



# St. Anne Catholic School Newsletter

*Inspire the Mind and Nurture the Soul*

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### Important Dates to Remember:

- Catholic School Council — October 3, 2017
- Thanksgiving Mass — October 17, 2017
- School Pictures — October 5, 2017
- Spirit Day — October 20, 2017

## Paying Fees Online—No Credit Card Needed

by Mr. Mathieu

There are many advantages to paying school fees online, and we strongly encourage all our families to do so. Manually receiving fees for hundreds of students every day, which involves counting cash, processing cheques, entering records, and preparing deposits is no easy task and wastes a lot of our resources in the office.

Some of the many benefits of paying online include: more streamlined and efficient method of payment collection, reduced administration effort in time, personnel, and phone calls, better security for the school with less cash on the premises, better security for students as they don't need to carry cash, convenience for parents who can pay online 24/7, no more worrying about when your cheque will be cashed, no more bounced cheques, and more time for teachers in the classroom with students instead of spending large amounts of time collecting and counting money.

Important features of paying online include that parents can pay by debit or credit card, the

system displays all expenses available for payment online, payments are automatically recorded and receipts are automatically provided, and parents always receive an e-mail when there is a new item to purchase. No more lost notes, no more lost money in the bottom of your child's school bag.

A big misconception some parents have shared with us is that a credit card is required to pay fees online. That is **absolutely not** the case. Parents who pay online have the choice to use a credit card or have the money taken directly out of their bank account, just like you would with using a debit card. All you need is your transit, branch, and account numbers. Your bank can provide this information. New this month, you can also pay with your VISA and MASTERCARD debit cards.

We strongly encourage you to set up online banking to pay for school fees. If you need assistance, please call the school and we will be pleased to walk you through it.

## Regular Attendance

Why is it so important?

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When students are absent for fewer days, their grades and reading skills often improve—even among those students who are struggling in school. Students who attend school regularly also feel more connected to their community, develop important social skills and friendships, and are significantly more likely to graduate from high school, setting them up for a strong future. The early elementary years – from kindergarten through third grade – are particularly important ones in children's schooling. Parents and teachers know that children acquire new skills and knowledge rapidly during these years. Moreover, the outcomes of early elementary education, particularly whether or not a child can read proficiently by third grade, are a powerful predictor of later school and life outcomes.



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Our motto, "Inspire the Mind and Nurture the Soul," helps us keep an open heart for everyone.



This year, students have the option of taking private piano and guitar lessons right here at the school during the instructional day. If you are interested in this opportunity, please call the school for more information.

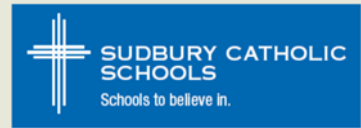
## Why Is It Important To Do Homework? Let's Talk.

Homework does serve an important educational purpose and it's helpful for parents to encourage a healthy attitude to homework from an early age.

Going to school all day is enough for some children, so coming home and having to do more work isn't much fun. However as much as they hate homework, it is an important

part of their education and learning. It can be hard work talking children into sitting down and dutifully doing any homework they've been set, but in the long run it's definitely worth persisting with it. At the beginning of the school year, ask about your child's teacher's homework routine. You need to know what kind of homework will be set and the expectations of your input.

*Having the responsibility of needing to meet deadlines promotes self-discipline, an attribute which will impact on school work and beyond.*



School pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 5 by Edge Imaging. It is very important that students make a special effort to be present on this day to avoid delays in receiving school pictures. A reminder will be sent to parents the week prior to Picture Day.

Think about a few basics ahead of time, such as bringing a hair brush to school with you for quick touch-ups and limiting exposure to the sun a few days before Picture Day. Other things to keep in mind include checking your hair and shirt collar at camera time, practicing your smile, remembering good posture, and relaxing and smiling at the camera as if it's your best friend. Say cheese!

### ALWAYS PACK A FORK OR SPOON!

A reminder to all students and parents that the school does not provide plastic forks and spoons for lunches. While we will always do our best to help a student in need, we strongly recommend that parents provide cutlery in lunch bags.

## What Parents Can Do to Prevent Bullying

Addressing the signs of bullying early, before the behaviour and its impact get worse, is important to creating a safe and caring school and community.

As a parent, you can help to prevent bullying by teaching your children how to:

- be caring of others
- get along
- deal with angry feelings
- be assertive without being aggressive in standing up for themselves

Children need to understand how important it is to report bullying. Parents can help by encouraging children to talk about what is hap-

pening at school, in their neighbourhoods, on the bus, etc.

As well, it is important to teach children the difference between telling and tattling.

