

FEBRUARY 2019

St. Ann School

St. Ann Mission Statement

St. Ann School is a Christ centered community committed to educating a diverse group of learners to the Catholic way of life, which stresses openness, co-operation and service to one another, Christian values and Academic Excellence.

ST. AGNES PARISH NEWS

AMPED YOUTH GROUP:

NOTE: *DAY AND TIME HAVE CHANGED!!!*****

The Amped program will now run every **Sunday** from **12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.** in the Church Hall. All students in Grade 3 – 6 are welcome to attend. Students meet in the church hall immediately following the 11 am mass. Snack will be provided as well as lots of fun activities! Come join us!!

MIDWINTER'S FEAST:

St. Agnes Parish Council will be hosting a Potluck Dinner of Saturday February 16th at 6 p.m. immediately following the 5 p.m. mass. Wings and Chicken will be provided as well as beverages. Please bring your favourite dish (salad, veggie or dessert) to share and come and enjoy a great meal and some conversation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy continues to be held every Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. mass, except the third Sunday of the month for the Family Mass. Children from JK – Grade 4 are invited to the church hall to engage in meaningful interpretations of the readings and Gospel and to participate in hands-on activities.

Attendance Awards

St. Ann School is continuing to inform our students and families of the importance of attending school regularly, and being to school on time. Many students have really improved with respect to attendance. The staff at the school really appreciates that, as it means less disruption during teaching/learning time, and ensures that students get what they need to improve their learning. When students are regularly present and not late for school, their confidence and learning improve and that is wonderful to see when it happens. Just before Christmas many students were recognized for excellent attendance and improved attendance. The school will continue to reward students for coming to school and being on time.

The next round of attendance awards for students is in March...stay tuned. Let's all do our part to encourage our children to be at school regularly and on time.

Celebrating Our Faith

Most recently, St. Ann School recognized a number of students for their role modeling of our Catholic faith in word and deed in and around our school. These students exemplify the Catholic virtues very well, and enhance the Catholic culture of our school through their dedication,

respect and care for our community. We appreciate all the good ways the recipients share their gifts with others. We expect all students to demonstrate our Catholic Virtues daily and we thank all students. We thank them for the Christ-like contributions they make to our school. Stay tuned as we will be awarding new Catholic virtue awards in March.

Academic Success

St. Ann School recognized a number of students for their excellent academic achievement to date. These students demonstrated excellent work ethic, dedication and a willingness to learn new concepts. These students are working to their potential and show a genuine enthusiasm and desire to improve. We appreciate their willingness to participate in class and be role models to those around them. We will continue to recognize students for their academic success and progress again in March.

BOOK FAIR

Our Book Fair will be February 5 & 6
The theme this year is
“Dinomite Book Fair”



February 2019

Knights of Columbus Free throw

On Monday January 28, 2019, 6 students competed in the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Wassy Mendagowan Gr. 5, Ethan Tablowski Grade 4, Kayla Martin Grade 5, Layla Anness Grade 6, Alayah Anderson Grade 6, Daniel Mitchell Grade 5 accompanied by Mrs. Hupka, went to St. Ignatius High School to compete in a city wide competition! Each participant did a great job. Congratulations Skyhawks!!

Winter Recreation Program

The junior students will be participating in the Winter Recreation Program on Monday afternoons in February and the first Monday in March. The grade 4, 5 and 6 students will either be participating in Old Fort William Historical Park programming which will be brought to St Ann, Fort William Curling Club or Kamview Cross Country Skiing. Please ensure your children are prepared with warm winter wear for these fun filled winter activities!!

Chocolate Fundraiser

This year we will be doing 'The World's Finest Chocolate' Fundraiser. A note outlining the details was sent home. Please return the permission form to the school by February 6, 2019. Kick off is scheduled for February 7, 2019. For every box of chocolate you sell the student will receive a free chocolate bunny and have their name entered into the early bird and grand prize draws!!

SCHOOL CELL PHONE

**For safe arrival you can now text 632-9066
To let the school know your child will not be at
school. Please text anytime**

(day/night/weekends)

Child's Name

Child's Grade

Reason for absence

Your text will be answered

Mon – Friday

8 - 4

****Please note this phone is for TEXTING
ONLY. Phone calls will not be answered. To
call the school please call 577-7211. ****



Grade 6 Open House

On Wednesday February 27, 2019, the Senior Elementary Schools (PJPII, Bishop Gallagher & E.Q. Jennings) will host an information night for all grade 6 parents and students. The meeting is to orientate all grade 6 students and parents with the outstanding programs, services and supports at the Senior Elementary Schools. The agenda will involve a brief presentation about the senior elementary model and parents will have an opportunity to talk with staff. The information meeting will begin at 7:00pm in the school's gymnasium followed by informational time to meet with staff.

NATIONAL FAMILY DAY

Celebrate National Family Day on Monday February 18th. Enjoy the opportunity to spend time together as a family.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Report cards are coming home with students on February 8th, 2019. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday February 21st from 4 to 7 p.m. Teachers will be sending home a notification with your child if an interview is necessary. Alternatively, if you wish to schedule an interview with your child's teacher, please call/text the school to arrange for a time. We encourage all parents to attend Parent-Teacher Interviews.

UPWARD BOUND

The Upward Bound Tutoring Program will continue to run 2 days a week in February. The program runs every Tuesday & Thursday. It begins after school at 3:20 p.m. and ends at 4:50 p.m. Please note there will be no program the week of Feb 18. Parents are welcome to pick up a registration form at the main office. February dates are as follows:

- Feb. 5, 7**
- Feb. 12, 14**
- Feb. 26, 28**

SKYHAWK WINTER CARNIVAL

Our Skyhawk Winter Carnival will be held the week of February 19th - 22nd. Each day will be a different theme. Our carnival should prove to be an enjoyable time for all students to get involved and show their Skyhawk school spirit. A note outlining the details will follow.

