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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

February was a very busy month! We had smoothies, and healthy snacks from our Healthy Foods & Wellness team. The Wellness team continued to promote Mental Health & Wellness through their "Keep Calm and ? On" special theme days which have included stretching, dancing, games, puzzles, hula hoops, etc. These are great activities for our students to enjoy during the cold winter months keeping our minds and bodies active.

Our Friday Fun Fundraiser raised just over \$300 and the School Council raised just over \$900 with the Thompson's Popcorn fundraiser. Thank you to those students and families who were able to contribute to these fundraisers.

Our Grade 7/8 French Immersion students planned Carnaval, while their Grade 7/8 English track peers helped lead student groups to create a fun day for all students and of course, Bonhomme who also made a guest appearance! Our Grade 8's and their parents were able to visit UCC for their Open house in preparation for selecting courses for September. Grade 3 & Grade 6 Literacy tutoring started in February and will end just before March break. Math tutoring will begin after the break.

Students at St Anne had the opportunity to try out curling, skating and lacrosse this month within their physical education classes. Stay tuned for golf activities coming this spring. We received 6 new Chromebase touch screen computers in our library, (which is going through a transformation into a more collaborative learning works space). This new space will receive some funding from a Ministry Rural Schools Grant and we hope to have a green screen video space, Lego wall, white-board collaborative work spaces, flexible seating and Lego Robotics space. If you or your company would like to donate to this new Collaborative Learning space, please see Ms Shepley.

We also had some super Student-Led Conferences and best of all, our students did some amazing learning! Harvest Fresh offered a Pancake lunch option on Shrove Tuesday, and we had 124 pancake orders for that day! We had a wonderful Ash Wednesday Mass organized by Mme Laporte's Grade 5/6 class at St Mary's Church where we were reminded and encouraged to pray more during this Lenten Season, do good deeds or make sacrifices and feed the poor. Our Social Justice Team has planned some fun events for Lent designed to help feed the hungry and Canada Food for Children. Please support their efforts if you are able to. Each class has different items designated to bring/donate.

Just before March Break students will participate in a talent show, we are excited to see what they have prepared for us. I hope you are able to spend some enjoyable time with your children during their March Break. Following March Break, Mrs Stepniak's class will prepare an "Interactive Stations of the Cross".

Here is an Old Irish Blessing for you: May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!

If you have any concerns, ideas or questions, please call. Ms. Shepley

## Funky Sock Day

Please remember to wear your funky socks on Wednesday, March 21st to support Down's Syndrome. We wear our socks on the 21st day of the 3rd month because Down's has 3 copies of the 21st chromosome.





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](mailto:tammy.nead@st-clair.net)



#### SCHOOL TIMES

Arrival : 9:00  
Start Time: 9:15  
End Time: 3:40

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

Doors will remain locked until 3:40. If picking up early, please call ahead.



# OUR LENTEN MISSION CANADIAN FOOD FOR CHILDREN

Every year, St. Anne Catholic School supports a Lenten Mission. **Canadian Food For Children** provides us with a list of items that are desperately needed in over 20 African and South & Central American countries. We have devised a plan to collect items during Lent. Each Social Justice Team member is leading two or three classes, encouraging them to donate specific items. All items can be brought anytime during Lent, and left by our altar. Thank you very much for helping this worthwhile cause!

**Classes: Mrs. Churchill & Ms. Keys and M Girard & Mlle Lapointe**  
**Collecting Baby Needs**

**Social Justice Team Leader: Abbey R.**

**Classes: Mme Crow, Mrs. Mather-Breault, and Mme Martineau**  
**Collecting School Supplies**

**Social Justice Team Leader: Trinity S.**

**Classes: Mme Maloney, Mrs. Cooper, and Mrs. Sinisac**  
**Collecting Food Items (No Glass, Please)**

**Social Justice Team Leader: Emily N.**

**Classes: Mrs. Cudmore, Mrs. Bondy-Herron, and Mme Leonard**  
**Collecting Dry Goods & Cleaners**

**Social Justice Team Leader: Hailey C.**

**Classes: Mrs. Stepniak and Mme Laporte**  
**Collecting Hospital/Medical Supplies**

**Social Justice Team Leader: Piper C.**

**Classes: Mme Dilllott, Mr. Ventura, and Mr. Wright**  
**Collecting Adult Personal Items**

**Social Justice Team Leader: Costa Z.**

**The Lenten Mission will wrap up on Holy Thursday, March 29.th**

## STEM Club

Grade 6/7/8 STEM from March 21st to May 23rd (every Wednesday, 10 weeks starting the week immediately after March break) from 8-9am.

Grade 1/2 STEM from March 20th to April 24th (every Tuesday, 6 weeks starting the week immediately after March break) from 8-9am.

## Senior Basketball Teams

### Boys Team

Brayden D  
Brennen D  
Clay R  
Alex B  
Blain B  
James L  
Kanye P  
Brady S  
Brayden S  
Alec W  
Josh P  
DD D  
Ira V



### Girls Team

Piper C  
Sydney S  
Nadia R  
Brook B  
Abby S  
Keaton K  
Meagan J  
Olivia D  
Jane D  
Jacklynn G  
Zoe R  
Keyauna B



In the fall grades one through eight received water bottles from Canadian Tire. They hold 750 +ml. For FDK we will be sending home a more appropriately sized Rubbermaid reusable juice box (250 mL) compliments of the grant we received from Chatham-Kent Public Health for our Eat Right ... Be Smart program.

