



August 30, 2018

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff of St. Anthony of Padua School, I would like to welcome everyone back, **including a special welcome to all of our new families**, for the 2018-19 school year. I hope that you had a restful, yet eventful holiday and are looking forward to an exciting new school year.

We look forward to working with you and helping your children achieve to the best of their abilities.

### ***What Do You Want of Me, Lord?***

Every year our schools of the Archdiocese of Vancouver focus on a particular aspect of living the Christian life. This year, we will focus on seeking God's will with the theme "what do you want of me, Lord?" Have you ever wondered if God actually had a particular plan for your life? And if He did, what it is and how you would find out? According to scripture, God knows us and cares for us intimately:

*O Lord, you have searched me and known me!  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways. PS 139*

God does have a particular plan for each of us, but he patiently waits for us to look to him and seek out that plan. Our greatest good and happiness consists in seeking, discovering, and fulfilling this plan. During the school year, we will together ask the question "what do you want of me, Lord?" Informed by our Catholic tradition, we hope to develop in our students the daily habits they need to be able to listen to God's voice.

**STAFFING UPDATE** – Below is a list of the St. Anthony of Padua staff for 2018-2019 --

#### **St. Anthony of Padua Administration**

**Pastor:** Father Justin Huang  
**Principal:** Mr. Michael Perry  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Janet Laguio  
**Bookkeeper:** Mrs. Rhodora Abroguena  
**Office Assistant:** Mrs. Tamara Dixon

## Parish Education Committee Members

**Chair:** Mrs. Linda Piry  
**Vice-Chair:** Ms. Sara Ho  
**Treasurer:** Mrs. Suzanne Scully  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Nancy May  
**Parent Participation:** Ms. Ivy Chan  
**Fund Raising:** Mrs. Vera Rahardja  
**Maintenance:** Mr. Girard Torre

## St. Anthony of Padua Teaching Staff

**Kindergarten and Vice-Principal:** Mrs. Fionnuala O'Leary  
**Grade One:** Mrs. Maylin Fraser & Mrs. Giselle Mouro  
**Grade Two:** Mr. Michael Mayer  
**Grade Three:** Ms. Dina Martin  
**Grade Four:** Mr. Anthony de Guzman  
**Grade Five:** Mr. Nicholas Chatton  
**Grade Six:** Mr. Mark McNicol  
**Grade Seven:** Miss Janice Son  
**Learning Assistance Teacher:** Mrs. Nathalie Magel  
**Religion Specialist:** Sister Janet Siepker  
**Education Assistants:** Mrs. Andrea Duque, Miss Gina Francisco, Mrs. Lora Garcia, Miss Lee Ann Inocentes, Miss Marisa Pavone, Mrs. Mae Puche and Miss Elaine Sekiya  
**Music:** Miss Katie Scheerer  
**Drama:** Mrs. Dawn Cooper

We have seven new faces on staff this year! We introduce 5 in this newsletter with the remainder to come in our next newsletter.

### **1.) MRS. NATHALIE MAGEL.**

Mrs. Magel is the new Learning Resource teacher, replacing Mrs. Kawasaki who retired in June. Mrs. Magel has taught in Grades 1, 5 and 7 and is pursuing her master's degree at St. Mark's College. Some of her master's courses are in special education, to add to her classroom experience in supporting learners with diverse learning needs. Her specific interests in professional development workshops have been in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Prior to obtaining her B.Ed., Mrs. Magel earned her B.Sc. in 1993 and worked in capacity and materials planning, as well as project management. She was also able to spend 10 years at home with their four children, finding her calling to education during that time. She is excited to join the St. Anthony of Padua School community.





## 2.) Mrs. DAWN COOPER

After graduating from UBC with a B.A. in English and Theatre, and a B.Ed. in Secondary English and Drama Education, Dawn Cooper taught in Richmond School District for several years before making the move to the CISVA. Having also studied film and communication arts, she is looking forward to helping learners gain confidence in dramatic arts, communication skills, and creative and critical thinking. Dawn is grateful to call Vancouver home where she resides with her husband and two children.

