



"Forming Leaders of Tomorrow"



St. Anthony of Padua School – April 2019 Newsletter

April Highlights

School Reopens	Monday, April 1
Class Photos (students in full uniforms) School Wide Mass – led by Gr. 4 <i>Parents Welcome!</i> First Reconciliation for Gr. 2 students	Tuesday, April 2 Tuesday, April 2 @ 9:00am Tuesday, April 2 @ 5:00pm
Dress-Up Day Stations of the Cross	Friday, April 5 Friday, April 5 @ 11:00am
Spelling Bee	Monday, April 8 @ 1:00pm
Kindergarten Hearing Screening Immunization – Gr. K and Gr. 6	Tuesday, April 9 @ 9:00am
Readers are Leaders Parent Enrichment Talk	Wednesday, April 10 @ 1:00pm Wednesday, April 10 @ 7:00pm
Yearbook Early Bird Order Deadline Stations of the Cross	Friday, April 12 @ 9:00am Friday, April 12 @ 11:00am
Station of the Cross Assembly – led by Gr. 3 <i>Parents Welcome!</i>	Tuesday, April 16 @ 9:15am
Early Dismissal for Easter Weekend	Thursday, April 18 @ 12:15pm
<u>NO SCHOOL:</u> Good Friday Easter Monday	Friday, April 19 Monday, April 22
Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat	Tuesday, April 23
Grade 7 Camp Meeting	Thursday, April 25 @ 6:00pm
Walkathon	Friday, April 26
Walkathon Money Collection	Monday, April 29
CISVA Spelling Bee	Tuesday, April 30

From the Principal

Our pastor, Fr. Justin, recently asked me if I am reminding staff and students of the Parish vision. "Yes Father" I answered, but I thought to myself "not as much as I should be". So now, you are being reminded: **"With the Eucharist at the centre, we are a community desiring to be saints, sent out to love like Jesus and proclaim him in every circumstance."** What a great rallying cry for Lent! Inspired by this vision, one of my Lenten resolutions is to spend more time before the Blessed Sacrament. May I encourage you to do the same? Our church is open daily from Tuesday to Friday for adoration. Make it a habit to come in early to pick up the kids and spend 15 minutes before Our Lord. I also encourage families to attend the Friday morning Parish mass at 8:00am.

Earlier this week information was sent home about a wonderful program that is ongoing in our parish - **Alpha**. I really hope many of our school families will take advantage of this opportunity to become acquainted with Christianity. If you are a non-Catholic and are curious about the Faith - perhaps your children are asking questions - this program provides a venue to inquire. Each Alpha evening includes a free dinner, a short video and conversations, and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you want. Alpha offers a simple invitation to those wanting to reinvestigate Christianity, consider it for the first time, or for those asking life's big questions such as "Is there more to life than this?" The next session begins Thursday, March 28 6:30 to 8:30 PM. If you have discarded the information packet that went home earlier in the week, information is available by emailing alpha@stanthonysvancouver.org

This week, we kicked off our annual Walkathon. Our fundraising efforts in past years have been successful because of your commitment and support, for which I thank you. The money raised in this way really does make a difference to your children's education. Last year, funds raised went to purchase technology, and students and teachers greatly appreciate the reliability of our computer infrastructure and access to Chromebooks. This year, we are making improving student literacy our goal. We will be purchasing books for school and classroom libraries, and, funds permitting, will purchase I pads equipped with programs that will offer reading remediation opportunities.

Complete information about the Walkathon went home earlier this week. **Please note that there will be no money collection before the Walkathon.** This is different from previous years. There will be only one money collection date, Monday, April 29.

Again, I thank you for your past efforts. I know that much of the burden falls on parents and I appreciate your generosity. Let's make this year's Walkathon a great success!

Track and Field season begins once we return from Spring break. Joining the Track and Field Team provides students with a great opportunity to get a lot of exercise. Encourage your child to join the team! Information went home on Wednesday, so please refer to that note for dates and times.

