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Walking together in Christ's light with parish and family, we are called to build a safe and inclusive Catholic learning community, and to serve as partners in the formation of life-long learners by:

- Living our faith;*
- Promoting educational achievement and innovation;*
- Fostering stewardship, leadership and social justice.*



Principal's Message

The students at St. Anne have had a very busy and fun month of May. They participated in a Living Rosary, Education Week, Track & Field, Soccerfest, Ultimate Frisbee, Grade 8 Confirmation, Gr7 Leadership Experience in Muskoka, Gr 3 & 6 EQAO and Gr 2 First Communion to name a few. It is hard to believe that the 2017-18 school year is coming to an end! St. Anne's is very blessed to have such a wonderful staff, friendly students and supportive parent community. I would like to thank our School Advisory Council for their hard work this year and commitment to making St Anne's a great school. Funds raised this year through School Advisory initiatives were utilized to support purchasing Chrombooks, Ipads, Skating pass, 5\$ per student for year end field trips, Christmas concert, Defibrillator upkeep, VIP Graduation, Education Week Guest Speaker, Track & Field food and Christmas in Muskoka raffle tree. These are just a few of the wonderful things they have supported! Thank you to all parents for always supporting these fundraising initiatives. I would like to also thank our staff for their outstanding dedication and efforts to ensure each and every child reaches their fullest potential. We are also grateful for our parish partners from St Mary's Parish; Father John and Father Dos, for their ongoing presence in our school, faith leadership at our monthly school masses and guidance during sacrament celebrations. We are very lucky to have such a supportive parish team!

During the month of June, students will be completing their final units of study and attending end of year field trips. We will also be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on June 21st to express our appreciation for the many hands who contribute to our school community. We are very lucky to have several community volunteers and parents whose tireless efforts and donations help to make St. Anne's AMAZING! If you volunteered and can make it, please let Tammy know!

THANK YOU!

I wish all of the "Fathers and positive male role models" in our community, a Happy Father's day this month. We wish Mrs. Sinasac, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs. Campbell, Ms. Kys, Mrs. Faddoul and Mrs. Cowlan all the best at their new schools next year. We wish Mme Leonard and Mrs. Sparks all the best with their new babies, expected to arrive later this summer.

Please remember to take time each day to read with your child over the summer months as research shows the positive impact this has on your child's future success.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call or stop by the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Have a safe and relaxing summer holiday with your families.

Sincerely,
Ms. Shepley

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Congratulations to our Grade 8 Graduates! We wish you all the best!

ALL students will start school next year on September 4, 2018. THIS WILL INCLUDE OUR JK AND SK STUDENTS.



All Library Materials are **due back Thursday, June 7th**. Ms. Yurke will have only 3 days in June to get all materials organized, take inventory and get repairs done in preparation for the new school year.

We have a lot of money invested in our libraries and every book is valuable. Please help your child look around their rooms.

Be sure to call and let us know if your son or daughter is going to be absent: 519 676-7352 or by email at tammy.nead@st-clair.net



Disciples in the Hallway

April Winners

Students: Costa Zouboulis & John Levesque
Teachers: Mr. Wright & Mrs. Stepniak

May Winners

Blain Bacik & Jack Segeren
Mr. Hunter & Mrs. Bondy-Herron

Staff and students were asked to nominate a student and colleague who is a kind and inclusive person for the monthly Disciples in the Hallway award.



Please join us at our last school mass for the year on June 27th at 9:45 at St. Mary's church. We will be taking this opportunity to congratulate all the grade 2 students who have recently received their 1st Communion. These students will be asked to dress in their communion outfits that day. Hope to see you there!!

From the Church

St. Mary's Parish Mass Times & News:

Tuesday to Friday – 8:00am
Saturday – 5:00pm
Sunday – 9:00am and 11:00am

YES Mass will take place Sunday, June 24th at 11am followed by a nut-free snack potluck. The Summer mass schedule at St. Anne of the Lakes Church in Erieau will begin Saturday, May 19th to Sept. 1st with Mass at 3:45pm.



SCHOOL TIMES

Arrival : 9:00
Start Time: 9:15
End Time: 3:30

Please do not send the students before 9:00 as there is NO supervision.

Doors will remain locked until 3:30. If picking up early, please call ahead.



SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION

We are a Zone 7 school. If buses are cancelled for fog in the morning, they will run for the afternoon drop off. If buses are cancelled midday because of fog, parents will have to pick students up. **If buses are cancelled for snow, buses will NOT run in the p.m.**

website www.schoolbusinfo.com

Please make sure to check this web site for any bussing status changes. Also remember to listen to CKSY (94.3FM) **It is very important that you call the school if your child is staying at home. You can either call or leave a message.**

MATH



APRIL AWARDS

PEACE



Garrett Bogie
 Benson Deschryver
 Paydence Heintz
 Lila Bogie
 Hannah Mercer
 Korbin Smolders
 Connor Horak
 Noah Van Neck

Ripley Smolders
 Ava Wheeler
 Gavin Vincent
 Sam Lindsay
 Luigi Naclerio
 Alec Webster
 Brayden DeGelas
 Jacklynn Gill

