

St Anthony School

a community of learning on a foundation of faith

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

*We thank you good Father
for Your abundant gifts:
for food and drink in plenty
for freedom to think, to pray, to run, to dance.*

*Mostly we thank You for Your love,
for thinking passionately of us,
for making us Your own.*

*We ask Your blessing this day
on our loved ones near and far,
on all who yearn for peace,
on all who are in need.*

*May Your abundance teach us to give,
Your reaching out teach us to care,
Your universal love teach us to see
so that we may be one.*

Amen

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians:
Thank you to all for contributing to the great start we have experienced here at St. Anthony. Although it is just our second year in our new facility I'm sure everyone will agree the school looks wonderful inside and out. V. Calautti - our night custodian - has a green thumb and has been taking good care of our planters over the summer.

Our BBQ/Open House was a tremendous success and was made possible by the dedication, commitment and hard work of the St. Anthony staff!!! We would like to sincerely thank the St. Anthony community for supporting this

event. If you would like to volunteer in our school, just pick up a Criminal Reference Check form in the main office.

As well, an information night for grade 8 parents and students was held regarding our Montreal overnight trip in late spring with our grade 8s.

Our Terry Fox Walk was very successful raising over \$500 for Cancer Research.

October is the month when we stop to reflect and thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon our loved ones and us. As we continue through the school

year let us remember the importance of our families. We need to be thankful that we live in a country like Canada where we have the freedom to openly pray and express our faith traditions.

October 5, 2010 is World Teachers' Day. Please join me in thanking our teachers for the caring and professional job they do each day.

On behalf of the entire staff we would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

God Bless!
C. Bacci, Principal
I. Maas, Vice Principal

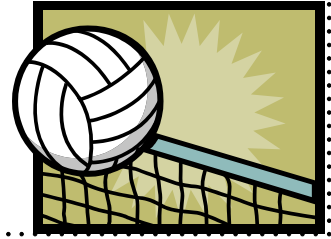
SPORTS AT ST. ANTHONY

Our Cross Country team has begun practicing under the direction of our coaches, Mr. Humniski, Mr. Marchand, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Boland, Ms. Senko and Mr. Cataldo. Fifty students grades 4 - 8 are practicing Tuesday and Thursday (weather permitting) after school for the family meet. The Family Meet takes place on October 20 and The Board Meet for our lucky participants will take place at Heart Lake on October 25, 2011. Good luck to all runners.



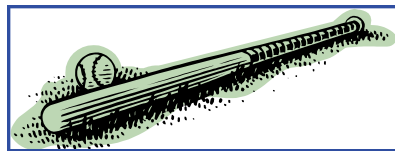
UPCOMING SPORTS

Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball



Our Co-Ed Softball Team...

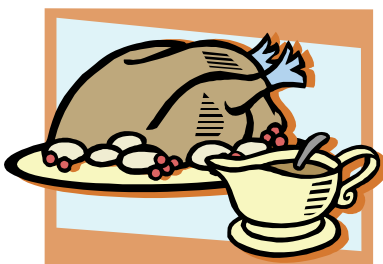
has begun practicing with Mr. Humniski. This group of Grade 6, 7 and 8 boys and girls will participate in the Softball Tournament taking place on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at Duggan Park. Good luck to all our sluggers!



Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us for our Thanksgiving Mass which will be our first official mass for St. Anthony held on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Please attend if you can!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Anthony School has always had a history of helping others – here in our own community by buying books for the Library, by supporting needy families at Christmas, by donating to Share Life, and sponsoring families at special times of the year.

This year we are sponsoring families in our community so that all children can enjoy a happy Thanksgiving holiday season. Once again we are asking parents in our community to donate canned goods and non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving food drive.

Boxes will be set up in the front foyer for donations. Student Faith Ambassadors will be collecting donated food items for our local food bank and Knight's Table.

Thank-you for your kind generosity to this worthy cause.

Please Welcome....

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T. Nicoletta is now a Permanent (0.5) teacher in our board. Welcome to Ms. Nicoletta. She will be fulfilling Library duties Tuesday, Wednesday and every other Thursday. As well, we welcome B. Harris, new ERW, also permanently hired to our board. We also welcome R. Ricitano who is filling in for N. Asquith, off on maternity leave. Ms. Asquith is due back in April. M. Mancour is working with our Junior teachers with our focus of Literacy. As well, we welcome L. Roske our new SLP. She replaces T. Churchill who will continue with the new school, Our Lady of Lourdes. We wish our new additional staff a wonderful experience here at St. Anthony.

Save the Date!!! Grade 8 Graduation will take place Friday, June 22, 2012 at 10 a.m. Mississauga Convention center on Derry Road.

Courtesy Transportation

Parents of students ineligible for bussing may request, in writing to the vice –principal, that their child(ren) be placed on a waiting list under STOPR's Courtesy Seat Transportation Policy. Please provide details regarding the reason(s) why bussing is required. If seats are available those students may be placed on a bus. Seat will be assigned taking various needs, and conditions into consideration. Courtesy riders will not commence taking the bus until parents are informed in early October that a bus and stop have been assigned. Parents may call STOPR at (905) 890-6000 or go to www.stopr.ca to confirm placement on the bus and to receive details regarding stops and times.

Come out and join us at our next School Advisory Council Meeting:

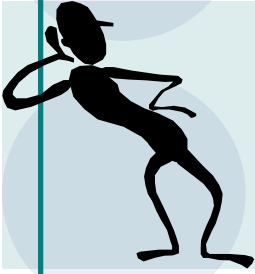
October 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the staffroom at our school. We will be discussing our Hallowe'en Dance a Thon and Fundraisers for the year. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

The Knitting Club

The knitting club has once again begun under the direction of Mrs. Stuart. The club is open to students who wish to learn to knit and who like to knit together from grade 4 through to grade 8. The knitting club meets at recess Wednesday at lunch and last recess any day for extra help.

