

The Weekly Update

September 23-27, 2024



September Reflection

Let's focus on this thought - Jesus knows my name! And Jesus calls me by name. He doesn't just say, "Hey, you!" but He knows me. And He calls out to me by name. We aren't just faceless names in a crowd of humanity. Jesus recognizes each one of us and we are precious to Him. You matter so much to Jesus that He calls you by name, beckoning you to walk closer to Him, to come and follow Him. As we begin this school year may we reflect on what it means to be known by Jesus and answer His call to come follow Him!



Week at a Glance September 23-27, 2024

Monday September 23, 2024 - Day 4

open

Tuesday September 24, 2024-DAY 5

open

Wednesday September 25, 2024- DAY 1

Rowan's Law Day- Wear Purple today (Alternate Dress Day- Tops only, dress code bottoms unless you have purple pants as well)

Ice Dogs Assembly @ 9:15

Thursday September 26, 2024-DAY 2



Opening School Mass @ 9:30 am @ St. Mary of the Assumption Church

Terry Fox Walk (alternate dress code day- Wear Red and White or symbols of Canada-or your Terry Fox shirts if you have one)

Pizza Day

Friday September 27, 2024-PD 3

Grade 8 Journey Retreat Day



September Calendar 2024 St. Anthony.pdf

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WEEKLY **Update**

Weekly Update September 16 - 20, 2024

Dear St. Anthony family,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the "Meet The Staff" evening. We hope we can have more gatherings this year with such wonderful community participation.

Students are back in the swing of things and following the school routines. It's as if the summer break was a lifetime ago. Thank you to our families as well for adjusting to our new routines. We feel things are running pretty well. Once again, I would like to remind you of the importance of taking your time in the parking lot and being mindful of those walking through it. Parents, I also remind you to please hold onto the hands of those little ones. Sometimes they forget to look both ways and they are so small that we would hate for anything to happen.

We have a few things coming up in the next few weeks. September is closing out and October is right around the corner. Please always check the calendar and we will always let you know of any updates. It will always be linked here in the Weekly update and can also be found on our school webpage.

Specialty lunch days start this upcoming week and the pizza ordering deadline is this Sunday September 22. We will not be accepting cash at school and orders are final. If you require help getting on SchoolCashOnline please use the link provided below. Our Pasta Day will also be closing soon as many of our providers require our orders a certain number of days in advance. All Specialty lunch days will be distributed to the students during the 12:40 - 1:20 nutrition/recess break.

The Ice Dogs are coming by this week to promote our St. Anthony Family Night at the Ice Dogs game. It is actually an afternoon game on Sunday October 20, 2024 @ 2:00pm. Tickets will be available on the portal this week and the Ice Dogs have discounted our tickets as well. Our choir under the direction of Mrs. Candeloro will be performing the O Canada before the game as well. We can't wait to hear them.

On Wednesday we have an alternate Dress Code Day. Students can wear purple tops and bottoms (**regular dress code bottoms if not purple must be worn**). The purple shirt is in recognition of

Rowan's Law. The last Wednesday of every September is designated as Rowan's Law Day to honour Rowan Stringer's memory and raise awareness about concussion safety. Rowan Stringer loved rugby; she was a competitive and keen athlete and captain of her school's team. Tragically in May 2013, 17-year old Rowan died as the result of head injuries she sustained while playing rugby. In 2018, the Ontario Legislature passed legislation creating Rowan's Law and one key component of this legislation is the declaration of Rowan's Law Day. The day is dedicated to promoting awareness of concussions and the importance of having strategies to prevent, identify, and manage them. So please wear purple that day in support of this wonderful legislation.

On Thursday we have our Opening School Year mass at St. Mary of the Assumption. Mass is at 9:30 am. Our Grades 1-3 students will be travelling by bus while our older students will be walking over. Please join us if you can. Following that, when we return, the different grade divisions will be participating in our School's Terry Fox Walk. As we know, Terry Fox is one of Canada's most recognized heroes and each September all around Canada communities and schools walk, run, ride and roll in his honour also raising money for cancer research. As of today, his foundation has raised over \$850 million dollars. Our goal here at St. Anthony is to raise \$2 per student in order to surpass our total from last year. There is a link on SchoolCashOnline or you can send in your donation with your child(ren). We are running a Toonie for Terry campaign but if you feel generous, please give what you can. If we surpass our goal the students will all receive a fun afternoon of activities decided by them and their individual teachers. In recognition of this Canadian hero and icon we will designate this as an alternate dress code day. We encourage students to wear **RED & WHITE** or any symbols of Canadiana.

We held our Student Council elections this past Wednesday and we would like to congratulate the following students. The Student Council Grade representatives for the 2024-2025 school year are, from Grade 6- Natalie and Emma, from Grade 7 - Ruby and Mya and from Grade 8 - Leighton and Alexa. Along with our Student senators Cora and Chase, these students will be heavily involved in the daily running of various school events and help to bring the voice of the students to the staff here at St. Anthony. Congratulations again for being selected by your peers.