## 3.) Miss JANICE SON

*Hello parents of St. Anthony of Padua School. I am very excited to be a part of your community. I have taught across the grades (K-12) for the last 14 years, most recently focusing on high school math, English, and religion. I graduated from the University of British Columbia with a B.A. and M.A. in English Literature and a B.Ed. in secondary education with a concentration in English. Outside of school, I am an avid sports fan (especially of the Vancouver Canucks) and enjoy travelling and doing arts and crafts. I look forward to meeting you all and working with you and your children.*



## 4.) MISS KATIE SCHEERER

*I am so excited to now be a member of the St. Anthony of Padua School community as your music teacher! I have been a member of this parish for this past year, and it's so great to be welcomed into your wonderful school. I am a recent graduate from UBC with my Bachelor of Music in Bassoon Performance. My passion for music began in my junior high band program. From Grade 8 onwards, I was determined to become a professional bassoonist! It was my dream. So, I worked hard, gave it my all, stretched and sacrificed (...and, so did my parents.) The bassoon is an endeavor... but, I am SO grateful for their support of my dreams). I travelled to perform in festivals, to study, to learn, to grow. I learned that my passion was to give to the world through creating art because our world desperately needs beauty; but, as I grew as an artist, this re-shaped into giving to children through the process of creating art with them. As I experienced teaching children, I discovered that this was where my heart was. God was refining my desires to fit his desires and He continues to do this daily! "Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4). I am so excited to journey with your children as they discover the artistic musician inside of them.*

## 5.) MISS MARISA PAVONE

*Hi! My name is Marisa Pavone and I am a recent graduate of UBC. I have many years of experience working with children of all ages and backgrounds and I am really looking forward to sharing my knowledge with all the children at St. Anthony's. As a jock and drama geek I am really looking forward to being involved in the extra-curricular activities Saint Anthony's has to offer! As an alumnus of Saint Joe's in Richmond and Little Flower Academy I am really excited to be a part of the community here at Saint Anthony of Padua. I look forward to meeting everyone!*



## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Half Day only)

Classes start at 8:45am and end at 12:15 pm

**(All Kindergarten students will be dismissed @10 am.)**

All students are requested to meet in the parking lot and line up in their respective grades. After the first bell, teachers will take their classes to the Church for a "Welcome Back Assembly". Parents are welcome to attend. Morning coffee and tea will be offered to parents in the Church Basement after students are taken back to the school. Please join us!

Students are asked to bring a snack for their recess but will **not** require a lunch, as **dismissal will be at 12:15pm.**

**Kindergarten Students:** All Kindergarten students are expected at school on **Tuesday, Sep 4<sup>th</sup>.** Parents should touch base with **Mrs. O'Leary** on the **gradual entry schedule.**

### SEPTEMBER 5th, Wednesday: (SCHOOL MASS)

We will be **celebrating Mass on Wednesday, September 5 at 9:15am.** Parents are welcome to attend.

### REGULAR SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

<b>First Bell</b>	8:45am
<b>Recess</b>	10:15 – 10:30 am (Grades K-3) 10:30 – 10:45 am (Grades 4-7)
<b>Lunch</b>	11:55 – 12:25 pm (Grades K-3) 12:25 – 12:55 pm (Grades 4-7)
<b>Dismissal</b>	2:45 pm

Supervision will be provided by school staff every morning from **7:45 to 8:45** (in either the Kindergarten or Grade 1 classroom from **7:45 to 8:15am**) and outside for the remainder up until the first bell). **After school, supervision ends at 3:15pm.** Students who are not picked up by 3:15pm will be ushered to the After School Club and will be charged a fee of \$12/day for After School Club as students cannot be left unsupervised when they are at St. Anthony of Padua School.

**DRESS CODE** –Students are reminded that their presentation is representative of Saint Anthony of Padua School and our Catholic values. This includes non-uniform days (dress up days) and field trips where students are off site.