If you would like to join just ask Mrs. Stuart when you can come to learn!





Virtues: This Month - EMPATHY

Empathy is the ability to identify, feel and understand another persons emotions or concerns.

What does it look like? Helping another child who is feeling down, trying to cheer someone up, letting students talk about their feelings, being understanding and telling of a time when you felt the same way.

What does it sound like? "I'm sorry you feel bad", " I get angry too when....", "What can I do to help?"

People of Empathy

- ◆ Can understand and name their feelings
- ◆ Care about other's feelings
- ◆ Listen carefully to others

October 4-8 is Fire Prevention Week

Parents are reminded that October 4 to 8 is Fire Prevention Week. Everyone should check to make sure smoke detectors are working in the home and to practice an escape route from the home in the event of a fire. You should also select a "family meeting place" somewhere away from the home, so that in the event of an evacuation the family will know who is out of the house and accounted for and who is not. Here at St. Anthony School we have already had two of the three fire drills required by law.



Terry Fox

Thanks to all students for participating in our Terry Fox run at school. We raised over \$500 for Terry Fox.

Congratulations on a great walk!

i WALK TO SCHOOL

On Wednesday, October 5, St. Anthony School is participating in i WALK 2011. It is an international event for children promoting active travel to school and around their community. On October 5 if your child walks to school they will receive a sticker. Here's hoping for good weather!!

Allergies at St. Anthony School

We have several students at St. Anthony school who have life threatening allergies to nuts and or peanuts. We are asking that you help us make St. Anthony an allergy aware school by refraining from sending your children with peanut butter and other products containing nuts or nut oils (ie. Nutella) If these students come in contact with anything containing nuts, nut oils or derivatives, it could be life threatening.

Some students have such a severe allergy that only the smell of the allergen may cause a reaction. For others it is only necessary that physical contact with these substances may be made, even on a second hand basis. For example, a severe reaction may occur should the child touch a desk, toy or book previously handled by another student who has touched peanut butter, peanuts or peanut oil, or other nut products or by products.

It is precisely for this reason that we ask parents not to send in food items for celebrations etc unless approved by the teacher. If you wish you may send in stickers, pencils etc. Teachers have been instructed to send home all food items sent to the school for birthday or other celebrations.



Hallowe'en Dance-A-Thon and Open House

All our students will be taking part in our Annual Dance-A-Thon. Every student in the school will get to dance with a live DJ on Monday, October 31, 2011. All students are invited to dress in their Hallowe'en costume for the event. Students will be sponsored by friends and family to raise money for our school. Money raised goes to help fund various activities for students including: Sports Jerseys for our Teams, Creation of a Peace Garden, Graduation (GR. 8 and SK) Ceremonies, First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, School Trips, Retreats, Student Council, Play Day as well as visits to the school by dance groups, visiting artists and community events.

Mr. Marchand's and Mrs. Gasior's students will be putting on a "Haunted House" on Friday, October 28 for all students to enjoy - it will be housed this year in our gym, on the stage. Entrance fees are a voluntary donation to the food bank. If you are able to come and volunteer your time we would love to have you. Please sponsor our school for this worthwhile event. Students - come on out and shake your "pirate booty."

THEY HAVE ARRIVED!!!!

We are happy to announce the arrival of several new SMARTBOARD technologies to St. Anthony's School. The SMARTBOARD is a new teaching tool to our school that teachers can use to motivate students and teach many concepts using technology. The technology allows students to actively manipulate the screen using nothing but their fingers! Teachers have the opportunity to integrate several web-based programming and teach media using 'real media'. We are boasting 5 SMARTBOARDS located throughout the school and within all divisions. One has been strategically located in an empty classroom, (Room 207), so that all teachers can sign out for classroom use, giving the opportunity for all students to access. The students are extremely motivated by this new technology, as are the teaching staff, in providing your children with this incredible opportunity to learn.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our new school council was unanimously acclaimed for the 2011/2012 School Year. We congratulate and thank:

R. MacBean - Co-Chair; P. Graff - Co-Chair; D. O'Donnell - Secretary; W. Brown - OPACE Rep.; T. Brown - Parish Rep.; L. Della Matia - Community Member at Large

There are still positions available if you would like to join our council!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Lunch Lady	4 Co-Ed Softball Tournament School Elections in Gym	5 World Teacher's Day WALK to School Day	6 Ontario Provincial Elections in Gym	7 Pizza Day! P.m. Speeches in Gym for Student Council	8
9	10 Thanksgiving No School	11	12 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving/ Beg. of Year Mass	13 J/K/SK Andrew's Scenic Acres	14 Sub Day! Rosary	15
16	17 Lunch Lady 6:30 School Advisory Council Meeting	18	19 7 p.m. Grade 2 Parent Meeting 1st Communion/ Reconciliation St. Anthony Church	20 Family X Country Gr. 1 - Green Clean 7 p.m. Grade 8 Parent Meeting Confirmation St. Anthony Church	21 Pizza Day!	22
23	24 Gr. 4 C-CAT Lunch Lady	25 Gr. 4 C-CAT Picture Retake Day Board X Country Progress Reports Go Home	26 Gr. 4 C-CAT	27 Interview Night	28 Haunted House on Stage Sub Day!	29
30	31 Lunch Lady Dance-A-Thon					