Also, on the **9th there will be fruit kabobs** for students free of charge and fruit/yogurt parfaits free of charge on the 22nd under the Eat Right... Be Smart grant and the smoothie date for **March is Thursday the 29th.**

Please remember that we need to keep a **Nut Aware Environment** every day at St. Anne's in order to keep students safe. We ask that due to **several allergies** in the school including NUTS that **NO** treats be sent in without talking to the classroom teacher first. They have to be labelled, **BUT** still **NO NUT** treats or products are allowed. Thank you for your co-operation as student safety is a priority.

**“Wow” Spread looks too much like Peanut Butter and lunch supervisors would not be able to determine whether it was Peanut Butter or not so it is also not permitted.**



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

**We're on the Web!**

<http://www.st-clair.net/SAB/>

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mar 23-Grad Retakes

March 30—Good  
Friday

April 2—Easter  
Monday

April 25—Gr. 8 Con-  
firmation

April 27—PA Day

**St. Anne school  
now has a Face-  
book page. Please  
like our page so  
that you can see  
all of the up to  
date events hap-  
pening at the  
school.**



From the Church

### **St. Mary's Parish Mass Times & News:**

Tuesday to Friday – 8:00am

Saturday – 5:00pm

Sunday – 9:00am and 11:00am

**School Mass: Wednesday, March 7th @ 9:45am at St. Mary's Parish.**

**Join us if you can! All are welcome. This Mass will be led by Mrs. Sinasac and Mrs. Campbell's Grade 1/2 class.**



**Remember that Sunday Friends takes place each Sunday at the 11:00 am mass.**

• Lenten Lunches will take place at St. Mary's Hall each Thursday during Lent

11:30am.

• Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00pm on Good Friday.

### **DO YOU KNOW OUR BELL TIMES???**

Morning Bell: 9:15 am

Morning Recess 10:55 - 11:10 am

Lunch: 12:00 - 12:45 pm

Afternoon Recess 2:25 - 2:40 pm

Dismissal Bell: 3:30 pm

**The front doors are locked every morning at 9:25 am. They will be open during the lunch hour, then closed again at 12:45 pm. They will open again at 3:30 pm.**

### **Water's Cool in Our School!**

Does your child drink enough during the day? Encouraging children to drink water is an easy and low-cost way to promote health and learning. Water is important for almost everything that happens in the body. By itself, the brain is made up of 80 per cent water. Throughout the day, children should be drinking enough water to be sure that their bodies can work at their best. This is why our school actively promotes water as the beverage of choice!

We are also encouraging students to bring their own refillable bottle of water to school every day and to make use of our water filling station. Children are able to keep a bottle on their desks at all times. We ask them to take it home each night, so that it can be thoroughly cleaned.

### **Cleaning bottles**

Bottles should be washed daily in warm, soapy water, rinsed and left to air-dry upside down. The nozzle of a sports cap should be opened and flushed through. The bottles can also be washed in a dishwasher, taking care to separate the cap from the bottle.

## 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](http://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.**

### Medical Information and Medication

Dear Parents and Guardians, In order for the School Office to dispense any medication a "Request for School Assistance with Health Care" form must be filled out and returned to the Office. Do not bring medication to your child's teacher—it always goes to the Office.

Also, do not send medication with your child to self-dispense at school. For your child's and other children's safety it must be dispensed at the Office.

If you child has a serious medical condition please make the Office aware (e.g. serious allergies and reactions, heart condition, asthma, needs an epi-pen, etc.)

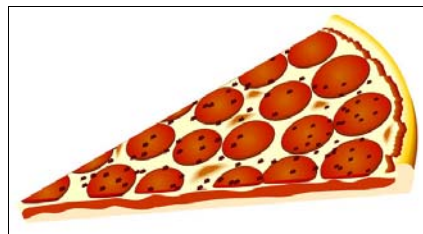
Dear Parents,

Our next round of online pizza orders for the month of April will start up March 5<sup>th</sup> and end March 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again for supporting St. Anne School!!!

Please note, if you miss the deadline to order online, Wayne's pizza will not be accepting orders for delivery to the school. Thank you for your consideration with this matter!!!

*Thank you!*

**Kim Wells**  
*Elementary Financial Secretary*



**If parents want our school-wide e-mail sent to them, please contact Mrs. Nead at [tammy.nead@st-clair.net](mailto:tammy.nead@st-clair.net).**

## ***Focus on Faith***

“Pastoral Care of Our Catholic School.” Is a document, commissioned and endorsed by Bishop Fabbro, was written collaboratively by parents, students, representatives from the six Catholic school boards within our diocesan area, and representatives from the diocese and our deaneries. In addition to the new curriculum explained in the January Newsletter, this will be the topic discussed among principals, parents, parish personnel and partners in Catholic Education during our Annual Great Family of our Church gathering when we gather together in prayer and discussion about Catholic Education.

To access the document, please choose one of the links below

English

<http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Shared%20Documents/2018-01-January/Pastoral%20Care%20of%20Catholic%20Schools%20October%202016.pdf>

French

<http://www.forums.dionet.ca/parishbriefings/Shared%20Documents/2018-01-January/La%20pastorales%20des%20%C3%A9coles%20catholiques%202017.pdf>

Blessings,

Margaret Palmer

System Chaplaincy Leader

p.s. Have you visited our website lately for help raising your children in the faith?

Check out Living Our Faith portion of our website here <http://www.st-clair.net/living-our-faith.aspx>

Check out the section of our website that aims to equip Catholic parents as the primary faith teachers of the children they entrust in our care for their educational needs. <http://www.st-clair.net/parents-and-community-partners.aspx>