



## St. Anthony's Catholic School

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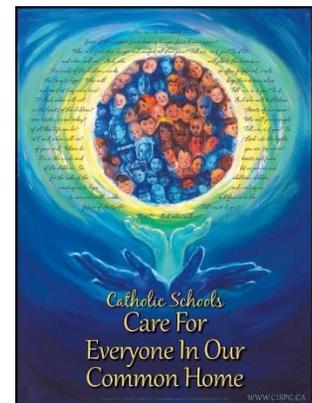
Dear St. Anthony's Families,

Welcome back to the 2017-18 School Year! I hope that you had a relaxing and wonderful summer holiday. The school is buzzing with activity and excitement in preparation. A special welcome to our many new families!

**OUR first day of School is Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (dismissed at noon).**

Care for Everyone in Our Common Home is the theme for our Catholic Schools this year. Attached is pertinent information that I hope you will find useful as we begin our school year.

Our amazing and dedicated staff line up this year includes: Bernadette Fitzpatrick, Heather McKinnon, Tara Kaberry, Bec Grincer, Teresa Pires, Chris Reilly, Erin Baker, Karlena Weiler, Rachael de Sousa, Oriana Viveiros, John Nicolai, Melody Fiahlo, Heidi Nichols, Bryna Kaines, Joanna Dizkowska, Raelene Rands, Sara Medeiros, Debbie Maravilla, Grace Sanford and Jessica Goncalves.



Attached you will find the finalized School Calendar for 2017-2018 School year. **Please note the changes.**

We welcome Tracy Tavares as our chairperson of School Council. We also welcome Laura Thompson and Sylvie Krabes to the team and we express a sincere thank you to Markus Feldhoff, Doris Empinado, and Kerri McLaren for another year of dedicated service. We also want to say a final farewell to members stepping down: Nancy Stenson, Tina Schmidt and Gregory Krabes. The years they have spent dedicated to our school are very much appreciated!

We are still looking for a chairperson for our Parent Support Group! This amazing group of parents are in charge of the fundraising for our school ~ programs like our band, museum/arts and the super fun extras, come from the PSG! They meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. If you are interested in being part of your child's school and this group, please come to a meeting!! The **FIRST** Parent Support Group Meeting is on **September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm in the staff room**. Please park up top in the teacher parking and the door will be open for you. We welcome all of you to be part of this amazing group of people who work incredibly hard ensuring that your children have amazing programs!

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 to you so that you may join us. Occasionally, we do need to change which Friday mass is held, this will also be announced as early as possible. Our first school mass year will be on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. It will be lead by the staff. Please join us!

The School Expansion Project is well underway! We will have an additional three classroom building with washrooms for our Senior Academy students this school year (delivery date still to be determined). This much needed expansion is very exciting and we anticipate the extra rooms will accommodate our ever growing school!

I want to wholehearted thank all of you for your patience as we have worked to iron out the School Uniform changes! I understand your frustration! As you are aware, we are permitting TWO companies this year: Cambridge and Neat. The crest logo on our white K-6 shirts is OPTIONAL for this year. If children are NOT in proper uniform for the first few weeks of school due to shipping delays, please send them in plain white shirts and navy bottoms until they do arrive! I have been assured that all students will have their uniforms asap! More details pertaining to school uniform will be sent to you by school council.

Our School Facebook page is St. Anthony's School NEWS AND EVENTS page. This page is for sharing positive information and successes of our school and students. IF you have questions, concerns, complaints or information to share, the school Facebook page is NOT the place to do this. Please EMAIL THE PRINCIPAL. The principal is your first line of attack ~ I will answer questions, hear your complaints or suggestion and address any and all issues you have. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

We are a NUT AWARE school! This means that we have severe allergies in the school that require our families to be super diligent about sending products to school with any form of nuts in them. You will be receiving an information page with snack & lunch suggestions on the first day of school. Thank you for keeping all of our students safe!

On the first day of school, all students are to arrive prior to our school bell at 8:35 am. Classroom lists will be posted outside on walls/doors indicating which class your child will be in. Where the list is posted, indicates the door that each grade will be using to enter and exit the school for the coming year. Students will be dismissed at noon. The bus will be running (see attached schedules). Children taking the bus will need to have payment with them and will need to come in at recess to purchase their bus passes. We need to confirm the number of children using the bus and then determine IF we need to do a first and second bus run.

You will receive a large package of forms on the first day of school from the school office. These must be returned by **Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of September**. Included will be: Code of Conduct, payment option form (3 pages), busing registration, Busing Information sheet, field trip form, and the amended school calendar. Our office hours are: Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. A student helper will answer phones from 12:00-12:35 pm.

Please ensure that you are in contact via email with your child's classroom teacher right away! All teachers have a CISPG email (first initial, last name @cispg.ca for example – [kgroves@cispg.ca](mailto:kgroves@cispg.ca)). If your email has changed or are new to the school, please email Mrs. Goncalves at [stoffice@cispg.ca](mailto:stoffice@cispg.ca) to add your email to our mailing list. If you are having troubles receiving emails from the office, please let us know immediately!

And finally, my door is always open! Please come in and see me if you have any questions, comments, concerns that you may have. It is my mission to ensure that children and families feel welcome, heard and included.

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

Thank you for choosing St. Anthony's School. May the blessing of our Lord be upon you  
God Bless,

*Katja Groves*

Katja Groves, Principal