We would like to make our school grounds look more beautiful and provide an opportunity for students to do some gardening and perhaps grow some vegetables. I am looking for some parents who could volunteer time and expertise to construct some planters along the fence next to 73rd Avenue. Are you a gardener who can help us with some advice? Are you willing to provide some labour to construct the planters? Parent participation hours are available for this project. Please email sap.ppp2018@gmail.com if you are interested.

In Christ,



Mr. Perry

Important Notes

Speech Arts Festival

We are very proud of all the students who represented our school at the Regional Speech Arts Festival this past week. Thanks to all the parents for the time and effort you expended at home to prepare your children to participate in this festival.

Our Grade 3 and Grade 7 classes both achieved gold medal standings. Congratulations!

We also acknowledge all the individual entrants in the various categories: Larry Wong, Martin Cai, Faith Akugbe, Audrey Chen, Michelle Kam, Theepika Sivananthan, Rathushan Selvakumar, Sienna Fabbro, Samuel Tudit, Ava Brind and Morgan Wang.



Parish Center Project

We are glad to inform you that as of Feb 28, 2019 we have fundraised a total amount of \$ 3,406,802. We thank you for your donations and support in 2018. This year we are continuing our fundraising efforts to raise another \$1,500,000 to get us closer to the estimated total cost of construction of our Parish Center. Please contact **Mrs. Ali Cameron** for the school capital campaign at ali@buildstanthony.com.

We also need parents to join our school capital campaign team. PPP hours will be given. Please contact Mrs. Ali Cameron.

The Parish & Building Committee is finalizing the contract for archeological and geotechnical work and they have sent an RFP to 7 architecture companies. The plan is to award a contract by the end of April.

Fourty Days for Life

Many of our students in Grades 6 &7 attended the 40 days for life event near BC Women's Hospital. They spent time praying for the life of the unborn and witnessing to the sanctity of human life. Thank you, students, for your courageous witness and thanks to our parent drivers.



Parent Education Series

Our final Parent Education Series event this year will be presented by Dr. Deborah MacNamara. Dr. MacNamara will discuss ways to bring families back together by unlocking the secrets behind our dinner plates and how we can strengthen family bonds and make family meals fun and loving events.

Topic: Nourishment: How Food and Relationship Go Together

Date : April 10th, 2019

Time: 7 -8:30 pm

Venue: Lower Church Hall

Parent Participation Program (PPP)

REMINDER:

Please update your PPP hours at www.vanbc.org/stanthony promptly and regularly. Team Supervisors/PPP Coordinator will approve hours at the end of each month. Please see the detailed instructions below. All hours require approval by Team Supervisor/Coordinator in order to count as Parent Participation Program Volunteer hours. It is your responsibility to enter your hours into the database. Incomplete PPP requirements will be charged accordingly at the end of the school year. You can check your current status by clicking "**Volunteering Tab**", choose "**Job Accomplished**" or you click "**Total hours**".

If you decide to opt out, please submit a non-participation fee (\$700) to School Office as soon as possible.

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.

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

- * Click on the "**Volunteering Tab**" on the top of the page, choose "**Log Hours**".
- * You will then get a new screen, please click "**Log New Hours**".
- * The Log New hours screen will appear as follows. You can then start logging your hours.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

K & Grade 6 Immunization - April 9 Tuesday 9:00am - 11:15am (2-3 hours PPP time) - 2 parent helpers: direct students to community nurse.

Walkathon - April 26 Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm (5 hours PPP time) - 15 parent helpers: food preparation (hot dog), chaperone during the event, attending water station, runners, crosswalk support, set up and clean up.

Walkathon - April 29 Monday 9:00am - 2:30pm (6-8 hours PPP time) – 5 parent helpers: count and record Walkathon money collection.

