



St. Anthony's Catholic School

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Dear Interested Parents,

We are pleased that you have chosen to find out more about St. Anthony's Catholic School and are considering applying for enrollment. St. Anthony's Catholic School offers a high standard of academic excellence while fostering the growth of well-rounded students.

The application process involves a few steps. First, you must complete the application and return it with a \$50 application fee to the school office. Second, you should make an appointment to meet and discuss your child's application with the school's principal. Often you can pop into see me when you drop off the application. Finally, in May, the principal will review all applications and send out letters of acceptance to those families who are successful.

Placement in St. Anthony's will be offered first to Practicing Catholic families (children must be baptized to be considered), second to siblings of current students, and finally, it will be open to the greater community. Additionally, when offering a placement in our school, we want to make sure that it is a 'good fit' between child and school. As a school community, it is our goal to make sure that we can meet the needs of the child and the family. There are many factors to consider and we will only accept a student if we feel that the school can successfully meet the learning needs of everyone. Students must be turning 5 before DECEMBER 31st of the school year as we cannot accept children early.

A kindergarten orientation will be held in June (date to be announced). All other orientations will be arranged with the principal at the time of acceptance.

St. Anthony's Catholic School is classified as a Group 1 Independent School with the Ministry of Education. That means that we are partially funded by the government by 50% whereas public schools are funded 100%. We charge tuition to make up about 33% of our operating costs and the remainder is funded by our school fundraisers and donations.

St. Anthony's Catholic School teachers are BC certified and follow the BC curriculum in all subject areas. We have an excellent staff with both seasoned and new teachers who are committed to providing the best possible education and learning environment for your child. We are known for our high standard of academic excellence and fostering the growth of a well-rounded child.

Our School Council is a board of elected, practicing Catholic members. These volunteers sit on the board for 2 year terms and decide on the school policies, operating expenditures, and determine the vision for our school. We encourage you to consider becoming a member if you are also a practicing Catholic in our Parish.

We have a very active Parent Support Group (PSG) made up of dedicated volunteer parents who handle the fundraising projects of the school. They also host and organize many of our fun filled family nights! Everyone is welcome to attend these monthly meetings. They meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the staff lunchroom! This is a great way to become involved in our school community!

St. Anthony's offer a Pre-Kindergarten program for 4 year olds that is run separate from the school. The manager, Grace Sanford, is an amazing Early Childhood Education teacher that will prepare your children for kindergarten, giving them a step above the rest!

We are currently a Kindergarten to grade 9 school.

Kindergarten to grade 6 is our Elementary School. Grade 7 to 9 is our Senior Academy School (Middle school alternative for those wishing to continue in a smaller, faith filled environment). Senior Academy was created because of the desire by our families wanting to continue with a faith filled education for their children. We offer BC Ministry of Education mandated curriculum including Applied Skills rotations of courses including but not limited to, wood working, musical theater, sewing, and cooking.

As a Catholic School, our students and school family will be celebrating masses together throughout the year. The first Friday of every month at 9:00 am is our scheduled school mass. I invite every one of you and your families to come and see what a school celebration looks and feels like. We also celebrate additional special masses such as Ash Wednesday, Advent, Catholic Schools week and Reconciliation etc. these dates and times will be announced so that you may join us.

We are a uniform school. We strongly feel that a uniform brings unity and a sense of pride to our students. The uniform policy is strictly monitored. The Uniform suppliers are Cambridge and Neat Uniforms. See folder for Uniform policy and ordering information.

We offer Catholic and non-Catholic families the same rate of tuition that is not only affordable, but tax deductible. We welcome all denominations of faith

If you would like more information or chance to speak with the principal, please call me at 250.632.6313. I invite you to come and see our school and *feel the difference!* Thank you for considering us for your child's education.

Giving your child a Catholic Education is a Gift that will last a life time.

Sincerely,

Christopher Reilly
Principal