENT.
- LET YOUR ACTIONS BE GUIDED BY THE CENTURION'S WORDS TO JESUS, "LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED."
- IT IS OUR FAITH IN GOD THAT BRINGS COMFORT TO OUR LIVES.



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