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No School Days

4th—PD Day

14th—Thanksgiving Day

25th—Learning Day

Bell Schedule

8:20	Doors Open
8:35	Bell, Registration &
8:45—9:24	Block 1
9:24—10:03	Block 2
10:03—	Morning Recess
10:23—	Nutrition Break
10:32—	Block 3
11:11—	Block 4
11:50—	Block 5
12:29—	Lunch Recess
12:49—1:09	Prayer/Lunch
1:09—1:48	Block 6
1:48—2:27	Block 7
2:27—3:06	Block 8
3:06	Dismissal



**Parent Council
News;**

St. Anthony school
will once again be
doing the Savings
Card Fundraiser,
please watch for
more information
regarding this
amazing fundraiser.



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

St. Anthony STAR Message from the Principal

As we enter into the month of October, we focus our attention on the virtue of gratitude. We have so much to be grateful for! The gift of publicly funded Catholic education allows us to encompass the teachings of Jesus in our daily routines. We are blessed with amazing students who love and care for each other, and a supportive parent community. We look forward to our year together!

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 the Costco pumpkin pie sales. Our St. Anthony School discount cards will also be coming out soon. Please consider purchasing one as the money raised from the sale of these fundraisers 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. New members are always welcome!

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. 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.

As we approach Thanksgiving weekend, let us be thankful for all that we have, and remember to help those who are not as fortunate.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Halloween Activities:

Halloween Day Students will arrive at school with their costumes on. We will begin the day with morning prayer in the gym followed by a costume parade for all students. Please remember that we are a Catholic School and we do have young children, so we ask that costumes be tasteful and conservative. No masks or weapons please. We ask that each student bring a non-perishable food item for our food bank collection. There will be a Junior High Dance from 1:00—3:00 p.m.

All Done in His Name;

Trish Melzan, Principal

- ◇ 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), if you get the answering machine, please leave a detailed message.
- ◇ 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. ALL doors other than the front door will remain locked during the school day.
- ◇ **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 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.
- ◇ 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.



1st - Miss Maduik's class swimming

2nd & 3rd – Photo days (please see page 4 for schedule)

***All students will be photographed, once office receives proofs they will be sent home with student and you will be able to review proofs & order online.**

4th – NO SCHOOL – PD Day

10th – Comic Book Fair, Mrs. Schneider's class swimming, Tim Horton's Snack Day

11th – Thanksgiving Celebration 1:30 in the gym, Pie pick up 2:30-4:00

14th – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Day

15th, 16th, 17th - Mrs. Schneider's class swimming

17th—"Mind up Curriculum" with Miiss Clarkin 6:00 pm

18th - Adoration, St. Anthony Spirit Wear Day

21st—Mrs. Schneider's class swimming

22nd—Grade 7 & 8 students attending WE Day, Mr. Johnson's class swimming

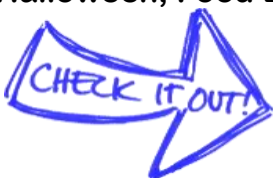
23rd—Mr. Johnson's class swimming

24th—Mr. Johnson's class swimming, Tim Horton's Snack Day

25th—NO SCHOOL—Learning Day

28th—Mr. Johnson's class swimming

31st—Halloween, Food Bank collection, Junior High Dance from 1:00—3:00 p.m.



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)

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Your Assistance is greatly appreciated!

From our Family School Liason Worker

Hello Parents! My name is Abby Clarkin and I am the Family School Liaison Worker at St. Anthony School. I work with students, your children, to help them learn new skills, build a tool box, and practice new skills that relate to their emotional well being. I try my best to assist kids learn to be emotional regulated here at school. I also advocate for your children, and your families. I am here to help you, your child or your entire family get connected in the community to the correct resources... that could mean KidSport (financial support for extra curricular activities), the foodbank, a therapist or a doctor, parenting programs... and anything else you might need. My goal is that with a little bit of help from me every single St. Anthony family feels supported.

One of my tasks this year is teaching a program in EVERY SINGLE health class. This program is called Mind Up. The curriculum is research based and uses the latest information about the brain to improve behaviour and learning. Each lesson offers strategies for helping students focus their attention, improve their self-regulation skills, build resilience to stress, and develop a positive mindset in both school and life!

I would love to invite ALL parents in for an evening to learn more about the Mind Up Curriculum, me, and what we are doing at St. Anthony School to improve children's moods!

Thursday October 17th, 6:00 pm in the St Anthony School Student Lounge.

I look forward to meeting you all!



All photos will be taken in the Seminar Room

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!**

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- *Review proofs & order online

Wednesday October 2nd

Mon/Wed Preschool
Mon/Wed Kindergarten
Full Time Kindergarten
Grade 1 Mrs. Clarke
Grade 1 Mrs. Wessel
Grade 1/2 Mrs. Mallory
Grade 2 Mrs. Colwell
Grade 2 Mrs. Nelson
Grade 3 Mr. Naugle/Mrs. Marshall
Grade 3 Mr. Swap
Grade 4 Mrs. Lefebvre
Grade 4 Mrs. Shearer

Any students that missed earlier in the day or will be away tomorrow

Thursday October 3rd

Tues/Thurs Preschool
Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
Grade 5 Mr. Johnson
Grade 5 Mrs. J. Molzan
Grade 6 Miss Maduik
Grade 6 Mrs. Schneider
Grade 7 Mrs. Joevenazzo
Grade 7 Mr. Leggo
Grade 8 Mrs. Cameron
Grade 8 Mrs. Marshall
3 Year Old Preschool
Any students that missed earlier in the day or were away yesterday

Retake Day is November 5th for ALL Grades



Students in grades 3—8 will have scheduled time to attend with their class.

Students in Kindergarten—grade 2 are more than welcome to attend with their parents during the lunch hour or after school till 3:45 pm.



Our students are blessed again this year with Tim Horton's Snack Day, which started on September 12th. 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.

Captivating Moments



Tim Horton's
Smile Cookies



Zumba Parking
Lot Party



Terry
Fox
Walk



Orange Shirt Day



Girls Volleyball action

