



# St. Ann October Flyer

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### **Give Thanks...**

For all blessings that are ours, for all our food, for lovely flowers, Give Thanks!  
For trees that give us fruit to eat, for winter cold and summer heat, Give Thanks!  
For Mother's love and Father's aid, for all the wonders God has made, Give Thanks!  
For friends and toys with which to play, for restful night and joyous day, Give thanks!  
May the almighty and merciful God bless and protect the St. Ann Community.  
Amen.



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Intermediate Student Council will be accepting non-perishable food items between October 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024. These items will be donated to our local food bank to support those families in need. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and continued support of Catholic Education!

## HALLOWE'EN AT ST. ANN

The Student Council will be organizing a Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon for the students of St. Ann. This activity will serve to increase school spirit, raise funds for Science equipment, and allow this year's Student Council to take on a leadership role within the school. This will be an out of dress code day for all students – as they are invited to wear either orange and black clothing or their costumes in the spirit of the day. Costumes that portray inappropriate or violent characters and props such as swords, knives and guns are not consistent with our Catholic culture and are not to be worn or brought to school. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

## ST. ANN SPIRIT WEAR

This year we will be offering the School Community the opportunity to purchase Spirit Wear, through Maddalena Uniforms at <https://www.maddalena-uniforms.com/collections/st-ann-catholic-school>.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year at St. Ann, we are starting a Student Council to enhance and encourage student voice. This year's Co-Chairs are Bea M. and Elia C. We held our election on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to complete the council. Congratulations to Evie B., Melia D., Kait L., and Caitlyn V. for being elected to this year's Student Council. We look forward to having our student voice at St. Ann enhanced through this group.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER

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 next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. All are welcome!



## **TERRY FOX WALK/RUN**

On Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> all students at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School participated in The Terry Fox School Event. To date we have raised \$172.00 for cancer research! It was a wonderful way for our Stallions to put their voices into action to support this most worthwhile cause! Here are a few photos of the event.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

In adherence with the NCDSB Nutrition Policy, once again this year, we ask that in lieu of edible treats, another form of birthday recognition be used. You may wish to send in pencils, erasers, or stickers to celebrate with the class. Another great alternative is to donate a book in your child's name to the classroom and/or library.

Thank you for making our school a healthier environment.

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

We will be having three hot lunches in October, and will continue to have hot lunches every other week for the remainder of the year. Please note, that the Cross-Country meet is on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, so we have moved the Firehouse Sub lunch to Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, to allow our Cross-Country runners to participate in the lunch.

## **ST. ANN FALL FAIR**

On **Friday, October 4, 2024** St. Ann will be hosting our **28th** annual Fall Fair. Please note:

- Entry tags need to be printed, filled out and attached at home prior to the Fall Fair
- An email with the entry tag template was sent home
- Entries for the Fall Fair must be brought to school by the children
- Our Fall Fair will be displayed in the gym. The children will be invited to bring their entries to the gym.
- Classes will be called one at a time to the display area to view the entries after they have been judged
- Parent/Guests are invited to come to the school to view the Fall Fair **after 2:00pm**
- Judging of the largest zucchini will take place at 2:45pm outside in the school yard (weather permitting)

## FAMILY ADVENT MASS

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting an Advent Family Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Ann Parish . Our students will serve as the Choir, Ministers of the Word, the altar servers, and the gift bearers. This will be a wonderful way to blend the triad of School - Home - Church. Please save the date, and plan to attend with your family.

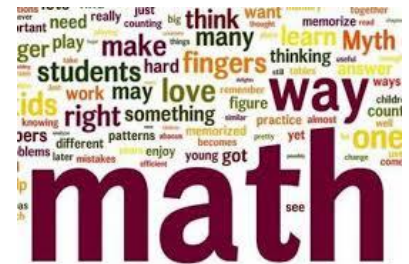


## MATH CORNER

The following are important tips for Family Math Activities, from Dr. Jo Boaler:

- Play games and puzzles with your children
- Never share with children that you were “*bad at math*” or that you *disliked* math.
- Encourage children to explain their thinking and listen to their reasoning. It is important for adults to try to find the logic in what they are thinking

Playing Math games at home will allow students to realize that Math is fun in all areas of their life!



## 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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