- **Skirts:** Must be of reasonable length (to the knee). For the sake of modesty girls are to wear the navy blue gym shorts under their skirts. Non-school shorts are not permitted.
- **Hair:** Students are not permitted to dye, colour, bleach, highlight or streak their hair. Hair is to be neatly styled and natural in colour. All hair ornaments must be in school colours.
- **Jewellery:** Not permitted with the uniform. Girls may wear simple earring studs. Boys are not permitted to wear earrings of any kind.
- **Shoes:** Black dress shoes only. Closed toe with heels 5cm or less. Patent shoes and running shoes are not permitted.
- **Summer uniform:** Only worn after Easter until October 31st. The tie is not worn with the golf shirt.

<p><b>Girls Uniform:</b>  <b>Primary Girls (Grades K-3)</b>          Prescribed navy blue pleated tunic with an angled neck bib top or          Prescribed navy blue pleated skirt          White dress shirt          Navy blue cardigan or pullover with school logo          Navy blue socks or leotards          Navy blue or black dress shoes (Low cut dress shoes only)</p> <p><b>Intermediate Girls (Grade 4-7)</b>          Prescribed navy blue pleated skirt          White dress shirt          Navy blue cardigan with school logo          Navy blue socks or leotards          Navy blue or black dress shoes (Low cut dress shoes only)</p>	<p><b>Boy's Uniform:</b>          Navy blue dress pants or corduroy pants (no cotton, rugby or jean style pants)          White dress shirt (K to Grade 7)          School tie (clip-on style recommended)          Navy blue cardigan or pullover with school logo          Navy blue socks          Black dress shoes with non-marking soles          Hair should be clean, tidy &amp; reasonably short</p>
<p><b>Summer Uniform:</b> (<i>Summer uniform may only be worn from after Easter to October 31.</i>)          Prescribed golf shirts with school logo (all students)          Prescribed navy blue dress shorts (boys)          Prescribed navy blue skorts (girls)          Navy blue socks          Navy blue or black dress shoes with non-marking soles</p>	<p><b>Gym Uniform:</b>          Prescribed navy blue shorts with logo          Prescribed T-shirt with school logo          Runners with non-marking soles</p>
<p>Uniforms are purchased through:</p>	<p><b>NEAT UNIFORMS</b>          1050 Boundary Road          Burnaby BC Phone: 604-205-7560</p>

We look for your continued support in doing your utmost to ensure your children are dressed appropriately each day.

**COMMUNICATION.** A newsletter will be sent home bimonthly **via email**. It will also be available on the school website and hard copies are available at the office. The newsletter will be in point form and will review the month's activities and any announcements. This memo is intended to keep the school community current with respect to school news and activities.

## **Upcoming September Events**

### **Sep 4, Tuesday** - **Welcome Social for ALL parents (organized by PEC) in Church Basement**

**8:45 am** – School-Wide “Welcome Back Assembly” will be held in the Church. Parents are welcome to attend. Morning coffee and tea will be offered to parents in the Church Basement after the students are taken back to the school. Please join us!

### **Sep 5, Wednesday** - **School Mass @ 9:15am** Parents are welcome!

### **Sep 6, Thursday** – **Meet the Teacher Night @6:30 - 8pm**

We will meet our Pastor (Father Justin), our Principal (Mr. Perry), PEC members, school teachers and staff in the Church Basement. Afterwards, we will meet our class teacher(s) in our child(ren)'s classroom(s). Door is open at 6pm. **Please come early to socialize over light refreshments.**

### **Sep 6, Thursday** – **ALL Team Supervisors Meeting (including Class Parent Representatives 6:00 - 6:25pm in the Church Basement (near the Stage)**

Our Principal and Parent Participation Program (PPP) Coordinator will introduce each other and remind everyone of the Supervisors' roles and responsibilities, and the importance of parent helpers keeping their volunteer commitments.

### **Sep 6, Thursday** – **Playground Supervision Parent Helpers and Coordinator Training Meeting 8:00 - 8:30pm** (venue to be confirmed)

Our Principal and Parent Participation Program (PPP) Coordinator will host a meeting for all Playground Supervision parent helpers and the Coordinator. The purpose is to brief everyone regarding the roles and responsibilities and to emphasize volunteer commitment.

