



"Forming Leaders of Tomorrow"



St. Anthony of Padua School – October 2018 Newsletter

Important Messages

- Forms:** Off-site permission forms, computer forms, medical information forms and comfort kits must be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.
- Coffee with the Principal:** Friday, October 5 from 8:45-9:30am. Come enjoy coffee with the Principal, Mr. Michael Perry. All parents are welcome! Church Lower Hall.
- Pick Up at 12:15pm:** **Friday, October 5. Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving**
- No School:** Monday, October 8, 2018. Thanksgiving Day
Friday, October 19, 2018. Professional Development Day
- Dress-Up Day:** \$240 was raised for Chalice Canada charity on our September 21st Dress-Up Day. Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming Events

Oct 2, Tuesday: Mass at 9:15 (Parents are invited)

Oct 3, Wednesday: CISVA Cross Country Meet, Swangard Stadium

Bus departs at: 9am from the school and will depart Swangard Stadium at 2:10pm

Athletes: Wear your St. Anthony of Padua gym uniform and weather appropriate outerwear. Bring a hat, water, sunscreen and a complete lunch with several snacks and juice.

Oct 9, Tuesday: Rosary Assembly Led by Kindergarten at 9:15am

Oct 11, Thursday: Dress-Up Day - Twins' Day. Bring a Toonie!

All monies raised will be for the Grade 7 promotion ceremony.

Oct 12, Friday: Photo Retakes at 9am

Oct 14, Sunday: Confirmation Enrolment Mass at 12pm

Parent/Teacher Conferences, Thursday, October 25 & Friday, October 26

The upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on October 25 and 26. Instructions on how to book your appointments for the Parent-Teacher Conferences will be sent by email from the Parish Education Committee (PEC) in the second week of October. There will be no regular school on Friday, October 26.

Book Fair - October 22 to October 26

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the School Library daily from October 22 to October 26. We will also be selling religious articles and books from St. Andrew's Church Supply. We need a lot of volunteer support. **Please stay tuned for the upcoming volunteer opportunities.**

Reminders & Notes

Parent Participation Program (PPP) Website

Please regularly track your volunteer time and Parent Enrichment Workshop time (2.5 hours per talk) at: <http://vanbc.org/stanthony>

Parent Participation Program (PPP) Post-Dated Cheques

Parents who are in the Parent Participation Program are required to submit **2 post-dated cheques**:

1 cheque dated Feb 15, 2019 in the amount of \$350 **and**

1 cheque dated June 15, 2019 in the amount of \$350

Cheques should be made payable: St. Anthony of Padua School

If you haven't done so, please submit the cheques to the School Office as soon as possible.

New Student Pancake Breakfast (THANK YOU)

We had a wonderful time at our New Student Pancake Breakfast on September 18. We expressed our warm welcome to Kindergarten, Grade 1 (who missed this event last September), and new students from Grade 2 - 7 and their parents. We thank Parent Volunteers for their hard work and St. Anthony of Padua Parish Knights of Columbus for sponsoring and supporting this event.



Back to School BBQ (THANK YOU)

Thanks to families who ordered food and attended our Back to School BBQ in the church lower hall last Sunday, September 23! Everyone had a wonderful time socializing. We raised \$1,381.60 with this event. We would like to thank the parents for their generosity as they donated dessert, soft drinks, chips, juice and rice for the BBQ. Thank you also to our parent helpers for their hard work and support!

Absences:

Please call the school office promptly to report your child's absence. In addition, kindly email an absentee 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.

Please copy the classroom teacher when emailing absences. We will be checking the absence email account each morning. Thank you for your assistance.

From the Principal

This month, on October 7, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Rosary, our patronal feast day. We will have a Rosary celebration together, led by our Kindergarten class, in the church on Tuesday October 9 at 9:15 am. All are invited! The rosary is a special prayer that I hope you all know. At many turning points in the history of the church, Catholics have turned to Our Lady through the praying of the rosary and crises have been averted. Pope Francis, last week, called upon all Catholics to recite the rosary daily during the month of October to ask God's mercy in the current crisis in the church surrounding child abuse. This is a call to each family at St. Anthony to pray together this beautiful prayer. If your children are very young, pray just one decade at bed time. Here is a link that describes how to pray the rosary:

<https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

If you have some free time after dropping your children off this Friday October 5th, come to the church lower hall from 8:45 – 9:45 for some social time and conversation. This will be the first “Meet the Principal” event. I’ll begin with a brief (5-10 minute) talk about Catholic education and some of my hopes for St. Anthony School in the near future. I’d also like to hear about your hopes.

One of the great strengths of Catholic schools is the parental involvement in the day to day operations of the school. Your talents can be put to use to make our school better. I am looking for some help from parents in a couple of areas immediately. I want to update our web site and need someone who has some experience or interest in website design. I also need someone to consult about the school heating system – someone with HVAC experience or know-how. If you can help in these areas, call the school office or email me (mperry@stanthonyofpaduaschool.ca). Participation hours can be earned in these areas.

The traffic situation at morning drop off is getting a little better, but there are still problems. I repeat the message from the last newsletter with one addition: please respect all supervisors who may remind you of a rule you are breaking. It is their job to do this.

- 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!

