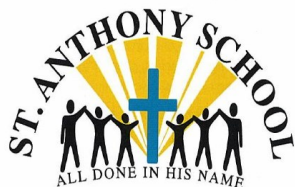




March 2021



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

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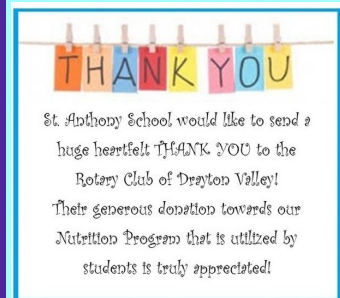
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No School Days

5th – **NO SCHOOL**—PD Day

22nd – **NO SCHOOL**—PD Day



St. Anthony STAR

"Lent is a journey that involves our whole life, our entire being. It is a time to reconsider the path we are taking, to find the route that leads us home and to rediscover our profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends." (Pope Francis, Homily, 01/17/21)

In his homily on Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis invites us to look to a bigger picture of the journey of Lent. It is not only a journey into the desert with Jesus as he prepares to go to Jerusalem for his ultimate sacrifice. Our Holy Father invites us to look more deeply upon the journey of Lent as one where we commit our lives to always returning to God, his love, and his mercy. The Pope shares that through the gift of the person of Jesus, God came to us so that he could take us by the hand and lead us towards the joy of salvation.

Your children are focused on their academics and are working very hard. We know that it is difficult not being in the building and seeing how well they are doing. We are very proud of the students here at St. Anthony School.

Report Cards are being completed and you will receive them on March 18; Parent Teacher Conferences will be held via Google Meet or phone again on March 24 and 25th. Watch for the link to sign up.

Thank you for your efforts in supporting us here at the school by keeping your children home if they are exhibiting symptoms of illness. I do believe that this has helped in keeping COVID out of our school.

We continue to pray for brighter days ahead. I leave you with a final thought from Pope Francis' beautiful Ash Wednesday homily: *"Lent is a humble descent both inwards and towards others. It is about realizing that salvation is not an ascent to glory, but a descent in love."*

Many blessings on your continued journey.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mrs. Trish Molzan, Principal

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.

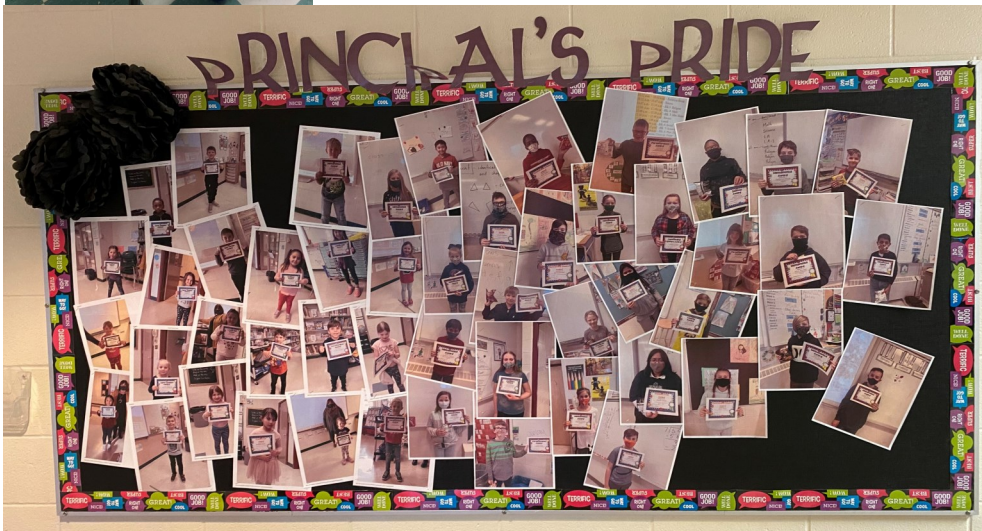
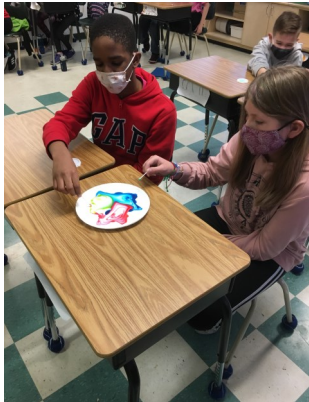
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Pink Shirt Day



Mrs. Schatz's grade five's did Surface Tension experiments while rocking their pink shirts.

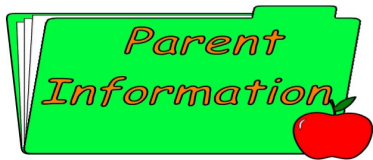


Congratulations to all of our January Elementary Recognition Award recipients.



100 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 8:15 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.



5th – **NO SCHOOL** Teachers Only Day

15th—Virtual School Council Meeting 7:00 pm

14th—Spring Ahead, Daylight Savings Time begins

15th—19th—Rainbow Week; see information below

18th—Second Term Report Cards sent home

22nd – **NO SCHOOL** Teachers Only Day

24th & 25th—Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 pm— 7:30 pm; see information below



Sighting a rainbow has long been believed to be a promise of good things to come. This commonly stems from God's promise in the Bible (Genesis 9:13). Rainbows can also symbolize hope and promise.

To celebrate this symbol of our faith, combined with its symbolism during St. Patrick's Day, we will be celebrating a rainbow week beginning on March 15th!

Monday, March 15—Taste the Rainbow (rainbow lunch)

Today students are encouraged to pack a healthy lunch using the colors of the rainbow as inspiration!

Tuesday, March 16—School Yard Rainbows

Today students will be spending some time outside coloring in and on our school yard!

Wednesday, March 17—Wear the Rainbow

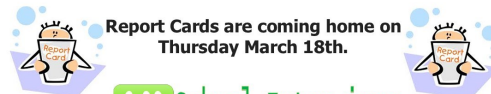
Try your best to dress in the colors of the rainbow!

Thursday, March 18—Rainbow Science and Stories

Today students will engage in science activities and/or stories about rainbows!

Friday, March 19—Rainbow Creation

Today students will be completing a rainbow art project!



Parent Teacher interviews will be: March 24th & 25th from 4:30pm – 7:30pm.

The Site will open for bookings @ 9:00 am on March 17th.

You will have the option to select "Phone" or "Virtual" Interviews

Go to www.stan.starcatholic.ab.ca, click on [click here to book Parent Teacher Interviews](#)

and enter the code **5rhat** and press 'Go'

Interviews are strictly 8 minutes only. This will allow for technical issues.

It is vital that parents/guardians keep to this schedule.

For **GOOGLE MEETS**: you will receive an email or Remind message with the link.

You will need to click on that Google MEET LINK at your scheduled appointment time, no earlier.

For **PHONE INTERVIEWS**: your teacher will call you, please have your phone nearby at your appt time.

Be sure to give the best phone # you can be reached at your scheduled appointment time.

Teachers may be calling from numbers without any caller ID (Blocked numbers).

Junior High parents/guardians please note:

Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Joevenazzo Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Nelson & Mr. Leggo will all meet **together**

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



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](#)