### **Sep 10, Monday**, **After School Club Begins**

### **Sep 11, Tuesday**, **Photo Day (Individual) All Day**

### **Sep 17, Monday** – **Hot Lunch Program Starts!**

Hot Lunch Order Forms must be submitted with a cheque as payment by September 10, 2018. The Hot Lunch Forms will be given to the students in advance of September 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### **Sep 18, Tuesday** – **New Student Pancake Breakfast @8:45am in the Church Basement**

If your child is new to St. Anthony of Padua School, we welcome you to join us in this New Student Pancake Breakfast. All new students will be led by teachers to the church basement to attend this event.

### **Sep 19, Wednesday** – **Parent Education Series #1 for ALL parents (7 - 8:30pm) in Church Basement**

Parenting is an art; it's not easy but is rewarding. We are primary educators of our children and we encounter various challenges in parenting daily regardless the age of our children. Sep 19 is the first workshop of Parent Education Series this school year (2 out of 4 workshops are mandatory to fulfill

Parent Participation Program hours) in which we can learn from experts in parenting and other fellow parents.

**Sep 23, Sunday – Back to School BBQ (all families are invited) in Church Basement @11am – 2pm**

We welcome all school families and parishioners to join us in this Back to School BBQ. It's a great opportunity to get together and build community at St. Anthony's Parish and School, and of course, enjoy the yummy hotdog and BBQ skewers. Tickets will be available for sale in mid September.

**Sep 25, Tuesday - Grade 6 Immunizations @ 9:30am**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The most updated information will be the school's Google Calendar on the school website.**

**STUDENT ABSENCES/TARDINESS.** If your child will be late or absent for the day, please call the office by 8:45am at 604.261.4043 and leave a message by choosing the late/absent menu. You must also email to: [absences@stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca](mailto:absences@stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca) **AND** please copy the email to your child's teacher. Please state your child's first and last name, the date(s) of their absence(s) and the reason for their absence. This email note is essential for our annual school attendance audit. If you prefer, you can give a written absent note to the teacher. **Late students are required to report to the office to get a late slip before proceeding to class.**

**PARENT-REQUESTED EARLY DISMISSAL**

Children may not be dismissed early without a phone call or written note from home. Also, if you wish to have your child's pattern of going to or from school changed in any way a signed note informing the teacher of the change is required on the morning of or prior to the day that the child will be making the change. Children are not allowed to leave school with anyone but parents/guardians unless a note is sent to school stating specifically who has been designated by the parent/guardian. This is for your child/s protection and will be strictly enforced.

**ALL VISITORS/PARENTS**

Please note that all visitors (parents included) should report to the office first. This is to ensure school safety.

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CLUB**

The After School Activities Club will begin **Monday, September 10**. Consent forms will be distributed on the first week of school, with payment due to the school office by **Friday, September 7**.

**AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

**Supervision after school will end at 3:15 pm.** Children who are not picked up by that time will be ushered to the After School Club, and will be charged a fee of \$12/day as students cannot be unsupervised under the care of St. Anthony of Padua School. For parents who are unable to pick up their child(ren) by 3:15 pm, it is recommended that you consider the **After School Activities Club**. If this club does not have the required amount of participants enrolled, the program will cease.

**REMINDER FOR CATEGORY 1 FAMILIES**

If you are receiving the Category 1 (Parishioner) tuition rate, you need to be regularly attending mass at St. Anthony and using envelopes. We will be reviewing this in November, as previously stated, and will be adjusting tuition rates if necessary.

**MISCELLANEOUS FORMS/COMFORT KITS**

In the first week of school, your child will receive a Ziploc bag with information that is required for their comfort kit. Please fill out the information on the sheet, attach an individual photo (preferably a school photo), and fill the bag with the items listed.

We look with favorable anticipation to a positive, productive and successful school year filled with happiness and good health. May God bless us all as we strive to develop sound Christian leaders in the critical years ahead of us!

**Sincerely in Christ,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Perry', written in a cursive style.

**Michael Perry**

**Principal**

**St. Anthony of Padua School**