Money in a Bag - May 8 Wednesday 8:15am - 12:15 pm (5 hours PPP time) - 6 parent helpers: get clothing donation from parents (from car to Playground) in Drive-Through drop off zone, count donation bags and help deliver donation to Diabetes Canada.

Sports Day - May 31 Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm (5 hours PPP time) - 10 parent helpers: food preparation (hot dog), attend School Playground first aid station, serve hot dogs to students, set up and clean up.

Coffee with the Principal - Parent helpers to **pick up coffee** at Starbucks at Oak and West 67th for Coffee with Principal around 8:25 am on two or more of the following days. **Apr 26th, May 10th, June 7th.**

Hot Lunch Team - Thursday 11:25am -12:35pm (90 min PPP time)

Playground Supervision

8:15am - 8:45am (60min PPP time) *most needed on Tue & Thu.

10:10am - 10:45am (60min PPP time) *most needed on Mon & Wed.

11:50am - 12:55pm (120min PPP time) *most needed on Tue &Thu.

2:40pm - 3:15pm (60min PPP time) *most needed on Mon & Fri.

Reading Helpers - helping students to practice their reading skills; most often this involves listening to students read and correcting them. Set schedule during school hours.

PPP 2019/2020 - we need to fill the positions of **Team Supervisors** of New Student Pancake Breakfast (3rd Tuesday morning in September)(10 PPP hours), Back to School BBQ (4th Sunday in September)(40), Yearbook (40), Library (40) and Playground Supervision (40). If you are interested or have any question, please contact Ivy Chan.

You can also view and sign up volunteer opportunities at PPP website by clicking "Volunteering" Tab, then click "Sign-up for Jobs".

Should you have any question or suggestion, please contact **Ivy Chan** at sap.ppp2018@gmail.com

Fundraising

YEARBOOK 2018/2019

Yearbook order forms and Yearbook advertising forms were sent home last week. If you submit the orders **ON/ BEFORE April 12th, 2019, Early Bird Pricing is \$30/each**, Orders submitted after April 12th, 2019 will be \$35/each, and **due date May 31st, 2019**. For more detailed information, please contact sap2019yearbook@gmail.com

WALKATHON

It will be held on **April 26, 2019**. This year's goal is \$33,000 for purchasing books (for library and classroom) and iPads. The pledge forms and information was sent home on March 12th, after the Walkathon Kick-off Assembly.

The winner of the 2019 Walkathon T-Shirt Design contest is Michelle Kam (Grade 3). Thank you to all participants.

MONEY IN THE BAG

Our Money in the bag fundraiser is coming back!

The Canadian Diabetes Association needs to raise money to carry out their mission of providing funds for diabetes research, education, service and advocacy. It is an easy way to raise funds for our school AND help the Canadian Diabetes Association at the same time. Please begin collecting your gently used clothing such as: coats, shirts, pants, bedding, etc. (no personal undergarments).

Collecting day in the school is May 8th.

Dress-Up Day - Bring a Toonie

Friday, April 5 Dress up in *Cultural Dress* (donations to benefit Seminarians)

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar!

Tue, May 7	Early Learning Program for New Gr. K Students
	School Mass led by Gr. 6 @ 9:00 am
Wed, May 8	Money in a Bag Drop-Off
	Gr. 7 Confirmation Mass @ 7:00pm
Thurs, May 9	Living Rosary Assembly led by Gr. 2
	Walkathon Assembly
Fri, May 10	Fine Arts Concert @ 1:15 – 2:15pm
Mon – Wed, May 13 – 15	Gr. 7 Camp – Loon Lake
Fri, May 17	NO SCHOOL – Pro-D day
Mon, May 20	NO SCHOOL – Victoria Day
Tues, May 21	NO SCHOOL – Non-Instructional Day
Wed, May 29	CISVA Track & Meet – Swangard Stadium
Fri, May 31	Sport Day – 12:00pm Early Dismissal