Lastly, tomorrow, Friday September 20, 2024 is a PD Day so there will be no school for the students. For those in the YMCA daycare, they will be open however the Early Years Centre is also closed

Have a wonderful weekend,

St. Anthony Staff



ORANGE



DAY

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO INDIGENOUS ASSOCIATIONS

ORANGE SHIRT DAY T-Shirt Orders

Students and staff of all the schools in Niagara Catholic are encouraged to wear the colour orange on Monday, September 30th, 2024, in support of Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is the story of Phyllis Webstad, an Indigenous woman who shared her experience at an Indian Residential School through the children's book, *The Orange Shirt Story*. By participating in Orange Shirt Day, we recognize the harm done to generations of children by the Indian Residential School system in Canada. The first Orange Shirt Day occurred on September 30th, 2013 as Chief Fred Robbins saw Phyllis' story as a way of bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Since that time, Orange Shirt Day has grown into a national awareness among schools, businesses, and communities.

In June 2021, the Federal Government of Canada designated September 30th as the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. While this addresses Call to Action #80 of the Truth and Reconciliations *94 Calls to Action*, it coincides with an established day that was created by Survivors of Indian Residential Schools. As a Board we can acknowledge the Federal statutory day, but for school and student activities, for the present time, it remains "Orange Shirt Day" as a way of respecting the grass root Indigenous movement.

If you would like to order an Orange t-shirt similar to the one in the banner above you can click [here](#) and order online. All orders must be placed by midnight **Monday September 16, 2024** to ensure delivery to St. Anthony School before September 30.



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Dress Code

In Keeping with the Niagara Catholic District School Board Dress Code Policy, we ask that all parents please review the flyer attached within this weekly Update. The Board policy is also attached below this message. The Flyer is linked down below and will always be here for you to review. Students are required to abide by the Dress Code policy and select items of clothing that meet the standard requirements. Other than the Navy Blue and White, students are welcome to also wear School Spiritwear

which can be purchased through Front Row Sports. With the weather turning cooler and students wearing additional layers, please remember that hoodies and sweaters must also be Navy Blue, White or school Spiritwear. The link to the Spiritwear provider is also always near the end of the

weekly update. Students that are not following the Dress Code will be asked to call home for a change of clothing. If we cannot make those arrangements, students will be provided by the school an item of clothing that meets the guidelines. This item will be returned so that we can wash them and use them again in the future. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DAILY SCHEDULE

MORNING SUPERVISION 8:15 - 8:30

MORNING ENTRY 8:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:40

AM RECESS 10:40-11:00 (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten RECESS) Grades 6,7,& 8 **NUTRITION BREAK**)

AM RECESS 11:00-11:20 (Grades 6,7,& 8 RECESS) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten **NUTRITION BREAK**)

PM RECESS 12:40 - 1:00 (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten RECESS) Grades 6,7,& 8 **NUTRITION BREAK**)

PM RECESS 1:00-1:20 (Grades 6,7,& 8 RECESS) (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4,5 & Kindergarten **NUTRITION BREAK**)

DISMISSAL 2:50



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

Safe Arrival- School Messenger

Please remember to report your child's absence using the [SAFEARRIVAL](#) portal. With the office being a very busy place, you can also put in an **EARLY DEPARTURE**. This will allow us to have your child ready and at the office for the time you have selected. Often when parents call at the last minute, it may be difficult to get students down at the office due to the large number of calls. Advanced planning will be extremely helpful.

Lunches

If you are dropping off a lunch or having one delivered to the school, please have your child's first and last name clearly labeled on the package. **Please make sure delivery services have the student's name when dropping off lunches.** Also, please verify in your SchoolCashOnline portal that you ordered lunches on our Specialty Food Days. We do not order extras and will not have additional food in case your child doesn't have a lunch. We do always have additional items in our snack bins and we will do our best to provide food if they cannot contact you. **Please review the new student Nutrition Break times.**



Public Health

Families are reminded to please update your child/children's immunization records with Niagara Region Public Health. You may do so by clicking this [link](#). For more information please go to [NRPH website](#) if you have vaccine/record review questions or please call your health care provider. Families may also contact Public Health at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425 and ask to speak with a public health vaccine nurse.



Information Update

We remind you that it is important to keep the office updated with regards to any new information or changes to the information we have on file for your child. This may include new phone numbers, change of address, medical information, custody orders etc.



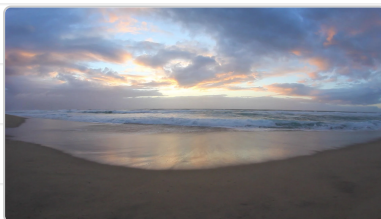
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St. Anthony Catholic Elementary Spirit Wear

IMPORTANT*** ***in NOTES, please include students name and teacher for easier distribution*** ALL Spirit Wear will OPEN July 2nd for purchasing over the summer. Delivery will be the first/second week of September to the school. Please note that all Spirit Wear orders are NON-REFUNDABLE.

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STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM - Niagara Catholic District School Board

Report an absence to the Student Safe Arrival Program. How to report by phoning, logging in or get the app. Help video included.

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Child Care Registry

We have an online registration system that allows parents to search and apply for all licensed child care programs for children from birth to age 12, including licensed home child care. Submit one application for any licensed child care options and before-and-after school programs that meet your family's needs.

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