



ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026 | 6:30 P.M. | SCHOOL LIBRARY

Minutes & Agenda

- Welcome & Prayer – Josh Geddis
- Introductions – all
 - Attendance: Laura Blackmore (Principal), Josh Geddis (Vice Principal), Sharlene Bolen, Mary McInnes, Lindsay Durst (HPCDSB Attendance Counsellor), Quinn Palen (Student Trustee)
- Elections of the CSAC chair/co-chairs & secretary – Laura Blackmore
 - CSAC Co-Chairs – Sharlene Bolen and Mary McInnes have decided to share the position – Thank you ladies!
 - CPIC representative – invitations will be shared with Shar and Mary
- Presentation: HPCDSB Attendance Counsellor – Lindsay Durst
 - October is Attendance Awareness month: we will be sharing information and activities with you as we promote consistent school attendance
 - Please find the link to the presentation [HERE](#)
- Student Trustee Report – Quinn Palen
 - On September 1 we held the Grade 9/New student BBQ
 - Grade 9 retreat/orientation occurred on September 18
 - We held our academic award's ceremony September 22
 - We will observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. We will acknowledge Orange Shirt Day by wearing uniform bottoms and orange shirts.
 - On September 9 we held our welcome back assemblies for all grades.
 - Lambton College visited on September 14th
 - September 15 and 16 we had SHSM First Aid training
 - Redeemer University visited September 15
 - Students attended the Canadian outdoor farm show September 15-17
 - Students attended working at heights training in London September 18 and 21
 - Ontario Tech university visited September 21

- Students attended elevated work platform in London September 21
 - Georgian college visited September 23
 - Conestoga dual credit electrical started September 22
 - Students attended the Ontario University Fair at the Toronto convention center on September 26 and 27
 - Tomorrow the University of Waterloo visits on September 29
 - Guidance team will begin meeting with Grade 12 students for future planning at the end of September
 - Timetable changes have been completed.
 - Fall sports/try outs began September 10, with baseball and field hockey being the first
 - Clubs kicked off hosting first meetings September 10
 - Concert band begun September 15
 - The fall fundraiser, St. Anne's Strides kicked off September 22
 - We are hosting the Huron Elementary Junior and Senior soccer tournaments September 23 and 24
- Principal's Report – Laura Blackmore
 - The school year is already busy and students are involved in a great number of events. Our school has an ever increasing population with the total of Eagles currently at 616. We have a grade 9 cohort of 194, which was why we moved to three lunches for the timetable. This year we are also focussing on improving the reading ability of our struggling readers and MLL students. One SERT and our MLL teacher are leading a reading intervention group and we look forward to seeing the gains made at the end of the semester. We have lots to celebrate from our 2025 –2026 EQAO scores, in which 86% of our first time OSSLT writers were successful which was the same as the provincial average. Our grade 9 EQAO math scores also matched those of the provincial average with 58% meeting the level 3 benchmark.
 - Our literacy teachers in the library are working with grade 11 students who are preparing to write the OSSLT this fall, specifically November 17&18 (if needed). We will continue to prepare grade 10 students throughout the year through their regular curriculum and through focused preparation at various times throughout the year. Our grade 10 OSSLT writing date is set for April 6th, 2027 for first time writers.
 - Our school goals remain in line with the Board's strategic plan focusing on Faith development, literacy, math initiatives and working on increasing the attendance of all students on a daily basis. We

encourage student involvement and participation in all school events. Attendance is a key factor in student academic achievement and we have seen this year that the Ministry of Education has tied attendance and participation to achievement to demonstrate the importance. We also continue to work with the Student Cabinet to find creative and fun ways to enhance the learning environment, without adding too much disruption to the learning day.

- As we continue through October please anticipate early reports going home October 26 and we will be hosting Parent-Teacher Interviews on Thursday October 29 from 5-7pm. We encourage parents to come out and meet the teachers and discuss the progress of their child in each of their courses this semester.
- Discussion of future topics
 - Graduation Breakfast
 - Graduation will be Tuesday June 29th at 7:00pm
 - Breakfast will be held at 10:00am on June 29th
 - Planning to begin next meeting
- Questions
 - Shar and Mary asked how to increase parent involvement in the committee - it was discussed that at Parent - Teacher night (Oct. 29) having our Co-Chairs welcome parents and caregivers to the gymnasium and have surveys, sign up forms and be able to meet and greet and explain the role of CSAC at St. Anne's. Shar and Mary will work together on a parent survey and share with administration for printing.
 - Principal Blackmore asked about providing the families with a survey to determine future meeting topics and possible dates and times
- Possible Future Meeting dates dependent upon October 29th feedback
 - December 3, 2026
 - February 4, 2027
 - April 1, 2027