



ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



Mon Oct 5, 2026

Dear St. Anne's C.S.S. Families,

We hosted our opening school mass with Fr. Sebastian from the Lake Huron Family of Parishes on Thursday and it was a beautiful celebration. His message based on the teachings from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, "do extraordinary things with great love" resonated with the students and ties right in with our school theme of Rejoice. Next week we have a very busy week on deck in the nest. On Wednesday, October 7th, our grade ten students will take part in our annual Gr. 10 Retreat. On Thursday, October 8th, our grade eleven students will head to Camp Khalane to take part in their Gr. 11 Retreat.

In addition to these retreats, St. Anne's is also hosting our Huron County grade six students for Tech days on Wednesday and Thursday. We will also host our grade seven Huron County students for Arts days during this time.

Please have a look at the newsletter below to learn about other happenings at the school this week.

Strides 2026: Walking Together To Support Our Eagles

Our Strides Fundraiser has officially started. Students received their pledge forms, which should have gone home last week. Each student has a goal of raising \$40. The first 100 students to bring in \$40 will receive free French fries, and all students who bring in \$40 will get a Strides T-Shirt designed by one of our students.

Hopefully they've shared the details of their class theme and all the exciting activities that go with it. It's a lot of fun, and we all look forward to seeing our Eagle Pride!

October is Attendance Awareness Month

Lindsay Durst (HPCDSB Attendance counsellor)

October 1st marks the beginning of Attendance Awareness Month, a time when we rejoice in the gift of learning together. This year's theme, "*Your Presence Matters*,"

Every Day In School Counts

Missing...



reminds us that showing up each day builds strong routines, confidence, and a deep sense of belonging. Starting the year with consistent attendance helps students stay connected, engaged, and ready to learn. We know some mornings feel tough, but pushing through those moments strengthens resilience and keeps students on track. Throughout October, we will continue sharing information and activities with you and your child as we promote consistent school attendance all month long. If your child is struggling with attendance, do not hesitate to reach out to the school and inquire about additional support from the school team and Attendance Counsellor if needed.

October 10 is World Mental Health Day

As we prepare to recognize World Mental Health Day, we are reminded to rejoice in the gifts of hope, joy, connection, and belonging that God provides through our families, schools, parishes, and communities. Simple daily practices such as checking in about feelings, encouraging movement and outdoor time, supporting healthy technology habits, and creating calm routines can promote positive mental well-being. Together, we can create caring communities where every child feels valued, supported, and able to shine with the light of Christ.

OSSLT - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test



Our Grade 11 students who need to write/re-write the OSSLT will be on **Tuesday November 17th**. Our Literacy/library team has been busy meeting and preparing these student writers. Our first time grade 10 writers will write the OSSLT on **April 6th**. Please do not schedule any appointments on this date.

EDGE IMAGING School Photo Reminder:

Friendly Reminder! The photo proofs have been sent home with your child, and the deadline to order school photos with FREE Ship-to-School delivery is 10-06-2026. Choosing FREE Ship-to-School is the best way to make sure your photos arrive on time. Please place your order at edgeimaging.ca/order using the portrait code and pass code on your proof.

Student Cabinet Update

Congratulations to Nina Bernardo, who was elected as this year's Grade 9 Rep!

Last Friday, our Student Cabinet hosted Senior parking spot painting. Grade 12 stayed after school to help decorate our parking lot and share their school spirit! On Monday, our Student Cabinet will be participating in a full-day leadership retreat, and we are looking forward to hosting the pep rally at St. Anne's Strides!

Guidance Update

Our Guidance team has been busy processing course changes with students over the first two weeks. We will now shift our focus to Grade 12 students who are graduating and planning their post-secondary pathways, including apprenticeships, college, workplace transitions, university, and community living! Over the next few weeks, we will meet individually with each Grade 12 student to review graduation requirements, discuss

post-secondary plans, and provide details about applications, scholarships, and more. An invitation for this meeting will be sent to the student's school email account.

Online Payments (i.e. Student Fee, Phys. Ed. Uniforms, Field Trips etc.)

School Cash Online is our board's preferred method of payment. Please join other families who have already registered and are enjoying the convenience of paying ONLINE by going to <http://huronperthcdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>.

