



"Forming Leaders of Tomorrow"



St. Anthony of Padua School – September 17-30, 2018 Newsletter

Important Messages

- Off-Site Permission Forms:** Off-site permission forms will be sent home in your youngest child's backpack. Please return the forms to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible as we have the Terry Fox Run and other events where children will be offsite.
- Computer Forms:** Computer Policy Forms will also be sent home in your youngest child's backpack to be returned to the classroom teacher.
- Medical Information Form:** Each child will receive a medical information form. Please complete and return this form to your classroom teacher.
- Comfort Kits:** Each 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.

Upcoming Events

Soccer Club (Girls & Boys/Grades 6/7)

For students who have returned their consent form for the school senior soccer team practices will be held at the Oak Park soccer field next to the Marpole Community Centre (the corner of Oak Street and Park Drive). Practice started on Tuesday, September 11th and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-8:15am. If you will miss a practice or a game please inform your coaches, Mrs. Mouro and Mr. McNicol, in advance. Students are responsible for getting to and from practices as well as games.

Cross Country Program (Students in Grades 2 – 7)

Students in grades 2-7 who have returned their consent form to participate in the cross-country program will practice at Oak Park. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from Oak Park. Information regarding the upcoming tournaments and costs will be forthcoming.

Badminton Club (Girls & Boys/Grades 6/7)

For students who have returned their consent form for the Badminton Club practices started on Friday, September 15th and will be held Mondays and Fridays from 3:00-3:40pm. **Please meet in the Grade 6 classroom at 3pm sharp as practices will start in the classroom** and will move to either the church basement and/or school parking lot

Sep 17, Monday: Hot Lunch Program Starts!

If you placed your order before the deadline the hot lunch program will start Monday, September 17. If you did not place a hot lunch order you can submit your late order online by going to the [Nova Foods website](#). Please pay special attention to the hot lunch order deadlines and check your children's backpacks to ensure their order is being passed to the teacher in time for the deadline. Thank you.

Sep 18, Tuesday: New Student Pancake Breakfast, 9-10am

Teachers will escort all new students to the church basement for the New Student Pancake Breakfast.

Upcoming Events

Sep 19, Wednesday: Parent Education Series #1 for All Parents, 7 - 8:30pm, Church Basement

Dolores Madaisky^[L]_[SEP] The Arts of Effective Communication - Tools and Techniques for Today's Parents^[L]_[SEP]
The #1 concern of parents today is how to maintain good relationships with their children while disciplining them. This two-part presentation will equip us with the skills for communicating effectively with our children, and will include a mini workshop at the end of each evening.

This is the first Parent Education Series presentation of the school year. Please be reminded that **2 out of 4 workshops are mandatory to fulfill Parent Participation Program hours.**

Sep 21, Friday: Dress Up Day – School Colors --Bring a Toonie!

Funds collected will be donated to Chalice Canada. Chalice is a Catholic charity that works in 15 developing countries to improve education, nutrition, health, family development, and community development.

Sep 23, Sunday: Back to School BBQ, 11am-2pm, St. Anthony of Padua Parish

This is just an event reminder for those who have pre-ordered tickets.

Sep 25, Tuesday: Grade 6 Immunizations, 9-10am

Please ensure that your child's consent form for the Grade 6 immunization is returned to the office.

Sep 25, Tuesday: Confirmation Parent Meeting, 6-7pm

Sep 26, Wednesday: Parish Education Committee Meeting, 6:30 – 9:30pm

Sep 27, Thursday: Terry Fox Run 2018

Primary and intermediate classes will be participating in a short walk/run to Triangle Park supervised by teachers and parent volunteers. Please return your off-site permission forms in advance of this event.

Reminders

Absences:

Please call the school office promptly to report your child's absence. In addition, kindly email an absent note to: absences@stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca

- Include your child's first and last name;
- The reason for their absence(s);
- The date(s) of their absence(s).

This note is required for our annual school attendance audit.

You may also wish to copy the classroom teacher when emailing absences. We will be checking the absence email account each morning. Thank you for your assistance.

All Visitors Please Report to the Office

Please note that all visitors (parents included) should report to the office, sign in and pick up a visitor's badge. This is to ensure school safety. Thank you kindly for your assistance.

From the Principal

Thank You

It has been a pleasure getting to know you and I'm looking forward to becoming a part of your community. You have made me feel very welcome! I'm happy to meet with anyone who has questions or queries. Call the office or email me at mperry@stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca to arrange a time.

Thank you to all who came to the Meet the Teacher night in the first week of September. One of the key points I wanted to make was the importance of communication – families to school, and parents to children. Please make time to talk to your children and be with them every day! The sociologist Christian Smith wrote a book based on research called “Soul Searching: the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers” that concludes that two main factors contribute to happy teenage lives: close familial relationships with lots of communication between parent and child, and a religious upbringing. To summarize his research particularly on the 2nd factor – “...on every measure of life outcome — relationship with family, doing well at school, avoiding risk behaviors, everything — highly religious teens are doing much better than non-religious kids. It's just a remarkable observable difference. Somehow the religious teachings do sink in and make a significant difference in teens' moral worldview.” Though this research is on American teens, there's nothing to suggest this would be different in Canada. The patterns of both communication and religious practise are established in the elementary years, so now is the time, parents, to focus on these areas of your family life!

There is one area of life at St. Anthony School that has surprised me in a bad way. Can you guess what it is? The actions of some parents as they drop off and pick up their children on 73rd Avenue. If I were a traffic cop, I could have issued over \$1000 in traffic tickets on one recent morning! If we keep on as we are going, there will be an accident. Do you want to be responsible for an injury to a child? Please attend to the following:

- Don't do anything illegal. There are good reasons for every traffic law.
- Jaywalking. The only place pedestrians are allowed to cross a street is at an intersection. Please do not let your kids cross 73rd anywhere but at the corner of Montcalm.
- Do not let your children out of the car into traffic. Exit the car on the passenger side.
- Slow down!
- If you are running late, it is no excuse for taking chances. Accept the reality of being late, don't rush, and leave a little earlier the next day.
- No U-turns
- When using the drop-off zone, pull as far forward as you can to maximize the number of cars using the zone.
- If you (the driver) need to exit the car, you need to find a parking space. You cannot park, even for 2 minutes, in the drop-off zone.

We all need to take the safety of our kids very seriously. Again, please follow all traffic laws and attend to any directions or corrections you may get from our parent supervisors in the orange vests. Let's have a safe year!

