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# THE TITAN NEWS

ST. ANNE NEWSLETTER  
"MODELLING GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND LOVE"



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## A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Loving God,  
We turn our hearts to you on this day for  
giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.  
For each one, we are grateful.  
For each one, we are blessed.  
For each one, we are opened to the  
abundance  
of Your love.  
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder  
to  
be generous with others, as you are with us.  
We praise You.  
We rejoice in You.  
We give you thanks.  
Amen

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on our blessings and to give thanks for the many joys in our lives, and I am truly thankful for the incredible community of parents that make St. Anne such a special place. I am thankful for the trust you place in us to provide your children with a safe and nurturing learning environment. It is our privilege to watch them grow academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally, and we are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of their journey. Thanksgiving is also a time to reflect on the importance of giving back to our community and those in need. I encourage you to take this opportunity to teach your children about the value of kindness, generosity, and gratitude. There are many ways we can make a positive impact, whether it's through volunteering, donating, or simply spreading kindness to those around us. This October our school will be hosting a food drive and later in the month, a candy drive for Dr. Simone's charity, Canadian Food For Children. As we gather with our loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving, I hope you find joy in the moments of togetherness and reflection. Let us be grateful for the love of family, the support of friends, and the strength of our community. Thank you once again for being an essential part of the St. Anne family. Your partnership is invaluable, and we look forward to the continued growth and success of our students together.

## TERRY FOX UPDATE

September 27th was our school Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. Students did a great job traveling around our school in an effort to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. This year, students were able to raise over \$940 for the Terry Fox Foundation! We are so proud of all our students and thank our families for their generous donations!

## DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION



**SEPTEMBER 30**

## THANKSGIVING LITURGY

On Friday October 25th, we welcome Father Xavier to St. Anne at St. Ursula for our Thanksgiving Mass. A special thank you to the students from Ms. Anton's Grade 5/6 class who are organizing the mass for us to celebrate. Parents are invited to join us in our liturgical celebration.

"Gratitude fills us with the knowledge that God loves and cares for us, no matter how small the need. It is a blessed thought - that from the time we are conceived, God has been watching out for us and giving us His love. We must take the time every day to be grateful for the small and large gifts He gives us."



## LUNCH EXPECTATIONS

Staff must be aware of where your child will have lunch: at school or at home. Any changes to the agreement throughout the year must be submitted in writing to the teacher and/or office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Lunch is from 11:41 a.m. - 12:41 p.m. (St. Ursula location) and from 11:46 a.m. - 12:46 p.m. (St. Angela Merici location). If students are leaving school premises for lunch, and they normally remain at school, they **must** have a note signed by a parent.

**It is important that students return to school on time from lunch, or they will be marked late.** Please also note that students are not permitted to bring food back to the school for others or to consume in the classroom. Parents are encouraged to send their child with a reusable water bottle that they can refill throughout the day.

A reminder that food delivery services such as Uber Eats and Door Dash are not permitted. Drivers will be turned away at the door. We appreciate your kindness and understanding.



## FOOD DRIVE – LET'S SHARE AND CARE!

We are hosting a food drive from Tuesday October 1st - Thursday Oct 10th. Please consider bringing in a non-perishable food item for those in need. Consider soups, stuffing, pasta, pasta sauce, gluten-free items, lunch snacks, side dishes, etc. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



## GRADE 4 CANADIAN COGNITIVE ABILITIES TEST

All Grade 4 students will take part in a group standardized assessment with their classroom teachers and supported by the Special Education Resource Teachers. The teachers will administer the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) to students. You can help us in this activity by making sure that your child is well rested. Your child cannot study for this assessment, which is spread over a few days. If you choose to exempt your child from participating in this assessment, please notify the Principal in writing. Scores and school information are reviewed by our school team. Children whose scores are within the very superior range on this achievement test will be considered for the next step in the screening process for our Board program for Gifted students. If your child is selected for further assessment, you will be notified. The 2024 testing window will be in early November 2024. . Once dates have been selected for our school, a letter will go home with our Grade 4 students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's grade 4 classroom teacher.

## PICTURE DAY

School photos are scheduled for October 3rd, 2024 at both locations. Retakes are scheduled for November 5th at both locations. Bring your smiles!

## THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all those who were able to join us for our Open House this year! It was wonderful to see our families and students visiting with staff. We continue to look forward to engaging with you throughout the school year!

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Catholic School Councils promote the vision, values, sacramental life and Catholic practices of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, the Catholic community it serves, and advise the Principal and the Board. This year our first CSC meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:00p.m. All are welcome to join us! This first meeting will be held virtually. Any parent is welcome to attend our CSC Meetings. Please contact the school through the St. Anne Info Mailbox at [anneinfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:anneinfo@dpcdsb.org) **by 3:00 p.m. on October 2nd.**

## WORLD TEACHERS DAY

The United Nations World Teacher's Day is celebrated on October 5th to acknowledge the key role teachers play in guiding children through the life-long learning process. This day provides us with an opportunity to recognize and thank teachers for their dedication and commitment to Catholic education at St. Anne, as they go above and beyond to enhance the learning experiences for your children!

To our outstanding team of educators: thank you for the work you do daily and for your love of teaching which inspires a love of learning in our students.

## REMINDER: PD DAY

October 11th is a PD Day. There is no school for students on this day.

