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**No School
Days**

**6th—Teachers
Institute Day
23rd—January 3rd
Christmas Vacation**



St. Anthony school council wanted to take a moment during this busy season of giving, to thank those who contributed to the success of our annual Winter Wonderland Fair. With the help of the many sponsors, volunteers, participants and guests the Winter Wonderland Fair was a huge success. We wish you all very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! From the staff and students at St. Anthony School a tremendous "Thank You" to our Parent Council for all the work invested in making our Winter Wonderland Fair a huge success!



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St. Anthony STAR

As we plan for the greatest birthday party of all, our school will be filling up with decorations and our calendar is filling up with events to prepare our hearts for Jesus. We will start off the first week of Advent with our wreath blessing celebration on Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:00, reminding us to enter the season with hope and anticipation. Each day we will join together to hear the messages of peace, joy and love.

We would like to thank all parents for making it out to Parent Teacher Interviews. We value the time and commitment you devote to your children's learning.

Father Jaya will be in the school on December 10th in the morning for the sacrament of Reconciliation, helping us to celebrate the Christmas season with hearts that have been cleansed.

Our annual Living Nativity presentation will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please come out and participate in this magical event. It is one of my favorites!

Our Christmas Concerts will be held on Tuesday, December 17th and Wednesday, December 18th at 2:00 & 7:00 in the gym. Doors will open at 6:30 and students are asked to be in their classrooms at 6:45. Please see the note which indicates which evening your children are performing. We are raffling off front row seating and parking (each will have 3 seats, one parking spot and 3 bottles of water) for \$5.00. You can purchase raffle tickets at the Winter Wonderland or at the school office after December 6th.

Our Winter Wonderland Fair is taking place on Friday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. This is a major fundraising event for our school council. The money they raise provides the bussing for one field trip per grade, and helps to pay for other school events and items needed to enhance programs in the school. Please try to contribute to the theme baskets that each class is putting together. Spread the news to your friends! It is a wonderful family evening!

Finally, thank you to all those who use the crosswalk in the morning and evening. We do our best to teach your children to be safe when crossing the street. We ask that all parents try to model this behavior for our students by also using the crosswalk to cross the road. As the roads become slippery, it can be difficult for vehicles to stop, and it is often hard to see our youngsters when they come out from between vehicles along the parking lot. Please help us to keep the students safe!

All Done in His Name;

Trish Molzan, Principal



**Christmas
Giving**

The "Giving tree" will be set up in the front foyer of the school. Let's fill the tree with toques, mittens, scarves and gloves, for those less fortunate.



The Junior High Awards assembly was held November 29th.
The following students received "Principal's Honor Roll" awards.

Grade 7:

Rhianne Balarao, Destiny Bennett, Jacob Haazen, Dawson Henry,
Sean Huseby, Peyton Jeffery, Amy Lang, Jasmin Lemus,
Preslie Magnuson, Abigail Mallory, Nathan Martel,
Mikahla Meade, Moira Nadeau, Sara Neal, Skyler Quintos,
Dakota-Lee Sinnett and Claire Unger

Grade 8:

Madison Brown, Jillian Buys, Curtis Duffy, Chloe Ekman,
Geordi Erazo, David Hanson, Nolan Koethler, Hailee Mayr,
Karen Rominick, Hailey Sheeler, Christabel Townsend,
Julian Unger, Adam Webb, Kale Wilson and Trinity Wirth

The following students received Christian Spirit awards
at the assembly

Grade 7: Dawson Henry

Grade 8: Curtis Duffy

Way to go everyone!

What Are the



Colors of Advent?

Advent is the first season on the Christian calendar. It is a time of preparation. This is true both of the secular world and the Christian world. Yes, there's all the shopping and pictures with Santa, but the real meaning has nothing to do with either.

There are several tools you can use to show what Advent means and to prepare your child for the religious part of Christmas. One of them is an Advent wreath. Every Sunday, we light the appropriate candles and read the sections of the story relevant to that Sunday.

At the onset of Advent, evergreen boughs, wreaths and trees are displayed in churches. This green is to symbolize the promise of life brought on by the birth of Jesus Christ.

Traditionally, holly was also displayed with the evergreen decorations, which is why the colors red and green are associated with Christmas.

Purple has traditionally been the primary color of Advent, symbolizing repentance and fasting. Purple is also the color of royalty, demonstrating the anticipation and reception of the coming King. Today, however, many churches have begun to use **blue** instead of purple, as a means of distinguishing Advent from Lent.

Pink (or **rose**) is also one of the colors of Advent used during the third Sunday. It represents joy or rejoicing and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration.

White is the color of the center Advent candle, representing purity. Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Savior. Also, those who receive Christ as Savior are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.

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.