Monday, February 18th

Family Day NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 19th

"Crazy Day!!"

Crazy Hair, crazy socks, wear clothes backwards!!

Wednesday, February 20th

"Pajama Day"

Walking Taco Day! Preorder only

Thursday, February 21st

"Chew Gum and Hat Day!!"

Pizza Day

Friday, February 22nd

"Play Day/Jersey Day".

Lunch will be early from 12:30 - 1:10 to ensure there is enough time for the Play Day!!

Wear your favourite team hat or team Jersey.

Winter Carnival Play Day - Outside - 1:30

Homemade Bannock and Hot Chocolate

French Plays

Students in grade 4 and 5 have been learning to speak French by reading, repeating, gesturing, and practicing the lines from their plays **LES TROIS PETITS COCHONS** and **LOUIS LA GRENOUILLE**. We have had so much fun and the students are very excited to perform for you! The grade 4 students can't wait to make their French debut to family and friends.

Parents and guardians please join us on **Friday, February 1st** in the library at 12:20 (gr5) and 2:20 (gr.4) as our students entertain you with drama, dance, music, fun and refreshments!!!

SKYHAWK PARENT'S PAGE

(Parents Matter)

CASHLESS SCHOOLS – MAKING ONLINE PAYMENTS

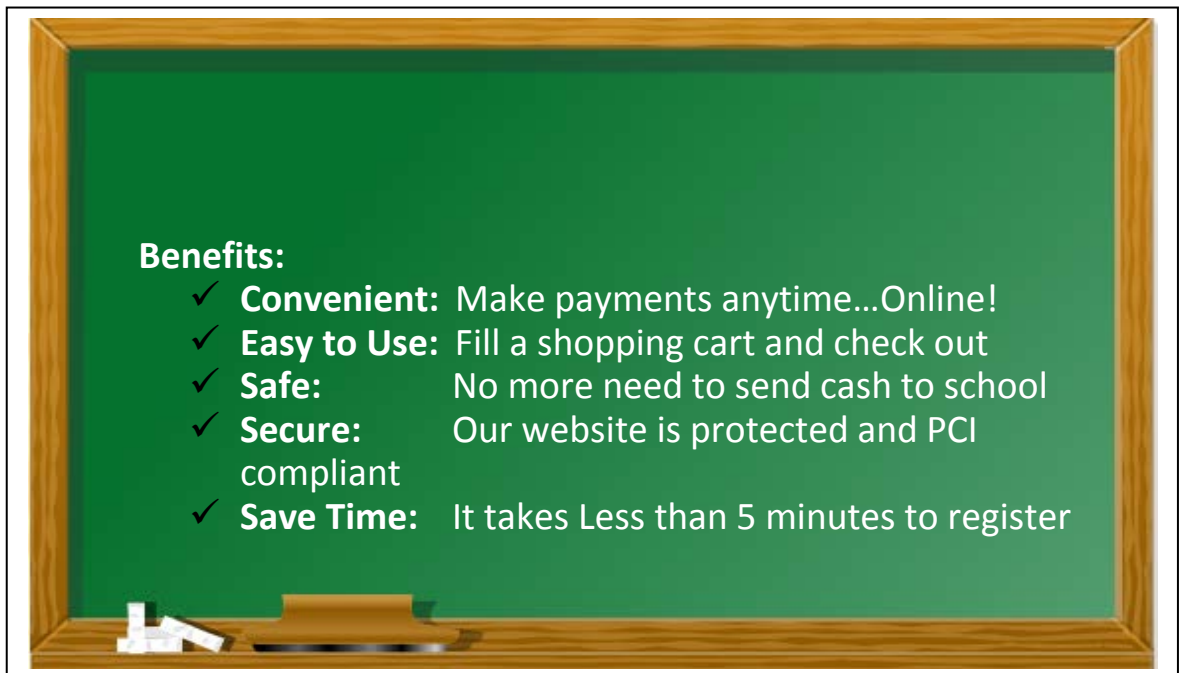
The [TBCDSB](#) is pleased to offer families the opportunity to pay student fees (pizza, milk, excursions) electronically for the 2019 school year. The *School Cash Online* program will provide a convenient fee payment option that will save time, reduce paper, maintain a focus on instruction in the classroom and limit cash and checks in our schools. This improved efficiency also aligns with the District's strengthened accounting practices. School Cash Online is offered by KEV Group Inc., an Ontario based company that has been our web based product for maintaining our schools' fundraising transactions. It is safe, secure and convenient.

Parents are encouraged to participate and enjoy the 24/7 convenience of paying for their child's school fees online. We are asking parents to please take 5 minutes to register. A note was sent home in September with your child's OEN number which is necessary in the registration process.

Once you are registered online, you will begin receiving emails about upcoming events. You can make secure online payments and receive a receipt. For our school in particular, for now, you will be able to pay for pizza, milk and any upcoming excursions that the school participates in.

To set up an account for your students – and to learn more about using the system, click on the [School Cash Online](#).

(Link: <https://thunderbaycatholic.schoolcashionline.com>).





Northern Fruit & Vegetable Program

It's here! Wonderful! But, what is it...?

The NFVP provides two free servings of fresh vegetables and fruit each week to all elementary school students from January to June.

The main goals of the program are to boost fruit and veggie consumption and to highlight the bene-fits of healthy eating and physical activity in children and their families.

TBDHU has partnered with Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Fruit and Vege-table Growers' Association, First Nations communities and organizations, school boards, and ele-mentary schools across Northern Ontario

For more information, please visit www.tbdhu.com/NFVP

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