## HALLOWEEN REMINDERS

Students are welcome to come to school in black and orange or their costumes on Thursday October 31st if they wish. Students and parents are reminded that costumes need to be appropriate for school. Masks and replica weapons are not permitted. Students are encouraged to select costumes that are not considered offensive to someone's religion, culture, race, gender, gender expression, ability, heritage, or sexual orientation. When considering a Halloween costume, ask yourself the following questions:

Does my costume:

- Mock or condescend oppressed people and/or cultures?
- Include face painting for the sole purpose of matching the skin colour of a specific person or people?
- Mock or condescend religions or religious beliefs? Use sacred objects/clothing of others' religions/ cultures?
- Caricaturize marginalized groups or persons (historical or current) in a way that may serve to trivialize them?

As a caring Catholic community we have a responsibility to ensure that our costume choices are not offensive to, or mocking of, others.

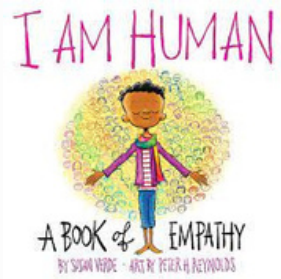
Finally, a reminder that *only* non-edible treats may be brought to school and shared by students (For example, stickers, pencils, etc.) candy and other food related items will be sent back home.



## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH – EMPATHY

In October, our focus is on the Virtue of Empathy. Empathy is the intellectual and emotional capacity to understand and feel how another person is feeling. We discuss that empathy helps us to become better friends and people and helps us to better follow Jesus' teaching that we should love our neighbour as ourselves. Empathy helps us to become compassionate and understanding.

"I Am Human" by Susan Verde is a wonderful book to read with your children to promote discussions at home about empathy.



## LET'S SCARE HUNGER

St. Anne is holding a candy drive to support Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. This organization collects hard candy and lollipops and then ships it to agencies who work with children who are malnourished. The sugar stimulates their appetite which is necessary for these children to eat again. Students are encouraged to bring in Halloween candy and place it in the box by Friday November 8th. Thank you!

## DRESS PURPLE DAY

Every October, Children's Aid Societies across Ontario raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families through the provincial Dress Purple Day campaign. This year, Dress Purple Day will take place on Friday, October 25th, 2024. We are encouraging our students and staff to wear something purple to show children, youth, and families that they are here to help!

## OCTOBER IS A MARIAN MONTH

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. That is why Pope Francis has invited all the faithful to pray the Holy Rosary every day in October.



## BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION

October 23rd is Bus Driver Appreciation Day! Thank you to our wonderful drivers who transport our children safely to and from school!

## Medical Information

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that the school is aware. A Plan of Care will be developed for your child. This Plan will be shared with teachers and staff members who interact with your child on a regular basis.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are excited to announce that construction continues to progress on our new school! Looks like they are progressing towards the second floor! Thank you to those who send us updates via pictures!



## SPECIAL LUNCH DATES

Harvey's Lunch - Tuesdays  
(Starting Oct 15)  
Mr. Greek Lunch - Wednesday  
(Starting Oct 16)  
Pizza Lunch- Thursdays  
(Starting Oct 3)

Note that both Harvey's and Mr. Greek lunch options are ordered through LunchBox, linked through your SchoolCash Online account.

Pizza lunch orders will occur monthly. All orders for October are now final.

Proceeds from lunch sales go towards items for students such as new gym equipment, field trip subsidies, presentations and more!

## THRIVE In Community

Thrive in Community is a monthly newsletter that focuses on supporting mental health and well-being.

Please access this [link](#) to be directed to the monthly resource and information.

## THANKSGIVING DAY: OCTOBER 14TH

A reminder that Monday, October 14th is Thanksgiving Day. There is no school for students and teachers on this day.



# St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church

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## Pastor's Message

Dear Parents and families,

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

As the new Pastor of St. Anne's Parish, I welcome you to St. Joachim School, our partner school committed to the development of the whole student. Our parish "being the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament", I humbly present to you our parish initiatives for the school year 2024 -2025, such as:

1. In-person Sacramental Preparation Program for candidates of First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation from your school run by well -trained Catechists.
2. Active Participation of the Parents in the Parish through their participation in Parent's meeting and Retreat and their unwavering commitment to bring their children in the faith formation classes and Sunday Masses.
3. Retreat for all the First Communicants and Confirmandi that will thoroughly prepare them to receive the sacraments in addition to their Religious Education Formation classes.
4. Rites of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) Program for the unbaptized children from Public and Catholic schools for them to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Confession and Communion and Confirmation.
5. Holy Masses and Confessions to be celebrated in the school besides in the parish.
6. Children's Liturgy in the church where the Scripture Readings of the Holy Mass are broken, opened and explained by a trained Liturgy Leader so that the children can grow in their love and understanding of God.
7. Youth Ministry with its mission to bring our generation of youth closer to God, in a joyful faith-filled fellowship to enable them to transform the world with Jesus Christ at the centre of their lives which is taking place every Friday at 6:00 pm.in the church.
8. Parish's strong collaboration with the parents and the school so that Catholic Education may continue to flourish.

As our Holy Father, Pope Francis stated, "Catholic schools are much more than a place to expand intellect. It is also a place where one learns that God loves us, that each and everyone are gifted by God and every life matters." We are all together, hand in hand in forming our children to become "disciples of Christ".

May the Holy Spirit guide us to become what we want to become for God's greater glory.

Have a joyful and a safe school year ahead and stay blessed continuously!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Suresh Xavier  
Pastor