

St. Anselm CSAC

September 2013 Newsletter



*St. Anselm's students
and staff in the front of
the school, May 2013*

WELCOME BACK

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to what we know will be a truly amazing year at St. Anselm's! The CSAC committee believes that, with active parental involvement and a successful partnership with the school, the 2013-2014 School Year will be a great year for the students of St. A's.

As we detailed in our spring newsletter a lot was accomplished in the final few months of last year. In addition to the violins, gym equipment and Forest of Reading book series that were purchased, a motion was approved to buy new laptops and projectors for every classroom in the school. The initial plan was to purchase the equipment in two stages over a period of time but we are extremely pleased to announce that we will have completed the entire purchase by the end of this September!

Our goals for this year are to support the excellent work that is currently in place at the school. We are embarking on a plan to examine and improve our current processes and procedures to enhance parental involvement and decision-making.

Be sure to join us at the first CSAC meeting to get involved with various committees, clubs and events at St. A's. With your help, we can continue to do some great things this year!

Sincerely,

Len Corkery,

CSAC Chair, 2012/13



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CSAC MEETING:
Wednesday September
18, 2013 6:30- 8:30
School Library

An agenda for the first CSAC meeting was sent out recently and is posted on the school website. *(Please note the time change).* This meeting is going to provide a great kick-off to a truly exciting year for the school. Read on for some sneak peaks of what will be discussed at the meeting. You won't want to miss it.

Elections

HERE YE! HERE YE!

Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Elections will take place just prior to the first meeting of the year. The committee is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to provide expertise and fresh ideas.

Membership on CSAC is a very rewarding experience. Most importantly, you get to work with the school to help improve the learning experience for all the children. It also provides a great opportunity to network with parents. We hope to have 3-4 new members join this year. So please give this serious consideration. If interested, please contact the office, send in your nomination form to the office.

Lost clothes/articles already?
Order your labels at
www.stuckonyou.ca/stanselm

A portion of all sales through the St. A's portal come back to CSAC to help fund school projects.



CSAC/SCHOOL COMMITTEES

There are plans afoot to create committees such as Technology, Communication, Fundraising, and Academics. The idea is to have 'consultants' work with CSAC and the various committees to provide their expertise in various areas.

21st Century Learning and Technology

So, the teacher's already have projectors and laptops in their classroom or on order. Mission accomplished right?...Not quite!

Come out to the first CSAC meeting and learn about exciting plans to buy tablets, computers, LCD projectors and more. St. Anselm's hopes to create a Learning Commons for our students that is aligned with the fluencies of 21st Century Learning. With your help, we know that we can make this happen.

"Vision" of St. Anselm's Future

During the final CSAC meeting in June, CSAC conducted a focus group to gain a deeper understanding of what parents would like to see in place at St. A's.

A number of fantastic initiatives/ideas were presented and CSAC collated them into various categories. We hope that during the next few years, we will be able to provide our support and assistance to make a number of the ideas into a reality. The collective vision will be shared throughout the year and at our first CSAC meeting.

CSAC INITIATIVES

Email, Class Lists and Parent Reps.

In order to enhance communication between CSAC and parents in the community, a Parent Contact form was sent home recently for you to complete (optional). Contact information from these forms will be used by CSAC to ensure that information is disseminated to everyone in the class. It will also be used for other events, such as: planning birthday parties for your child.

If interested, be sure to fill in the form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Bronwyn Gray, CSAC's Communications Coordinator at bgray@windnetcs.com



Asian Heritage Night – May 2014

St. A's is in the planning phase of a celebration for Asian Heritage Month. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our diversity and gain a deeper appreciation for various cultures. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact CSAC or Mr. Walo.

Lip Sync 2014

Mark the date: **Friday April 4th**. We are going to start planning early to make this the hippest, most successful one yet. Maybe we can have a couple of surprise performances?

Dad's Picnic

Yes we know it was just a couple of months ago, but you have to admit it was a wonderful time. Put next years date in your calendar now. **Saturday June 14th, 2014 and don't forget the super soakers...**

FAMILY FEE

Great news! This year, you will be issued a tax receipt for your family fee donation. We thank you for your generosity and hope that you will continue to donate to enrich the school experience for your child. We are also seeking Corporate or Business donations. If interested, please email me at lencorkery@rogers.com for further information. We will be sending out Family Fee forms in the very near future.

LUNCH LADY PROGRAM

Want to make one less lunch a week? Then sign up for Lunch Lady, a healthy, hot lunch alternative for your kids. Lunch Lady will be at St. Anselm's every Friday (except the last Friday of the month, that's Pizza lunch).

Just go to www.thelunchlady.ca, click on 'order here' and follow the directions to set your child up.

A portion of every lunch gets donated back to CSAC.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Back To School BBQ (Bonanza) – Thursday
September 26th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

ATTENTION: ALL NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES!

It's time once again for St. Anselm's Welcome Back BBQ (aka Bonanza) - just like a backyard cookout but with more friends and more fun! Enjoy a casual evening of food, fun and an opportunity to meet up with the families that make St. Anselm's such a great school community.

DON'T COOK - ENJOY THE BBQ INSTEAD! All food generously donated by Tremblett's Valu-Mart - please remember to support the local merchants that support our school activities. All volunteers will be most appreciated - please contact Tracy Gaffney ASAP (like, now would be good). gaffney@bell.net . DUNKTANK volunteers/nominees also welcome - the more the better!!!

Terry Fox - Friday, September 27th

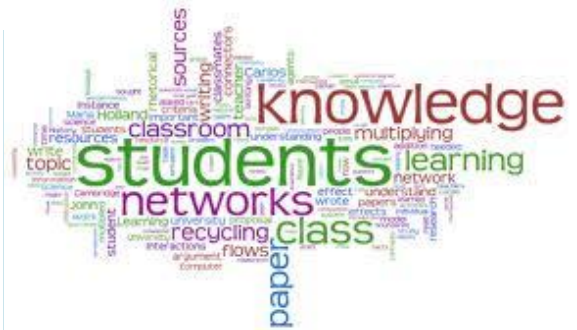
All 345 students of St. Anselm's from JK to Grade 8 will be participating in the annual Terry Fox Run / Walk. The event will take place in the yard for the kindergarten classes and around the neighbourhood for grades 1 to 8. This is a fantastic day for the kids to honour our national hero!

Volunteers are needed to stand at various corners at various times of the day on the route to cheer on the kids and to ensure their **safety**. If you would like to assist, please contact Susan Scandiffio. (scandiffio@rogers.com, 416-429-9306) Thanks!

CURLING NIGHT & BOTTLE AUCTION – Saturday November 9, 2013

HURRY! HURRY HARD!!! If you have no clue what this means...don't worry...even seasoned curlers don't! This night is always a blast. Come out and socialize with the other parents in the community. There will be prizes and a 'bottle' auction, with wonderful prizes inside...you will have to use your imagination: cookies in a bottle, hockey tickets in a bottle....last year there was even a goldfish in a bottle! You get the idea!)

Join us for a great night out with St. A's friends. Volunteers are needed to head up the Bottle Auction and help with food. If you don't want to curl your welcome to be a spectator! All contributions to the bottle auction are welcome even if you cannot make it out! Special thanks to Marilou Wight, Agnes Mader and Trish Berry for their work on this event. Contact Marilou at Marilou@dineen.com to help out.



Information on the school website

Do not forget that we are doing our best to keep the school website up to date with current information. In the coming months, you will see a number of important items that you will be able to find out about on the school website including:

- **The Newsletter**
- **Calendar**
- **Community News**

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