



"Forming Leaders of Tomorrow"



## St. Anthony of Padua School – February 2019 Newsletter

### February Highlights

School Mass	<b>Tuesday, February 5 @ 8:45am</b>
Parish Mass	<b>Friday, February 8 @ 8:00am</b>
Tiny Islands Concert	<b>Friday, February 8 @ 11:00am</b>
Re-registration Forms Returned	<b>Monday, February 11 @ 6:00 – 8:00pm</b> <b>Tuesday, February 12 @ 8:15am – 4:15pm</b>
Grandparents' Tea	<b>Wednesday, February 13 @ 9:30 – 10:30 am</b> at Lower Church Hall
Dress-Up Day	<b>Wednesday, February 13</b>
<b><u>NO SCHOOL:</u></b> Catholic Educators' Conference Family Day	<b>Thursday – Friday, February 14-15, 2019</b> <b>Monday, February, 18, 2019</b>
School Speech Arts Festival	<b>Tuesday, February 19, 2019</b>
Grade 2 Parent Meeting for First Communion	<b>Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 6:00 – 7:00pm</b>
Parent Enrichment Talks	<b>Wednesday, February 20, 2019 @ 7:00-9:00pm</b> at Lower Church Hall
Student-Led Conference	<b>Thursday, February 21, 2019 @ 3:30 – 8:00pm</b> <b>Friday, February 22, 2019 @ 8:45 am – 12:15pm - <u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>
Tennis Week	<b>Monday, February 25 – Friday March 1</b>

*"Let us take things as we find them: let us not attempt to distort them into what they are not... We cannot make facts. All our wishing cannot change them. We must use them."- Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman*

## Important Notes

### Weather Alert

According to the weatherman, we are in for some winter weather this coming week. If snow makes driving conditions dangerous, we may decide to close the school. In this event, all families will be **notified by email**. An announcement will also be posted on the homepage of the school website, [www.stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca](http://www.stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca) and an announcement made on radio station NW980. **Any decision will be made and posted by 7 AM**. If you receive no email and it is not posted on our website, you can assume that school is open. Even when school is open, if you feel unsafe driving please follow your instincts and don't put you and your children at risk by driving to school. Let the office know by 9:30 AM if you are not coming in.

### Re-registration

Re-registration documents have been sent home to all families. If you have not received these documents, please call the school office. We have two dates on which you can submit your completed re-registration packets: Monday, February 11 from 6 to 8 PM and Tuesday, February 12 from 8:15 AM to 4:15 PM in the Church Hall. Education Committee members will be present to receive your fully completed documents. If you are not available on either of these two dates, please phone the school office as soon as possible to make other arrangements. **If you submit your documents late, that is after February 12, there is a \$50 late fee.**

### Friday Mass at 8:00 AM

Our fellow parishioners have generously agreed to change the Friday morning mass time to 8 AM in order that our school community can attend before the school day begins. I invite you to come to mass with your children each Friday morning at 8 AM. The spiritual health of our school community depends upon the persevering prayer of everyone. See this as an opportunity for your own personal spiritual growth and to pray for our staff and students.

**"If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." – St. Jean Vianney**

### Speech Arts Festival

The Speech Arts Festival is coming on Wednesday, February 20. The purpose of the Festival is to give students an opportunity to develop public speaking skills, exposure to the rich tradition of poetry in the English language and to better meet our curriculum goals in Language Arts. Each class from Grades K—7 will be preparing a poem for group presentation.

There are also opportunities for individual presentations. The categories for Primary students (grade K – 3) are: Poetry Recitation, Prepared Bible Reading and Prose Recitation. The categories for Intermediate students are: Poetry Recitation, Prepared Bible Reading and Persuasive Speech.

All students from Grades 2—7 will be required to choose and present a poem or bible reading for the individual category. All students from Grades K—7 are invited to compete in any individual category they wish; however, it would fall on the student with parent help at home to prepare for this. Each class will have a mini festival sometime before February 20 where up to 3 students in each category will be chosen to take part in the School Festival on February 20.

The students will benefit greatly from this opportunity and we are very much looking forward to hearing their presentations.

More information as well as resources for parents to help students at home are [available at this link](#). (If clicking on this link doesn't work, right click on it, choose copy hyperlink, and paste that in your web browser's address bar).

