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No School Days

8th—Thanksgiving Day

19th—PD Day



For Rural students please also remember to check the Wild Rose School Division for bus updates please go to : <http://wrds.ca/parents/bus-route-status>

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://staratholic.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.



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

St. Anthony STAR

As we enter into the month of October, we focus our attention on the virtue of gratitude. We are so blessed to have publicly funded Catholic schools for our children to attend. We thank God every day for the gift of education and a place to gather to enrich and nurture our future. At this time, we have settled into the rules and routines of school and are beginning to engage in our learning goals, success criteria and meaningful and timely descriptive feedback to ensure that our children have the support they need to succeed. It is essential to keep the communication and support of our children at school and home consistent to ensure success.

Thank you to all of the parents for coming out to our Meet the Staff night. It was a chance to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, and gather in fellowship.

Our School Council has begun their fundraising for this year with our St. Anthony School discount cards. Please consider purchasing one as the money raised from the sale of these cards helps to support classroom field trips, helps to purchase resources for our school that the regular budget does not allow, and provides the funds to bring cultural events to our school. Thank you to those dedicated parents who sit on our School Council and plan and support events in our school. Please consider coming out to the meetings and supporting this group in their efforts.

The Shark Park is complete and students are enjoying their recess time on the amazing new equipment! Thank you to the committee members for their dedicated service in bringing this project to fruition. Unfortunately, the project is slightly over budget and they are continuing to fundraise. If you know of any individuals or businesses within our community who may be interested in donating to this project, please get in touch with one of the committee members or call the school. Thank you for your support over the years in bringing this project to life! It is a tremendous asset to our school and to the community of Drayton Valley.

St. Anthony School no longer collects mandatory school fees, but there are fees which support those "extras" which the school provides. These fees have been approved by the Minister of Education. The \$5.00 technology fee is used to cover access to various software programs which are used to enhance learning in the classroom. RAZ kids is an example of one of these programs, and home access is available. The Student Union fee; \$5.00 for elementary students and \$10.00 for junior high students, is used to support those extra events we have in our school such as winter fun day, water fun day, dances, minute to win it

day, and student recognition to name a few. The money is also used to provide food for our all school barbecues. These are all important activities which help to build school spirit and a sense of community. Please ensure that you have set up an account to pay online, or you have arranged for payment through the office.

During this time of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of our many blessings: a Catholic community which is supportive and positive, a skilled and dedicated staff, and energetic and responsible students. We have so much to be thankful for both at school and within our families and communities. We are sincerely grateful for the teachers at St. Anthony Catholic school for their continued commitment to Catholic education. May each of our families continue to be blessed with the Lord's bountiful goodness and abundant love.

Happy Thanksgiving!

All Done in His Name;

Trish Molzan, Principal



Our students are blessed again this year with Tim Horton's Snack Day, which started on September 13th. Students will receive it every other Thursday for the remainder of the year. Thank you Tim Horton's for providing our students with a bagel, apple and milk, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Classroom Interruptions



We need your help. **Classroom interruptions disrupt the flow of the lesson and make it difficult for students to re-focus on the task at hand.** The office is receiving a number of requests during the day to relay messages to students or to call students from class.

If you are dropping an item off for a student or calling to leave a message for a student, they will be held at the office until morning recess or lunch break.

Although we attempt to ensure all students receive their messages or items dropped off, there are times that students do not respond to these calls and if we receive them after the 12:30pm, we can not guarantee that the student will receive them.

Please assist us by attempting to make all arrangement with your child before he or she leaves for school in the morning.

Only in cases of emergency, we will call into your child's class.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep interruptions to a minimum.

Please Let The Office Know

If your child is going to be late or away from school all or part of the day, please call the office at **780-542-4396** or email kerrie.lemermeyer@starcatholic.ab.ca

Outside of regular business hours (which are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm) or if you get the answering machine, please leave a message.

Your Assistance is greatly appreciated!



Discount Card Fundraiser

Dear Parents;

St. Anthony School is having their annual Discount Card Fundraiser!

This fundraiser is an integral part of ensuring our children are provided with additional opportunities throughout the school year. Last year, some of the funds raised helped provide bussing for class field trips and brought in the Alberta Opera's performance of Jack and the Beanstalk.

The discount card sells for only \$20. This pays for it self when used a few times and is good for one year. It gives you a multiple of discounts as well as great savings at over 20 local businesses that can be used in store or online.

Some of the savings include, \$20 off when you spend \$200 or more at Independent Grocer. 10% off all food purchases at Boston Pizza. Free golf green fees with green fee purchase at the Drayton Valley Golf Club. 10% off best available rate at 5 major hotel chains. And much much more!

Please submit order forms by November 19th, 2018.

Any questions? Contact Andrea Patterson at 780-514-4160

Our Top Sellers will Receive:

1st Place: \$50 Walmart or Canadian Tire Gift Card

2nd Place: \$35 Walmart or Canadian Tire Gift Card

3rd Place: \$15 Walmart or Canadian Tire Gift Card

Every student who sells 5 or more cards gets a special pizza party lunch!

JOCELYN'S INDEPENDENT GROCER
\$20 OFF When You Spend \$200 or More.