Know the status of your child's
STAR Catholic Bus.*
Info on bus delays, cancellations,
impact of weather at your fingertips!

Available on the App Store | Get it on Google Play
*More information on the STAR Catholic Bus App at www.starcatholic.ab.ca
*App doesn't apply to buses operated by other school divisions.



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

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.



Please use the crosswalk at the front of the school to ensure student safety. We do our best to keep traffic moving, but it is difficult for drivers to navigate the parking lot when there are people crossing from many different areas. Adults we need to ensure we are modelling the procedures we expect our children to follow when we are not with them.

thank
you!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, to all students, parents and staff who came and supported the St. Anthony School Book Fair. This money will go towards the purchase of books for our library and class room libraries. Also, we can not thank Mrs. Gramlich enough for all of her hard work and dedication to make the Book Fair such a huge success!

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you!



Need Christmas gift ideas for your children?? Why not get them St. Anthony Spirit Wear!

It's easy...go to <https://stanthonysschool.entripyshops.com/>

Just click the + button in the top left corner to register and you are on your way to custom ordering your St. Anthony School Spirit Wear!

Don't have enough in orders to qualify for free shipping...how about go together with another family and save yourself the shipping fee!



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 25 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.



2nd—Mrs. J Molzan's grade 5 class swimming

3rd—Mrs. Lefebvre's grade 4 class swimming, Advent Wreath Blessing 10:00am in the gym

4th—Mrs. Lefebvre's grade 4 class swimming

5th—Mrs. Lefebvre's grade 4 class swimming, Tim Horton's Snack Day

6th—NO SCHOOL—Institute Day, Winter Wonderland Fair & Bake Sale 5:00pm—8:00pm in the gym

9th—Mrs. Lefebvre's grade 4 class swimming

10th—Mrs. Lefebvre's grade 4 class swimming, Penitential Service 10:00am in the gym

11th—Living Nativity in back parking lot; 2:00pm & 7:00pm

12th—Elementary grades Christmas Fun Swim

13th—Adoration

17th—Junior High grades Christmas Fun Swim, Christmas Concert Performances Kindergarten—Grade 6 (see pg. 6 for schedule)

18th—Mon/Wed 4 y/o Preschool Christmas Concert @ 9:30am, Christmas Concert Performances Kindergarten—Grade 6 (see pg. 6 for schedule)

19th—Tue/Thur 4 y/o Preschool Christmas Concert @ 9:30am, Tim Horton's Snack Day

20th—Spirit Day - Christmas Wear Day, Elementary & Junior High Christmas Dances

23rd—January 3th—NO SCHOOL—Christmas Vacation



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)

Captivating Moments



Congratulations to all students who received Elementary Recognition awards on November 4th



Thank you ATB for the donation that will go towards enhancing school events.



Remembrance Day Ceremony



Enjoying the wonderful November weather



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St. Anthony School presents...

Follow A Star

Christmas concerts will take place over two days (please see the schedule below for the date your child/children will be performing), with an afternoon performance at 2:00 pm (doors will open @ 1:30 pm) and an evening performance at 7:00 pm (doors will open @ 6:30 pm) on each of the dates. For the evening performances, please have students at the school in their classrooms nicely dressed and ready to perform by 6:40 pm.

Tuesday December 17th

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Part-Time Kindergarten classes (both)

Grade 1 Mrs. Wessel

Grade 2 Mrs. Colwell

Grade 3 Mr. Naugle

Grade 4 Mrs. Shearer

Grade 5 Mrs. J. Molzan

Grade 6 Mrs. Schneider

Wednesday December 18th

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Full-Time Kindergarten

Grade 1 Mrs. Clarke

Grade 1/2 Mrs. Mallory

Grade 2 Mrs. Nelson

Grade 3 Mr. Swap

Grade 4 Mrs. Lefebvre

Grade 5 Mr. Johnson

Grade 6 Miss Maduik

Starting Friday December 6th at the Winter Wonderland Fair, we will be selling raffle tickets at the office & at the Winter Wonderland Fair, for 2 draws per evening performance, in which the winner of each draw will receive 1—front row parking spot, 3—front row seats and 3—Bottles of water to enjoy! Tickets are \$5.00 each and all proceeds from the raffle will go Parent Councils to use towards new technology for students and sound system for the gymnasium. Draws will be made Friday December 13th @ 3:00pm, all winners will be notified.

The Living Nativity

St. Anthony School

Wednesday December 11th, 2019

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

In the back parking lot of the school.



preschool Christmas Concerts

December 18th -
Mon/Wed 4 y/o @ 9:30 am

December 19th -
Tue/Thur 4 y/o @ 9:30 am



From the staff at St. Anthony School;

May Jesus always be your joy, your hope, your song and may this Christmas and each day of the new year be directed by His guiding hand of love!