### **Parent Participation Program (PPP)**

#### **THANK YOU! Blessings in a Box**

We have collected toiletries, men's clothing and socks for Catholic Men's Hostel in the downtown east side for the last couple of weeks. Mrs Jocelyn Urrutia and parent helpers packed and delivered ten boxes to Catholic Men's Hostel on January 22. The director at the shelter was impressed with how many donations we were able to collect in just 2 weeks and sent his gratitude to all of us at St. Anthony of Padua School. Great thanks to students who brought donated items! Great thanks to Mrs. Urrutia and her team!



## **REMINDER: PPP Hours Data Input**

- Please enter your PPP hours online regularly (at least once a month) and correctly. A report on families' PPP status (approved hours) will be generated in early February.
- You can check your PPP hours by clicking "Volunteering Tab", then click "Jobs Accomplished".
- Please be reminded that you need to complete 40 PPP volunteer hours and attend two Parent Enrichment Talk (2.5 hours credit per talk) to fulfill PPP requirement.
- If you decide to opt out and have not submitted the cheque (non-participation fee \$700), please do so as soon as possible.

## **HOW TO LOG VOLUNTEER HOURS at <http://vanbc.org/stanthony>**

Your username is your e-mail address based on your registration at school. Password is **sap2019** (Please change this password and update your profile information after you log in.) Once you log in at <http://vanbc.org/stanthony>, you can input your hours.

\* Click on the **Volunteering Tab** on the top of the page, choose **Log Hours**

\* You will then get a new screen, please click the **Log New Hours**

\* Please select **the area/team (e.g. Maintenance, Hot Lunch, etc.)** and specify the date.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Parent Enrichment Talk Social** - February 20 Wednesday (arrive at 6:00pm) (2 hours PPP credit) - set up, prepare light refreshment, sign in attendees and clean up.

### **Playground Supervision**

For our student's safety, we are desperately looking for parent helpers to supervise playground in the following shifts Monday to Friday February to June.

- **8:15am - 8:45am (60min PPP time) \*most needed on Tue & Thu.**
- **10:10am - 10:45am (60min PPP time) \*most needed on Mon.**
- **11:50am - 12:55pm (120min PPP time) \*most needed on Mon & Thu.**
- **2:40pm - 3:15pm (60min PPP time) \*most needed on Mon & Fri.**

*\*We expect parent playground supervisors to arrive 5 minutes before their assigned hours to allow for signing in and getting their supervisor vests.*

**Hot Lunch Team** (deliver hot lunch to classrooms & playground supervision while waiting to collect the boxes) - Thursday 11:25am -12:35pm (90min PPP time)

### **Pick up Coffee at Oak and West 67th**

We are looking for parent helpers who can pick up coffee at Starbucks at Oak and West 67th on the following Fridays around 8:25am. If you are available to pick up twice or more, please contact Ivy Chan at [sap.ppp2018@gmail.com](mailto:sap.ppp2018@gmail.com) for more details.

COFFEE with PRINCIPAL on Friday 8:45-9:30 AM at Church Lower Hall

- Mar 8th
- Apr 26th (Walkathon)



- May 10<sup>th</sup>
- June 7<sup>th</sup>

## Roman Catholic Challenge

Four students from our school attended the 32nd Annual Roman Catholic (RC) Challenge in Oregon on January 25-26. RC Challenge is a competition that motivates students to study their Catholic Faith. The game includes questions about rosary, prophets, patron saints, the Bible, Church history and catechisms. Jane Rivera (Grade 6), Lucas Garcia (Grade 7), Keisha Quiocho (Grade 7) and Jocelyn Xiao (Grade 7) formed Team Seekers and attended this two-day competition, competing with 15 other teams in Division 2 (Grade 7 & 8). With God's blessing and families' on-site support and prayers, Team Seekers won the second place in the competition. **This is an amazing result for a team in their first year of competition!** A big thank you to our team coaches Ms Son and Mrs. Garcia and to our parents who drove all the way to Portland!



## School Gym/Parish Centre



Information about the project and how to donate are available at [https://buildstanthony.com/news\\_update/](https://buildstanthony.com/news_update/)

## Dress-Up Day - Bring a Toonie

Wednesday, February 13: Dress up in **Valentine's Day** Colours (for Gr. 7 Graduation)

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

**Wed, Mar 6, 2019**

**Thurs, Mar 7, 2019**

**Fri, March 15, 2019**

**Mon-Fri, Mar 18-29, 2019**

Ash Wednesday School Wide Mass by Gr. 6 @ 9:00 am

Lenten Assembly led by Gr. K

Parents are welcome!

Early dismissal @ 12:15pm – Spring Break

Second Term Report to Parents

No School – Spring Break