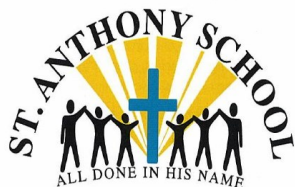




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With Christ as our foundation, St. Anthony school community is dedicated to sharing our faith through learning and service.

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No School Days

6th - PD Day

30th—PD Day



Daylight Savings Time begins March 8th, 2020

St. Anthony STAR

Merciful God,

Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days

Bearing the mark of ashes,

And bless our journey through the desert of Lent.

May our fasting be hunger for justice;

Our alms, a making of peace;

Our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,

For in his cross you proclaim your love

For ever and ever. Amen.

Greetings parents and guardians and welcome to March, another fun filled month of learning and growing here at St. Anthony! The promise of spring is around the corner, but it does not feel that way just yet! Our one sure sign of spring is Lent. In our Catholic Church Lent is a time to focus on our relationship with God.

Lent is a 40-day period of preparation for the Easter Sunday and one of the major seasons of the Catholic Church. It is a penitential season marked by prayer, fasting and abstinence, and almsgiving.

I would like to thank our Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's League and parent volunteers who provided us with a fabulous pancake lunch for Shrove Tuesday. We are truly blessed to have our parish community and parents involved in the lives of our students! Without you, these activities would not be possible. THANK YOU!

To begin the Lenten season, our students travelled to St. Anthony Parish for our Ash Wednesday liturgy. Thank you to Father Jaya for celebrating with us.

Our teachers are busy preparing the students' report cards and they will be sent home on Thursday, March 19th. Information regarding student led conferences for elementary classes and interviews for junior high will come home with student report cards. We look forward to sharing your children's learning at that time.

Wish you all a blessed Lenten season as we prepare our hearts for the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

All Done in His Name;

Mrs. Trish Molzan, Principal

Second term report cards will be coming home on March 19th.



Student-Led Conferences for students in Kindergarten – Grade 6, will be March 25th & March 26th from 4:30 pm—6:15 pm.

Teachers will also be doing Parent Teacher Interviews 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

Instructions will be included in your child's report card on how to book a Parent Teacher Interview.

Please plan to come in and celebrate your child's learning with them as it is a wonderful opportunity to see first-hand the curriculum that your child is learning.



Parent Teacher Interviews for students in Grades 7 & 8; will be March 25th & March 26th from 4:30 pm—7:30 pm.

Instructions will be included in your child's report card on how to book a Parent Teacher Interview.

Please take this opportunity to find out how your child is doing.



We are now accepting Preschool—Grade 8 registrations for the 2020-2021 school year.

Registration forms are available at the school office and online @ 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, 2020. *4 year old Preschool students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2020. *Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2020.

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

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

Captivating Moments

Preschool Valentine's Day fun



Thunder players join us for Valentine's Day activities.



Snowshoeing on a beautiful day

Grade 7 Ski Trip to Rabbit Hill



Grades 5, 7 & 8 Skating



100th Day



Thank you to the Knight of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, all the volunteers and the staff at St. Anthony School for making Shrove Tuesday a huge success, Pancakes and the trimmings were enjoyed by all.





Pink Shirt Day



Running Room Indoor Games



Archery Invitational



Ash Wednesday Liturgy



Congratulations to all our February Elementary Award recipients who received awards on February 28th.

See what's NEW at the SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**St. Anthony School
Book Fair
is coming to the
LIBRARY!**

Monday March 23rd - Thursday March 26th 10:00am—3:30pm
&
Wednesday March 25th & Thursday March 26th 4:30pm—7:30pm
during Student Led Conferences/Parent Teacher Interviews



All purchases benefit our school!



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Wednesday, March 4, 2020
6:15pm-7:30pm
+ St. Anthony School
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Please contact Paula Breittkreuz (780)986-2500
to register before February 28th.
Note: You did not have to attend previous sessions in order to attend this one.
This is the third of four sessions we will offer to parents interested in learning about the different types of manipulatives used by your child in developing math skills and understanding. The third session will focus on Base 10 Blocks and Algebra tiles. Not sure what they are and how they fit into math - come and join us, roll up your sleeves and have some learning fun! The session is appropriate for parents with students at all grade levels. Pre-registration is required. Limited to 30 spots.
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SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY





Important Parent/Guardian Information:

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

- ◇ 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 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.
- ◇ 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— Boys basketball playoff vs Buck Mountain after school in the gym, Girls basketball playoff game @ HW Pickup

3rd—Girls basketball practice after school

10th—Penitential Service

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12th—Tim Horton's Snack Day, Provincial Archery Tournament @ Edmonton Expo Centre

17th—St. Patrick's Day, School Spirit Day—Green Day

19th—Second Term Report Cards sent home

20th—Adoration, grade 3's & grade 4's skating

23rd—Mrs. Nelson's grade 2 class swimming, Parent Council Meeting 7:00 pm, babysitting provided

24th—Mrs. Nelson's grade 2 class swimming

25th—Mrs. Nelson's grade 2 class swimming, student-led conferences/parent-teacher interviews 4:30-7:30

26th—Tim Horton's snack day, Mrs. Nelson's grade 2 class swimming

27th—Elementary Recognition Awards, Jr High Recognition Awards, Grade 3's & Grade 4's skating

30th—NO SCHOOL—PD Day

31st—Mrs. Nelson's grade 2 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)