



St. Anthony STAR

Dear Parents and Guardians:

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

**4th & 5th—
Teachers' Convention**

12th—PD Day

15th—Family Day

16th—Teacher Only Day



Pink Shirt Day is on February 24th. St. Anthony School would like to encourage all students to wear pink to show their support to end bullying and promote healthy relationships.

Let's show that St. Anthony School is working together to stick up to bullying.

It is hard to believe that February is already upon us and we are at the midpoint in the school year. It is a blessing to see that the days are getting longer and we have been able to enjoy the beauty of winter with the warm temperatures God has given us. During the month of February we are called to live out our Gospel values and to use our God given talents and gifts in ways that help better this world and others. Each one of us has the ability to have a positive impact on others through our words and actions. Mother Teresa's words help to underscore the importance of striving to bring love and kindness into all that we do. Each small gesture of kindness has a ripple effect.

***"Let no one ever come to you without leaving everyone better and happier.
Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face,
kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile,
kindness in your warm greeting."***

February is also a hectic month with Professional Development days and Family Day. Please take the time to review the school calendar which is available on our website. We also post these days on our Facebook page.

Students from grades 4 through 7 will be completing surveys during the month of February. These surveys provide valuable information in our school planning, show us areas where we are successful and areas that require improvement and our attention. We are proud of our Catholic school and the accomplishments we have achieved and look forward to achieving.

As Catholics, we all know that "Valentine's day" wasn't invented by the greeting card or chocolate selling companies- it's the feast day of St. Valentine! It is widely recognized as a day for love, and devotion. While it seems that the exchange of "valentines" is more the result of secular custom rather than the memory of St. Valentine, there is a Christian message that should be remembered. The love of our Lord, depicted beautifully in the image of His most Sacred Heart, is a sacrificial, self-less, and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his or her own life, for God and neighbor. On this coming Valentine's day, let's not forget that Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12-13). In regards to the exchange of valentines, please be sure to follow the guidelines that were sent home via School Messenger.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that I let you know that I have made the difficult decision to retire at the end of this school year. I am truly blessed to have been able to work with such amazing children, staff and parents. I have loved spending the past 26 years as a teacher, then as an administrator of St. Anthony School, and the past 36 years as an educator. It brings me great pleasure to have so many children of former students here at St. Anthony School and to have made connections with so many wonderful families in our school community. I will truly miss this home away from home, but the time has come for me to move into the next phase of my life. Thank you all for your support over the years, and especially during this current year with the challenges we have faced. I can't think of a better place to have spent the past 26 years!

All Done in His Name;

Mrs. Trish Molzan, Principal



Please ensure your child/children come to school with proper winter wear. Warm coats, ski pants, mittens toques and boots.

Indoor recess will only happen if the local temperature is -25°C or colder, or if the temperature and wind chill factor combined are -25 C or colder.

All students are expected to be joining their classes outside during recess.



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 8:15 am as there is no supervision and the doors do not open until **8:15 am**.
- ◇ All students arriving after the morning bell or leaving school property before the dismissal bell, 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.



3rd—World Read Aloud Day

4th & 5th – **NO SCHOOL** Teacher Convention

11th—School Spirit Day - Let's spread some Valentine's love and laughs!

12th—**NO SCHOOL** PD Day

15th—**NO SCHOOL** Family Day

16th – **NO SCHOOL** Teachers Only Day

17th—Ash Wednesday

22nd—Virtual School Council Meeting 7:00 pm



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)

St. Anthony School



We are now accepting Preschool—Grade 8 registrations for the 2021-2022 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, 2021. *4 year old Preschool students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2021. *Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2021.

If you already have a child/children currently enrolled @ St. Anthony School in Kindergarten-Grade 8, they are automatically registered for the 2021-2022 school year.