

October 2018

St. Ann School

(CSC) Catholic School Council Corner

We welcome the following members for 2018-2019:

Jennifer Meservia, and Crystal Herman (Co-chairs), Rachel Meservia is the Parent rep. Mrs. Pelaia and Theresa Bortolussi will be the teaching staff representatives. The first meeting was held in September. The next meeting will be held Wednesday November 7 @ 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend!!

Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us for our School Mass on Tuesday October 16, 2018 at 1:45 p.m. at St Ann Church.
All are welcome...

Pizza Days

Pizza Days will be held every Thursday. The price is **\$2.00 per slice** and must be pre-ordered monthly by the forms coming home with your child. In order to meet the nutritional standards we will be offering a whole wheat crust with pepperoni from Eat Local Pizza. You can now order online when you register at:

<https://thunderbaycatholic.schoolcashionline.com>

Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay Breakfast Club

The Boys' and Girls' Club of Thunder Bay is still looking for a responsible, reliable employee to run our Breakfast Club program. A start date for the program is yet to be determined. Any interested candidates should email Leanne Skirving @ lskirving@tbaytel.net

St Ann School Prayer

Good and gracious God,
We thank you for the gift of your love
And for all of our blessings,
Especially our families,
Friends, and school community.

We thank you for St. Ann,
Mother of Mary and
Grandmother of Jesus,
Who gave us the gift of prayer.

Guide us so that we may strive to follow
In Jesus' footsteps.
Help us to remember that we are
All created in your image.
Protect us as we live, love
And pray as one Catholic community
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen

The Urban Aboriginal Outreach Program

The after school outreach program has begun. It runs from 3:20 to 5:15 daily. If you are interested in signing up your child for the program, please pick up a registration form at the office. The program is for 7 to 12 year olds in the school.
Come out for games, crafts, and lots of fun!!
Thanks to Biwaase'aa for supporting our school community during the day, at lunch, and after school.

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School Procedure Reminders

School Supervision

Supervision is provided for the students 20 minutes before the morning bell. **Students must not arrive or be dropped off at the school before 8:40 a.m.** as there is no one to watch them. **Students brought in to the office will be brought down to class by an SSP. Please check in at the office before walking your child to class.**

Safe Arrival Procedures/New School Cell Phone

This program is intended to confirm the safety of our students. Should a student be absent, it is important for parents to contact the school. If no contact is made, the parent will be contacted to ensure the student is at home, safe. Our safe arrival phone number is 577-7211. You can also text at 632-9066. **This phone is for texting only.** You cannot call or leave messages on this phone. **YOU MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL EACH TIME YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT.**

Lunch

This is a reminder to parents that healthy drinks and snacks (low sugar/low sodium/low fat) are important for children to bring to school. Having the proper quantity and quality of food is critical to them maintaining proper health and nutrition, especially at this growing stage of their lives. Also, a reminder that due to Health and Safety Policy and supervision, we will not be heating food up for students. Please send heated foods in a thermos to ensure your child's food is eaten warm. Students should also be coming to school with spoons to eat certain foods that are being sent along with them in their snacks and lunches. Students are unnecessarily spilling pudding and yogurt etc. on themselves, the tables, floors and on other students because they are eating these foods without a spoon. This is a health and safety concern.

Thank you for supporting the health and nutrition initiatives in the school.

Allergy Alert

There are students in our school that are severely allergic to peanuts, peanut products, shellfish and tuna. We ask your cooperation by not sending any snacks or lunches with your child containing peanut /shellfish/tuna products. Please speak to your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other children.

Your understanding and cooperation are appreciated so that we might provide for the health needs of students at risk of health trauma. We endeavor to make the school a safe environment for all students.

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Turkey Trot

Gobble Gobble, the turkeys are on the loose. On Thursday October 4th, St Ann School will be participating in their fourth annual Turkey Trot. This is an event to demonstrate school spirit, sportsmanship and fitness. Every class will run a race and the winning student will receive a frozen turkey and a pumpkin pie to take home. For every class a second turkey will be awarded to the student who shows Skyhawk spirit and sportsmanship. Tie up your laces. On your mark. Get set. Go!!!

TERRY FOX RUN

On Thursday September 27, 2018, St. Ann School participated in the annual Terry Fox Run. The weather cooperated and at 2:45 all classes were called outside to run. All proceeds raised will be donated to Cancer Research. Thanks to everyone who participated. T-shirts were ordered and should be arriving to the school early October.

