



Virtue of the month:
Compassion

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366
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9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Lunch Hour:
12:00-12:45



May 2010

St. Anthony Catholic School News

Administrator's Message

We would like to congratulate our Grade Two students who received their First Holy Communion on April 24th. It was a beautiful celebration commemorating this very important event in their sacramental lives. May all of the students be especially blessed with God's grace.

Our virtue of the month is compassion. "Compassion connects us with others... it is understanding and caring for those in need." We connect with others through emotions such as love, empathy and compassion. We demonstrate compassion when we see someone in need, someone who is hurt or struggling, or in trouble and we reach out to them with understanding and caring. It is the desire to help, even if all we have to offer is a sympathetic ear or a kind word. We forgive mistakes, we withhold judgment and we give freely of ourselves. We offer friendship when someone needs a friend. Our community will make special efforts to show compassion by thinking about how our words and actions affect others and by understanding why others act in certain ways.

May you be blessed by the Lord for showing me compassion."

1 Samuel 23:21

Catholic School Advisory Council

Our CSAC is planning an exciting raffle for the month of May. Raffle prizes include a helicopter ride over Toronto, two tickets to a FTC game and a portrait sitting. Further information will be sent home along with the tickets. We will also be hosting an End-of-the-Year Bar-B-Q on June 8th – please mark your calendars. The Bar-B-Q committee is looking for volunteers, please contact the office if you are able to help out. Our next CSAC meeting will be held on May 11th @ 7:00 – all parents are welcome to attend.

Rejoicing in Hope Catholic Education Week May 2 – May 7

In a world that often fixates on the negative, divisive and cynical, the goodness and giftedness that comes from our school and other Catholic schools can be overlooked. This year's Catholic Education Week celebrates our schools with this theme: Catholic Education: Rejoicing in Hope. The scriptural text comes from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians where he writes, "Rejoice in the Lord always... and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil 4:4-9). We have accomplished many wonderful things this year; let's take some time during Catholic Education Week to celebrate them!

Happy Mother's Day

It's that time of year again when by tradition, we honor those very special women who have been so important in our lives, our own mothers but also in a special way, Mary, the mother of Jesus. What a wonderful example we have of motherhood when we consider the life of Mary. We honor her this day and every day. We thank her and we thank God for giving her to us and for endowing us with the spirit of giving, caring, nurturing and loving. To all the mothers in our community: Happy Mother's Day!

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 Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported our Popcorn Fundraiser. During the week of May 3, our Grade 8's will be selling chocolate roses for \$2.00 in honour of Mother's Day.

Appropriate Dress Code Information Meeting and Advance Sale

Toronto Catholic elementary schools are moving towards a Board-wide implementation of a dress code, to be in place by September 2011. St. Anthony will be introducing the dress code in September 2010. **The expectation is that all students will be in the Appropriate Dress Code the first day of classes September 2010.** The dress code (referred to as "Appropriate Dress Code") consists of any combination of white and navy blue garments (e.g. plain white top, navy blue bottom or, navy blue top and bottom, no denim). Please mark your calendars as we will be hosting an information meeting and advance sale **May 26 between 6:00-8:00.**

Assessment for Learning

Our Grade two, five and seven students will be writing the CAT4 assessment over several days in May. Our Grade threes and sixes are preparing for the upcoming EQAO Assessment to take place the first week of June. We wish all of the students the best of luck as they are involved in these standardized tests. Results from these tests will be shared with our parents in the fall.

Being anxious when taking tests can prevent your child from excelling on them. It's important that your child performs to her/his best ability on tests. Teachers use tests not only to determine a child's grades, they use them as a tool to measure how well a student has learned material and if he/she needs extra help. Tests will be vital to your child's future success too. First of all, talk with your child and help reduce the anxiety related to any type of testing situation. You should also be sure that your child has enough sleep, eats a nutritious breakfast and is well hydrated. Research shows that students who are well rested and have enough fuel to stimulate brain activity achieve higher scores on average

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.

Summer School Program

The focus of this non-credit program will be to assist students currently in grade 7 or grade 8 whose performance in language and mathematics indicates that they require additional support to ensure they have the ability to achieve success in the upcoming year. The program consists of two modules, one in Language Arts and the other in Mathematics. Both programs are half-day sessions and will be held in the morning from 8:30 to 11:30 and in the afternoon from 12:15 – 3:15. The program will begin Monday July 5 and end Friday July 23, 2010. Registration forms will be sent home and must be returned no later than May 21, 2010.

Allergen Awareness

St. Anthony is an allergen aware school. There are children in attendance who suffer from severe and life threatening allergies to certain foods, such as peanut and other nut products and eggs. The most common allergen triggers are food, insect stings, medications, exercise, eggs and latex. We ask the entire school community to not send any lunches or snacks that contain peanuts or nuts (e.g. Nutella), which could potentially harm a child. Please make sure that all of your children's caregivers are also aware of the food restrictions.

Anaphylaxis Canada will be holding its 3rd annual community conference on Saturday, May 8th, 2010 at the Ontario Science Centre. The theme of this year's conference is food allergy research. Registration opens at 8:00 am. Your registration includes the full day conference, a copy of Anaphylaxis in Schools and Other Settings, sponsor samples, handouts, lunch and refreshments. For more details on the conference and how to register, visit www.anaphylaxis.ca and click on Toronto Conference 2010.

For almost 2 decades, Child and Youth Care Week was tied to the Ontario Association of Child & Youth Counsellors' conferences in early June or late May. In the past few years, the international Child and Youth Care community has celebrated the profession in the first week of May. This coincides with Children's Mental Health Week. Child and Youth Care Week in Ontario has now been officially declared for a set time each year ... the First Full Week in May. Child and Youth Workers are Para professionals who work to improve the physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual and social development of vulnerable children and adolescents. We are proud that the TCDSB is one of the largest employers of school-based Child & Youth Workers.

This week, we take a moment to recognize and celebrate the valuable contributions Child & Youth Workers make to our school communities.

For more about the Canadian national association for CYCs, and CYC associations across the country, visit the Council of Canadian Child and Youth Care Associations (CCCYCA) site at: www.cyccanada.ca
To find out more about the profession internationally, visit the CYC-NET site at: www.cyc-net.org

Thank you to our CYW's here at St. Anthony's, their work and efforts are invaluable.

Cross-Country Team

Congratulations are extended to our Cross-Country Team and their coaches. There were 81 team members that attended the first Divisional Meet in April, resulting in 15 team members advancing to the Regional Meet. One of our grade 4 team members advanced to the City Meet. We are very proud of the sportsmanship exhibited by all.

Used Cartridges

Thank you to the many families who sent in used printer cartridges. By doing so, not only are we being environmentally conscious but we are also raising funds for our school activities. Used cartridges can be sent to the office at any time.

Garden Make-Over

Thank you to all who came out on April 20 in order to assist with the garden clean up. It entailed a lot of hard work and team cooperation. The Board is providing a landscaping company to come and complete the project. We are hoping to have the mulch and stepping stones in place by the end of the school year.

JESUS SAW HER
WEEPING...HIS HEART
WAS TOUCHED, AND
HE WAS DEEPLY
MOVED.

~ JOHN 11:33 ~

- SHOW COMPASSION BY THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR WORDS MAKE PEOPLE FEEL.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR ACTIONS MAKE PEOPLE FEEL.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY UNDERSTANDING WHY SOMEONE IS ACTING THE WAY THEY DO.
- SHOW COMPASSION BY BEING CONSIDERATE TO OTHER PEOPLE.

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