McCall Huron County Scholarship

Applications for the 2027 McCall Huron County Scholarship, valued at up \$44,000 over four years, will open on are open. You can learn more about this scholarship or start your application by clicking the link below. This year's application deadline is Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, and interviews will take place on Thursday February 17th 2027.

McCall Huron County Scholarships are available to students who are college or university-bound. As such, graduating students planning to study full-time at a public Canadian university OR at a public Canadian college with a high school average of 80% or more are eligible to apply.

If you have any questions, please email or see Mr. Ditner, Mr. Verberne or Ms. Skillen!



Monday, October 5:

- ☐ Senior Boys Volleyball Practice @ 7:00am
- ☐ Student Cabinet Leadership Retreat
- ☐ WOSSAA Boys Golf all day
- ☐ OCTE Conference
- ☐ Jr Girls Basketball Dismiss: 10:15am, Return: 3:15pm
- ☐ Cross Country Practice 3:15pm - 4:30pm
- ☐ Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 3:10pm

Tuesday, October 6:

- Concert Band 7:10am
- Field Hockey Practice @ 7:15am
- Fanshawe Pioneer Village Depart: 8:45am, Return: 3:00pm
- OCTE Conference
- Sr/Jr Boys Volleyball Dismiss: 12:30pm, Depart: 12:45pm, Return: 5:00pm
- Fanshawe College (London/Clinton, plus other satellites) during Senior Lunch in Front Foyer
- Tennis Practice 3:10pm
- Jr Girls Basketball Practice 3:15pm - 4:40pm
- Gamers Club 3:00pm - 4:45pm in the Library
- ARC Club 3:10pm in Room 141
- Homework Help 3:10pm - 4:20 in the Library

- Drama Club 3:10pm

Wednesday, October 7:

- Grade 6/7 Technological & Arts Exploration Day; St. James, St. Boniface, St. Mary's (Goderich)
- Grade 10 Retreat
- Senior Boys Volleyball Practice @ 7:00am
- Varsity Baseball Practice @ Diamond behind St. Joseph's, Clinton 7:00am
- Girls 7s Rugby 7-8:20am
- Clinton Conservation Area visit
- Cross Country Practice 3:15pm - 4:30pm
- Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 3:10pm
- Tennis Practice 3:10pm
- Homework Help in Library; 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Potential Baseball HP Jr and Sr. Depart @ 9:30, Return @ 2:15

Thursday, October 8:

- Grade 6/7 Technological & Arts Exploration Day (St. Boniface, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood, OLMC)
- Grade 11 Retreat @ Camp Khalanie, Goderich
- Concert Band 7:10am
- Field Hockey Practice @ 7:15am
- Varsity Baseball @ Clinton
- Cross Country at Boler Mountain, London Dismiss: 9:20am, Depart: 9:30am, Return: 5:45pm
- Period 2 Civics trip to Town Hall
- E-Sports in Seminar Room, 3:10pm - 4:30pm

Friday, October 9:

- World Mental Health Day
- Girls 7s Rugby 7:00am-8:20am
- Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 7:00am
- Senior Boys Volleyball Practice @ 7:00am
- Clinton Conservation Area visit

Transportation

The Huron Perth Student Transportation Services [Parent Portal](#) is now open. Bus carriers have experienced staffing shortages in the past. It is important for families to have a plan in place in case a bus route is cancelled. Monitor the [Huron Perth Transportation Services website](#) or download the [Bus Planner Delays App](#) for the latest information on bus delays & cancellations.

Student Accident Insurance

Please note that the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities, including extracurricular sports. Accidents can and do happen. If a student is injured, parent(s)/guardian(s) are responsible for any costs not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans.

Under the Education Act, the Board is empowered to make available an Accident and Life Insurance Program for students. Participation in such a program is voluntary, and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian. Student Accident Insurance is strongly recommended for all students, especially students participating in extracurricular athletics. Please find more information about Student Accident Insurance and Provider Information [HERE](#). **Stay up to date:** You can check out our **Weekly Announcements** [HERE](#). In addition, you

can watch our live daily announcements on the **St. Anne's CSS YouTube channel found [HERE](#)**. As always, information and events are subject to change.

CONNECTING WITH US

We are all in this together! Our board's spiritual theme is "On Fire with the Spirit, Rejoice!"—a meaningful reflection as we journey together and share the Light of Christ throughout the school year. Please feel free to contact us anytime. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

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