End of Day Pick-up

ALL Parents/guardians/siblings who are picking students up at the end of the day should now do so at our office location. Parents can wait and have a seat inside the new foyer of our school until their child is brought down to them. The foyer can become congested and noisy when everyone is waiting in this area for their child(ren) so please remember the bell does not ring until 3:20. There is no need to come early.

This protocol also aligns with the Safe Schools Act. Please do not request to have your child dismissed before 3:20 unless it is for an appointment. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this procedure.

Dance-A-Thon

This year, St. Ann School will be holding our 9th Annual **Dance -A-Thon!**

This **spooktacular** event, which supports our goal of keeping students active, will be held on Wednesday October 31, 2017. All monies raised will be used to support our school excursions, winter electives, athletic equipment, and school resources.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. There is **NOTHING** to sell! Instead, the students will raise funds by dancing.
2. Each student will ask for pledge donations from family and friends. All pledges are to be collected at the time of sponsorship. No donation is too small! **For safety reasons and according to Board policy, students are not to canvas from door-to-door without an adult present.**
3. On Wednesday October 31st, classes will be scheduled into the gym. Music will be provided by a professional D.J. who will come with a sound system and special lighting! Primary classes will dance from 1:00 -2:00 and Junior students will dance from 2:00 – 3:00p.m.
4. **Lunch will be early from 12:00 – 12:40 ******
5. Money is due back at the school by Wednesday October 31, 2018. All pledges will be collected and monitored through your child's teacher and the office.

Please be aware that a follow up note is coming home closer to the event. This note will remind you of the date and explain some important details regarding the day (costumes, tuck shop etc.). Please support this exciting project by encouraging your child to obtain as many sponsors as possible from family and friends. Successful fundraising translates into excellent opportunities for our students. Please return pledge sheets with the money.

COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN

Dear parents, we are excited to run our Coats for Kids Campaign for its 12th season. This success of this campaign relies on the donations from our school community. We encourage our families to go through their closets and donate any gently used coats, mitts, hats, and boots to this campaign. All items can be dropped off in the box located in the school entrance.

- Collection of coats: Monday, October 15 to Friday, November 2nd. (3 weeks)

- Official kick-off: Saturday, November 10th - Victoriaville Mall
(11:00-2:00)

THANK YOU!

ST. AGNES PARISH NEWS:

Students in Grade 2 or later who wish to receive their **First Reconciliation/First Communion** this year are asked to complete a registration form and return it to the school as soon as possible. Enrollment ceremonies and classes will begin soon. For more information, please contact Janice at St. Agnes Parish Office at 475-7489 from Tuesday to Friday 9 am – 4 pm.

Join in family fun at the **St. Agnes Gold Rush Bazaar** on Saturday, October 20th in St. Martin's gym from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Families will enjoy the Children's Carnival Corner, sponsored by the Youth Groups of St. Agnes. Beef-on-a-Bun is available all day for \$5. The Candy Shop will again offer candy apples and other treats. Crafts, preserves, baking, dime auction, and many other attractions promise a fun day for everyone. Admission is free.

St. Agnes Youth Groups will be hosting their annual **Halloween Party** immediately following the 11 a.m. mass on Sunday October 28th. There will be food, activities, and treats for everyone. Come and bring your favourite costume to wear afterwards!!!!

The "**Amped**" Youth Group will meet every **THURSDAY** this year from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. All students in Grade 3 – 6 are welcome to attend. Students meet in the St. Martin school library at 3:30 p.m. and then walk to the church with the Youth Ministry Leaders for some food, faith and fun!

Children's Liturgy classes have started once again at St. Agnes church. Classes run every Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. mass, except the third Sunday of the month when the Family Mass occurs. 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.

Altar servers needed: Have you celebrated your First Communion? Are you in Grade 3 – 6 and would like to become an altar server? St. Agnes Church is currently looking for altar servers for weekend masses. St. Ann School is also looking for interested students who would be willing to be an altar server for school masses. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 475-7489 for further information.

St. Agnes is looking for people to join the **children's choir**. Children sing periodically at the family mass at 11 a.m. Sunday mornings. If your child is interested in participating in the choir please contact Janice at the Parish Office at 475-7489 for more information.