Chase Stepniak
 Thomas Heintz
 Carter MackDonald
 Jolyon Yee
 Zander Foulis
 Rigby Huggins
 Emma Cox-Elliott
 George Glenn

Joe Bernard
 Ella Bogaert
 Rebecca Jubenville
 Cohen Kirkwood
 Ava Farrell
 Graci Srokosz
 Brennan Day
 Shae Heinhuis



Operation BackPacks – United Way Chatham-Kent

We are gearing up for the **2018 OPERATION BACKPACKS Program**. This community-building initiative offers a brand new backpack filled with BASIC school supplies to help your child begin the new school year with a great start. **This program is intended for students who require assistance.** Please visit our web-site at Operation-BackPacksCK.ca to access the on-line referral link. At this web-address you will find links indicating Supplies Provided by Grade Level and information regarding where and when you can pick up your requested backpacks. Questions can be forwarded to Mary Symons, the program coordinator at goodneighbours@uwock.ca

*****Please note there are no forms going home for backpacks this year. You must request any backpacks that are needed using the link above.*****

The summer break is a great time to renew prescriptions with your family Doctor for Asthma Inhalers and 2 Epipens so they are ready for September.



**HELP US KEEP
OUR
STUDENTS
SAFE!!**

We're on the Web!
<http://www.st-clair.net/SAB/>

SAVE THE DATE

June 8— PA Day

June 20th—
Graduation

June 27 - School
Mass 9:45am

June 28 - School
Awards 10am

June 28 - Last Day of
School



**Even If You Missed kinderSTART You Can Still
Register Your Child for Kindergarten - Classes Starting
September 2018**

Even though kinderSTART was last February, if you have a child born in 2013, or know someone who does, the child can still be registered for classes beginning in September 2017. For more information, contact the school or the Catholic Education Centre (519-627-6762, ext. 10247) as soon as possible!



Our wonderful staff who raised funds and rode the Big Bike for Heart & Stroke.

Students raised \$4,061.10 for Jump Rope for Heart. Thank you for sponsoring them!

2018 Fun Pass

Celebrate the summer with savings when you plan a trip to Ontario's attractions with the 2018 Fun Pass.

The 2018 Fun Pass coupons provide free admission for up to two elementary school-aged children at 18 popular attractions when accompanied by a paying adult or senior. Parents can also save \$5 on a daily parking permit at selected Ontario provincial parks. Simply bring a coupon to any participating attraction. Visit Ontario.ca/funpass for more information about the program and to download the coupons.

Please remember that St. Anne Catholic School is an **allergy-aware** community! Please do not send products containing any **peanuts or tree nuts** to school with your child as we have students in the school with severe allergies.





Thank you to our Gardening Team from Mrs. Bondy-Herron's class and Mrs. O'Brien for planting our vegetable garden.

FROM THE PHYS.ED DEPARTMENT

June 7th County Track & Field meet at UCC

Events begin at 9:00am.

New this year: 4 by 100m relay team. Come out & cheer on the St. Anne stars!

Phys.Ed- Thank you for sending athletic footwear for your child's outdoor shoes on Physed days as Phys.ed classes are mostly outdoors at this time of year. Flip flops and sandals are not recommended as outdoor shoes on Phys. Ed days. Please ask your child which days they have Phys. Ed and have them bring appropriate footwear.

Health- folders are being sent home in the next few weeks. Please take some time to look through your child's folder with him/her to see the amazing work they have done in Health class this year!

Ensure You Are Registered as a Separate School Supporter For the October Municipal and School Board Elections

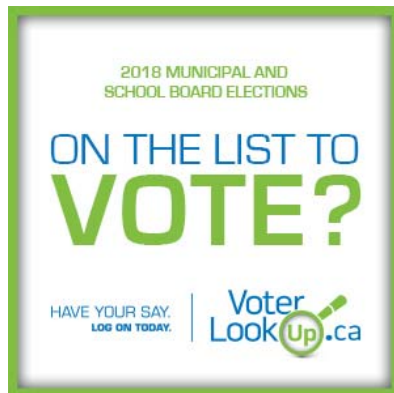
Ontario's municipal and school board elections take place on October 22, 2018. If you are a resident, owner or tenant of property in Ontario, a Canadian citizen and 18 years of age you can vote in Ontario's municipal and school board elections.

It is the responsibility of every elector to make sure his or her information is up-to-date. By logging onto voterlookup.ca eligible electors can:

- Confirm or update your electoral information;
- Add an elector name to an address;
- Change school support.

You must be registered as an English Separate School Supporter in order to vote for trustees of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board. Ensuring you are registered as an English Separate School Supporter also signals your support for Catholic education in Ontario.