- Tattling is reporting to an adult about someone else's behaviour in order to get them in trouble.
- Telling is reporting to a responsible adult about someone else's behaviour in order to help someone – themselves or someone else.

When something goes wrong at school, children need to know where they can turn for guidance and support, and what action to expect. Listen carefully to your children and report bullying to the school.

# Faith and Life

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## Compassion

*How can our language be healing?*

*Do you remember the saying, “Sticks and stones may break our bones, but words will never hurt us”? The fact that we all remember spoken words that have hurt us proves that this saying is far from the truth. In fact, Robert Fulghum has a more accurate saying: “Sticks and stones may break our bones, but words will break our hearts.” Spoken words of kindness are often forgotten, but words of hurt are branded upon our hearts in a way that can remain with us forever.*

*The Bible tells us to speak words of kindness to each other. In Ephesians 4:29, St. Paul says, “Do not let even one bad word come from your mouth, but only good words that will encourage . . .” We should never underestimate the power of our words. When talking to our children, we should use only positive language. Additionally, let them see us only speaking kindly about others. It’s true that we teach who we are. We need to teach our children that we are like Jesus. We can’t let our words break hearts; we need to let them heal!*

### How can we communicate compassionately with our children?

- Use encouraging language
- Recognize our children’s full potential, and encourage them to reach it
- Make our homes a supportive, safe, and loving place

Within our families, how can we infuse our relationships with more compassion? What steps can we take to make our communication more pleasing to God?



### LITURGICAL CALENDAR




















- 1 St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- 2 Guardian Angels
- 4 St. Francis of Assisi
- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 15 St. Teresa of Avila
- 16 St. Gerard Majella
- 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch
- 18 St. Luke
- 19 St. Isaac Jogues, St. John de Brébeuf & Companions (U.S. date)
- 20 St. Paul of the Cross
- 23 St. John of Capistrano
- 28 St. Simon & St. Jude

### PRAYER

*Dear Lord, help our family to truly believe in Your great love for us. It is awesome that You have each of our names inscribed in the palms of Your hands! (Psalm 49:16) Help us to be forgiving, embracing, nurturing, tender, and gentle. God of compassion and love, help us to choose words that encourage and build up. We love and praise You, Lord, for Your goodness and mercy toward us, and we offer this prayer through the intercession of Your mother, who was the perfect example of compassion and love.*

AMEN



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2017</h1>			 <b>St. Anne Catholic School</b> Mr. G. Mathieu - Principal Miss J. Comisso - Vice-Principal Tel.: (705) 969-2101 Fax.: (705) 969-2851 <a href="http://st-anne.scdsb.edu.on.ca">st-anne.scdsb.edu.on.ca</a> 			
<b>1</b> Faith	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Catholic School Council - 6:00 PM	<b>4</b>  Health Unit Menactra - Gr. 7	<b>5</b>  Picture Day / World Teachers' Day	<b>6</b> J&J Ranch Intermediate Thanksgiving Lunch Gr. 1/2R, 1FI, 2FI	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> † Join us for mass at St. Kevin's Parish every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.	<b>9</b> No School 	<b>10</b>  Camp Quality Presentations	<b>11</b>  Gr. 5/6 classes to Laurentian University	<b>12</b> BAC Tech Day Gr. 8 / Gr. 3/4 FI to J & J Ranch / Bus Patroller Seminar	<b>13</b> Superintendent Visit	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> † Join us for mass at Our Lady of Peace in Capreol every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.	<b>16</b>  Waste Reduction Week	<b>17</b>  Thanksgiving Mass - 10:40 AM	<b>18</b>  	<b>19</b>  Pack a Garbage Free Lunch	<b>20</b>  Spirit Day! Wear your pyjamas	<b>21</b> † Join us for mass at St. Kevin's Parish every Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
<b>22</b>  29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>23</b>  Individual EQAO Results Sent Home	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Leisure Farms Field Trip Gr. 1-2R, 1FI, 2FI	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Happy Halloween! Wear your costume (no masks please)	Our preferred method of ordering and payment is School Cash Online at <a href="https://sudburycatholicschools.schoolcashonline.com">https://sudburycatholicschools.schoolcashonline.com</a> We are striving to be cashless, therefore DO NOT send cash to the school.		For safety reasons, all doors are locked at 9:00 a.m. All visitors must report to the office upon entering the school. Please call in advance to pick up your children. For student absences, please call or leave a message.	

**Help protect the future of Catholic Education: ensure that your property taxes identify you as a Catholic school supporter. There is NO PARKING permitted on the street in front of the school: you may be ticketed. Please park on the west side of St. Michel Street.**