JOCELYN'S INDEPENDENT GROCER
\$10 OFF When You Spend \$100 or More.

WINEHOUSE INC.
\$20 OFF When You Spend \$200 or More.

CANADIAN TIRE
\$20 OFF When You Spend \$200 or More.

MR. JIM'S
\$20 OFF When You Spend \$200 or More.

PANAGO PIZZA
\$20 OFF When You Spend \$200 or More.

JOCELYN'S INDEPENDENT GROCER
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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.
- 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

- 1st – ALL pumpkin pie order forms & money due by 3:00pm, Parent Council Meeting, babysitting provided 7:00pm
- 1st 2nd & 3rd - Mrs. Beaulieu/Mrs. Haggerty's grade 5 class swimming
- 2nd – Orange Shirt Day, information can be found @ <http://www.orangeshirtday.org>
- 3rd & 4th – Photo days (see schedule & information on the following page)
- 4th - Mrs. Schatz's grade 5 class swimming
- 5th – Pumpkin pie orders available for pick up 8:20am – 3:30pm, Thanksgiving Celebration @ 11:45 in the gym
- 8th—NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Day
- 9th, 10th & 11th—Mrs. Schatz's grade 5 class swimming
- 11th—Grade 7 & 8 students attending STAR LIGHT Day in Leduc, Tim Horton's Snack Day
- 15th—Mrs. Schatz's grade 5 class swimming
- 16th & 17th - Miss Maduik's grade 6 class swimming
- 18th—School Spirit Day—Mad About Plaid
- 19th—NO SCHOOL—PD Day
- 22nd, 23rd & 24th—Miss Maduik's grade 6 class swimming
- 25th—Tim Horton's Snack Day, Grade 7 & 8 Dance 6:00pm—9:00pm
- 31st—Halloween



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 essential 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 are:

- Illness
 - Medical/Chiropractic appointments
 - Family emergencies
 - Other reasons deemed acceptable by the school administrator
- Unexcused absences are when students are absent from school without a valid excuse, without parental approval. Examples of unexcused absences include:
- Truancy
 - Missing Class
 - Staying in
 - Out of home location
 - Missing the school bus
 - Being late
 - Missing assignments
 - Missing

WHEN ABSENCES BECOME A CONCERN



Number of Absences	Consequence
1-5	Parental notification
6-10	Referral to the Intervention Support Team
11-15	Referral to the School Administrator
16-20	Referral to the Division Office
21 or more	Referral to the Division Office

CONSEQUENCES OF ABSENCES

Percentage of Absences	Consequence
10% Absences	Meeting with the student, parent/guardian and school administrator. Parents/guardians are notified, discussing the importance of attending school and the consequences of absences.
15% Absences	Meeting with the student, parent/guardian and school administrator. An attendance improvement plan is developed. The student is referred to the school's Intervention Support Team.
20% Absences	Referral to the Division Office.

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 school is compulsory in Alberta for every individual between the ages of 6 and 16.

Students who attend school regularly have the opportunity to participate more fully in learning activities which increases 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 (AP 110) on our website.



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All photos will be taken in the Seminar Room

Wednesday October 3rd

Mon/Wed Preschool

Full Time Kindergarten

Grade 1 Miss Canuel

Mrs. Clarke

Mrs. Liske

Grade 2 Mrs. Bendfeld

Mrs. Marshall

Grade 3 Mrs. Prentice/Mr. Naugle

Mrs. Shearer

Grade 4 Mr. Swap

Mr. Johnson

Grade 5 Mrs. McConnell

Mrs. Schatz

Any students/staff that missed earlier or will be away tomorrow

Thursday October 4th

Tues/Thurs Preschool

Tues/Thurs Kindergarten

Grade 5 Mrs. Beaulieu

Grade 6 Miss Maduik

Grade 7 Mrs. Schneider

Mr. Leggo

Grade 8 Mrs. Cameron

3 Year Old Preschool

Any students/staff that missed earlier or were away yesterday

Photo Retake Day is November 6th

See Before You Buy!

- 1 Picture Day
- 2 Proofs printed & sent home with your child
- 3 Review & purchase



Picture Day is: Mark your calendar!

We have switched to the Proof Program with Lifetouch. All students will have their photo taken. Parents preview the images with our high quality proof sheet before deciding what to purchase.

Do not send money to school with your child/children on Photo Day.

Shutterfly

ENJOY A FREE 8x8 PHOTO BOOK

WHEN YOU ORDER ONLINE AT MYLIFETOUCH.CA AFTER PICTURE DAY!

Some images or features not available. See Shutterfly.ca for more details.

Tips for a Great Picture:

Plan a favourite outfit

Avoid slogans, logos and big patterns.

Any hairstyle works

If you like, plan a haircut ahead of time.

It's okay to wear glasses

Photographers know how to reduce glare.

Most importantly, be yourself!

Questions? 1-866-457-8212

Remember every age and every stage.

EVERY SCHOOL PICTURE TELLS A STORY.



MyFamily Rewards

Earn & save! Join MyFamily Rewards when you order online after Picture Day.

Captivating Moments



Magician...
Rodzilla



Our grade 8 class on Spirit Day – wearing their favorite color from head to toe