Visit <https://www.voterlookup.ca/home.aspx>



TRACK AND FIELD MEMBERS GOING TO UCC

Blain Bacik	Preston Bellamy	Daniel Beunen
David Brown	Hailey Charron	Piper Clapp
Brayden DeGelas	Deacon Demeurichy	Tatum Drewery
Taylor Drewery	Ava Farrell	Autumn Fysh
Olivia Gauthier	Samantha Gold	Kambri-Anne Gowman-
Isabella Gray	AJ Kirkwood	Cohen Kirkwood
Ava Lucio	Nolan Mallory	Everett Pickering
Ava Rivest	Edan Rivest	Clay Rodrigue
Nadia Rodrigue	Zoë Rumble	Braydon Segeren
Sydney Sheppy	Remi Steen	Abby Stonehouse
Brady Stonehouse	Brett Stonehouse	Kennedy Sykes
Tessa Vandehogen	Karys VanDeWiele	Graham Vandernaalt
Addisyn Veccia	Zander Veccia	Connor Watorek
Alec Webster	Ava Wheeler	

Focus on Faith

The Church calls this season of the year Ordinary Time and defines it in this way.

“Besides the times of year that have their own distinctive character, [i.e. Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons] there remain in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays.

This period is known as Ordinary Time.”*

Ordinary Time does not focus on one beautiful mystery such as *Christ returning in Glory*, or *God coming to Earth as the Christ child*, or *Jesus loving us so much he was willing to suffer and die for us* or *Christ rising from the dead*. Instead Ordinary time invites us to honour **THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST ITSELF AND ALL ITS FULLNESS**. It invites us to consider the whole story of Christ becoming human, loving us, dying, rising from the dead, returning to God and eventually returning in glory. Looking at the whole mystery and seeing God’s hand in the unfolding of Salvation, we gain new insights into our own life stories. Honouring the whole mystery of Salvation helps us to trust that God watches over the unfolding of our own personal lives and salvation.

During the final month of the school year, there is so many ordinary things to do. Students are finishing assignments and preparing for tests/exams that will help them to complete the year. Teachers are assessing students, marking assignments and preparing final report cards. Parents are helping their children stay focused on schoolwork and sorting out the details for summer childcare and plans. The end of year field trips, fun days, track meets, assemblies and graduations provide glorious ways to celebrate this school year. All of this happens as the summer weather starts making everyone dream of summer vacation and fun. These activities are the ordinary tasks that make family and school life so meaningful. These weeks are unfolding as Ordinary Time.

If we are not careful, we might just live day to day and not even see the mystery of it. Our task is to pause long enough each day and week so we can actually sense God’s activity in our ordinary lives. I invite you to choose a form of prayer that helps you to sense the sacred in the ordinary. Some things to share with your children are bedtime prayer, grace before meals, praying the rosary and attending mass together. One tradition that I find helpful is to pray one *Our Father* to remind us we are all God’s family, pray one *Hail Mary* to remind us the Saints are always waiting to pray for us and pray one *Glory Be* to remind us that God is with us through all time. God blesses us all the time, these prayers help us to notice. Have a glorious June and an even better summer everyone.

* <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?id=10842#Ord>



St Anne’s School Advisory Council (Parent Council) is looking for volunteers to help out with bingos. These bingos help fund many things within our school and for students. If you are interested in finding out more please email Catherine King at catherineebell@gmail.com.



St. Anne school has a Facebook page. Please like our page so that you can see all of the up to date events happening at the school.

June School Newsletter Insert – Classroom Organization

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the summer, staff at the Catholic Education Centre and in our schools will begin the work of organizing classrooms for September. As parents/guardians, it is important that you understand and support the role of the principal and Board staff as it relates to classroom organization in your school.

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Education regulates the number of students in classrooms. In elementary schools, class-size caps are set by provincial directive for individual grades; and for a system-wide average that must be maintained across the entire school board. Therefore, the number of classrooms, grades associated with each classroom and the number of students in each classroom in your school must always be viewed from a Board perspective, not just at the school level. It is also important to note that provincial funding is tied to compliance with this regulation. In other words, if we don't meet the Ministry requirements there is a financial penalty which will affect the support provided to our students.

The result of this directive is that combined grades are common in all schools across the province as a means of ensuring that boards are compliant with the provincial regulation. A common perception among parents is that combined grades are detrimental to learning; or, that they are a reflection of students' abilities – that is, in a Grade 2-3 split, the Grade 2s are above average learners and the Grade 3s are below average. The fact is all classrooms include students with a range of skills and abilities. Combined classes are neither better nor worse than single-grade classes. They are simply one of the many ways schools meet students' academic and social development needs.

Further, a great deal of time and effort goes into decisions at all of our schools, as our staff strives to create a classroom environment that supports the needs of all of all students. These decisions are ultimately made by the principal, in consultation with Board administration and student support staff.

Changes in classroom organization that are created when students move in or out of the school boundary, or by changing student needs from June to the first weeks in September, can create a domino effect that could result in changes to classrooms, which can sometimes impact every grade in the school. Even changes at another school can affect the classroom organization at your school.

It is the Board's goal to make every effort to accommodate these changes with as little disruption as possible. Students changing classrooms are always given a warm welcome by their new teacher and their new classmates.

Thank you again, for understanding and supporting the efforts of your principal and the school staff, in this important matter. It is our commitment to you that, although we must always strive to meet this provincial regulation, we will do so at all times having regard for the best interests of our students and our staff.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Deb Crawford
Director of Education