



St. Ann September Flyer

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SEPTEMBER, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the staff at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new students, families and all of our returning Stallions!

The basis of Catholic Education is the interrelationship of Home, Church and School. By working together we can provide the best Catholic education for our children. As a community of Christian believers, we ask God's blessings on our students, staff and families of the St. Ann Community.

I encourage you to read through the newsletter and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school by phone or e-mail. The academic, spiritual, and social development of all of the students are always at the forefront of our decision making at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School.

I look forward to meeting and working with you throughout the year. My door is always open if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful school year. God bless you and your family.

Looking forward to a great year,

Mr. S. Ward



STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

Kindergarten: Ms. Davis/Mrs. Chesire
Grade 1/2 - Mrs. Tremeer and Mrs. Ashby
Grade 2/3 - Miss Vo
Grade 3/4 – Mr. Hall
Grade 5/6 - Mrs. Sahota
Grade 7/8 – Mr. Rusling
F.S.L.- Mme. Kish
P & P - Mrs. Buri-Peyton
E.A.'s – Ms. Beirnecki
Itinerant Arts – Mrs. Zitano
Lib. Tech.- Ms, Sehgal
Office Staff: Mrs. Berklund-Hill
Custodial Staff: Mr. Majcher
Principal - Mr. S. Ward



BELL TIMES

Opening Bell	9:05 a.m.
Nutrition Break	11:15 – 11:35 a.m.
Recess	11:35 – 11:55 a.m.
Nutrition Break	1:15 – 1:35 p.m.
Recess	1:35 – 1:55 p.m.
Dismissal Bell	3:25 p.m.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

This year we will be having our Meet the Teacher Open House on Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This evening will provide an opportunity for families to visit the school, meet the staff, and learn more about the exciting year of learning that is planned for our students! Mark your calendar and make plans to join us.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE and SAFE ARRIVAL

The Safe Arrival program reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance making it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. The Safe Arrival program allows parents to report their child's absence quickly and conveniently in one of three ways:

- 1) Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account using your email address. After logging in, select the Attendance tab to Report an Absence.
- 2) Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app (blue logo) from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>). Use your new login information to access your account. Select Attendance to Report an Absence. If you would like to receive attendance notifications on your mobile device please enable Push Notifications in the Settings area of the app. The document Using the SchoolMessenger app will give instructions for using the App.
- 3) The toll-free number 844-287-6287 will allow you to report your child absent without creating an account.

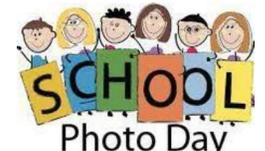
NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION (ORANGE SHIRT DAY)

Phyllis Webstad, who attended a residential school in British Columbia in the 1970s, started Orange Shirt Day in 2013. Phyllis was initially excited to go to school and went shopping with her granny to pick out a new outfit for school; she chose a bright orange shirt. That shirt was taken away from her when she arrived at the residential school and never returned to her. On September 30th Canadians wear an orange shirt to demonstrate the commitment to reconciliation and opening and continuing the dialogue about residential schooling. The slogan for Orange Shirt Day is "Every Child Matters".



PHOTO DAY

Friday, September 27th, *Pegasus School Images* will be in to take student photos. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.



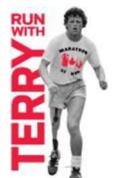
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

Nominations are completed by submitting your name (or the name of someone you would like to nominate) to st.ann@ncdsb.com. Please know that all parents are welcome to attend any of our Catholic School Council Meetings. There is no experience necessary - just a desire to make St. Ann the best school that it can be. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome!



TERRY FOX WALK/RUN

On Friday, September 27th all students at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School will be participating in The Terry Fox School Event. More information will be forwarded as we approach the event date.



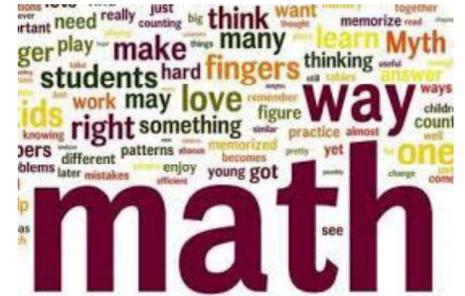
PAYING FOR ALL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School Cash Online is an online parent portal that offers the safest, fastest and most convenient way to pay for activities at school. It is a safe and easy way to pay for things like school trips and pizza days. On-line payment will be the only way to pay for school activities this year. You can register @ <https://ncdsb.schoolcshonline.com>. If you have questions or concerns, you are asked to speak with Mr. Ward.



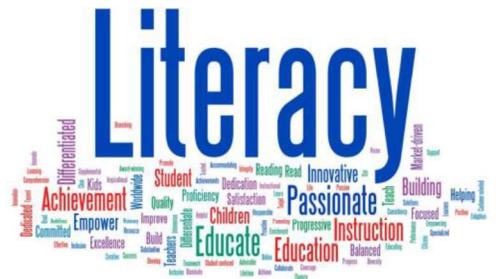
MATH CORNER

Did you have a favourite game or puzzle as a child? Why did you like it? Looking back, what do you think you learned from it? People have engaged in playing games and solving puzzles for thousands of years. Games and puzzles continue to provide important opportunities for children to experience playful learning. Games and puzzles based on logical thinking are often linked to mathematics. Out of school, they are considered recreational. In school, games and puzzles often provide opportunities for students to practice skills. Within mathematics, they tend to focus on computation, with the goal of increasing fluency. Games and puzzles are included in many mathematics curriculum resources, and teachers might offer them as a choice, as an independent activity or as a rotation during instructional time. Engaging in games and puzzles at home are wonderful ways to enjoy time together as a family!



LITERACY CORNER: WHAT IS PHONEMIC AWARENESS?

Phonemic awareness is the ability to manipulate individual sounds in our language. (ex: taking the word cat and being able to say the sounds c-a-t.) If we can teach children to play with sounds, and then teach them the letters that go with those sounds, it will help them become successful readers! To build your child's phonemic awareness, play with sounds! 1. Say the sounds in a simple word (mat, top, etc) and ask them to put the sounds together to tell you the word. 2. Do the reverse! Tell your child a word, and ask them to tell you the sounds. 3. If your child is struggling to do this out loud, use blocks, chips or coins to represent each sound. Have them touch a block for each sound in the word.



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