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No School Days

**14th—Learning Day
21st—PD Day**

SCHOOL CASH ON-LINE PAYMENTS

We are hoping to get **100%** of our parents/guardians utilizing this feature to pay your son/daughter's school fees, swimming fees & much more, by the end of this school year!

We feel this will save you time from coming to the school to pay fees or sending cash or cheque with your child.

By paying online you may choose to either pay debit or credit card.

We are asking parents/guardians to please take 5 minutes to register, by following the steps below.

Here's how to Register Online;

Step 1: Please type in this link:
<https://starcatholic.schoolcashionline.com>

Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and follow the steps.

Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'click here' option. Sign in and add each of your children to your household account.

CONVENIENT, SAFE & SECURE

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the GET HELP option in the top right hand area of the screen.

Thank you for helping us to reduce the amount for cash and cheques coming into the school by signing up online for payments.



**We are accepting
Preschool—Grade 8
registrations for the 2018-2019
school year.**

Registration forms are
available at the office or @
stan.starcatholic.ab.ca

*3 y/o preschool students must have had their 3rd birthday prior to being able to attend class and must be 3 years of age by December 31, 2018.

*4 year old Preschool students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2018.

*Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2018.

If you have a child/children currently enrolled @ St. Anthony School in Kindergarten—Grade 8 you do not have to fill out a Registration Form.

If you have any questions please feel free to drop by or call the office 780-542-4396.



With Christ as our foundation, St. Anthony school community is dedicated to sharing our faith through learning and service.

St. Anthony STAR

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Welcome to another school year filled with all kinds of possibilities and opportunities for growth and learning! I hope you and your family have enjoyed a safe and restful summer. Staff here at the school have been preparing hard for the new school year and we are all excited to welcome your children. As a school team, our hope is that St. Anthony be a place where all feel welcome, safe, and cared for.

We are committed to offering your child the best quality Catholic Education with high standards of academic excellence. We want school to be a place that your children are excited to attend – a place where they develop faith, knowledge, skills and a sense of wonder about this amazing world in which we live! We know that we can be most successful when we work in partnership with you, the parents. We strive to maintain open lines of communication with our families and you are encouraged to reach out if you have any questions or concerns at any point. I'm really excited to work with our wonderful teachers and your children during the 2018-2019 school year!

All Done in His Name;

Trish Molzan, Principal

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
DRAYTON VALLEY
2018 – 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

AUGUST					
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NOVEMBER					
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LEGEND	
Teachers Only	
Holiday/Vacation	
Day in Lieu	

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS	
Labour Day	September 3
Thanksgiving Day	October 8
Christmas Vacation	December 24 – January 4
Family Day	February 18
Spring Break	March 25 – March 29
Good Friday	April 19
Easter Monday	April 22
Victoria Day	May 20
TEACHER ONLY DAYS	
Division Reflection Day	August 31
Organizational Days	August 29, 30, June 28
Learning Day	September 14
ATA Day	November 9
Teachers' Convention	February 7, 8
In Lieu of P/T Interviews	Nov 12, May 17

Additional Professional Development Days
Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 23, Feb 11, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10

PLEASE NOTE	
First Teacher Day	August 29
First Student Day	September 4
Last Student Day	June 27
Last Teacher Day	June 28

BOARD APPROVED: April 18, 2018		
MONTH		DAYS
2018/2019		
Teacher	Student	
August	3	0
September	19	17
October	22	21
November	22	19
December	15	18
January	19	19
February	19	16
March	16	15
April	20	15
May	22	20
June	20	15
Total	197	180



8:20	Doors Open
8:35	Bell, Registration & Prayer
8:45—9:25	Block 1
9:25—10:05	Block 2
10:05—10:25	Morning Recess
10:25—10:34	Silent Reading
10:34—11:14	Block 3
11:14—11:53	Block 4
11:53—12:32	Block 5
12:32—12:52	Lunch Recess
12:52—1:12	Prayer/Lunch
1:12—1:51	Block 6
1:51—2:30	Block 7
2:30—3:09	Block 8
3:09	Dismissal





Important Items: These are some of St. Anthony School's expectations to help keep our school running more smoothly:

- ◇ Office hours are 8:00-4:00. Parents please insure you call the office 780-542-4396 or email kerrie.lemermeyer@starcatholic.ab.ca if your child will be late or absent. If you have reached the answering machine please leave a message as staff are unavailable to answer the phone.
- ◇ All messages must be called into the office before 12:30 pm to ensure that your child(ren) receives them.
- ◇ Students must have their 'after school plans' (such as going to a friend's after school) made before coming to school in the morning.
- ◇ For the safety of your child(ren) please do not drop him/her off before 8:20 am as there is no supervision and the doors do not open until 8:20 am.
- ◇ All students arriving after the morning bell (8:35am) or leaving school property before the dismissal bell (3:09pm), must sign in/out at the office.
- ◇ For the safety of students & staff, ALL Volunteers & Visitors MUST sign in at the office.
- ◇ Please make sure that your children are dressed according to the weather. Students are expected to play outside during our recesses. The Division's weather policy is to have students stay indoors only if the weather is minus 20 below (Celsius) including wind chill. Proper winter attire includes mittens, hat, warm coat, ski pants, and winter boots. It's also a really good idea, to pack extra clothing (such as pants, underwear, t-shirt and socks) in your child(ren)'s backpack – in case they get all wet.
- ◇ Microwaves are available for those students in grades seven & eight only. We would like to take this time to remind parents/guardians that there will be NO microwaves in the classrooms or microwave access for students in grades Kindergarten – 6.
- ◇ If you are interested in volunteering please call Michelle @ 780-621-7721. Parents/Guardians; to ensure your child/children receive their lunch order, ALL orders MUST be pre-ordered & pre-paid. Any "last minute" orders are subject to availability. Our Hot Lunch program is run on a volunteer basis.
- ◇ Taking holidays during the school year may result in students missing valuable learning which may result in students missing valuable learning which may have a negative effect on their academic progress. However, we do understand that because of differing circumstances this may occur in various families. Although our teachers are committed to helping your child progress, please understand that it is not reasonable to request that the teacher prepare detailed lessons or homework missed during your child's absence. Students are responsible for catching up on all missed assignments within a reasonable time frame determined by the teacher through consultation with the student and family.

What's happening

7th — Rodzilla the Magician 1:30 in the gym
 10th—Parent Council Meeting 7:00pm, babysitting provided. Council positions up for election.
 11th—Opening Mass St. Anthony Church 1:45, Preschool Parent Meeting 6:30
 12th—Meet the Staff Night
 13th—Terry Fox Run
 14th—NO SCHOOL - Learning Day
 17th—First day of Preschool classes
 21st—NO SCHOOL—PD Day
 26th & 27th—Mrs. Haggerty's grade 5 class swimming



For the most Up-to-date information, upcoming events, photos and what we are busy doing at St. Anthony School visit our website; stan.starcatholic.ab.ca & our Facebook Page; [StAnthonySchoolDraytonValley](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonySchoolDraytonValley)

Attendance Matters!



Regular school attendance is critical for student success. Good attendance is important for a child's ability to learn, grow and develop social skills. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about themselves and school.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Excused absences are when students are absent from school with a valid excuse and parental approval. Examples of excused absences include:

- Illness
- Medical/Clinical appointments
- Family emergencies
- Other reasons deemed acceptable by the school administrator

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Unexcused absences are when students are absent from school without a valid excuse and without parental approval. Examples of unexcused absences include:

- Bystanding
- Sleeping
- Sleeping in class
- Out-of-town vacation
- Missing the school bus
- Driving errands
- Hair appointments
- Working

WHEN ABSENCES BECOME A CONCERN



SIX MONTHS FROM COMMENCEMENT (SCHOOL CLOSURE)		
Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences	Unexcused Absences
0-5	0-5	0-5
6-10	6-10	6-10
11-15	11-15	11-15
16-20	16-20	16-20
21-25	21-25	21-25
26-30	26-30	26-30
31-35	31-35	31-35
36-40	36-40	36-40
41-45	41-45	41-45
46-50	46-50	46-50
51-55	51-55	51-55
56-60	56-60	56-60

CONSEQUENCES OF ABSENCES

10% Absences
• Meeting occurs between the student and school administration.
• Parents/guardians are notified, stressing the importance of attending school and the consequences of absences.
15% Absences
• Meeting occurs between the student, parent/guardian and school administration.
• An attendance improvement plan is developed. The student is referred to the school's Intervention Support Team.
20% Absences
• Referral to the Division Attendance Officer.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Communicate the importance of regular school attendance to your child.
- Schedule family events with our school calendar in mind.
- Call the school when your child is absent. When possible let the school know in advance that your child will be absent.
- Whenever possible try to make appointments during non-school hours on non-instructional days.
- If your child does not want to go school, find out why and work with your school to address concerns.
- Help your child understand STAR Catholic's attendance procedure.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Attendance in schools is compulsory in Alberta for every individual between the ages of 6 and 16.
- Students who attend school regularly have the opportunity to participate in many fun learning activities which increase the likelihood of successfully completing high school.
- Missing 2 days of school a month or 20 days a year starting in Grade 1 is equivalent to missing a full year of schooling by Grade 10!
- You can access STAR Catholic's Attendance Protocol (PDF 130) on our website.

