



ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



Friday October 9, 2026

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

Prayer for Thanksgiving

Good and Gracious God,

This time of year we think of all things we should be thankful for.

We take a moment today to give thanks for the blessings you have given us.

Thank you for our friends, our families, for laughter, for sunshine, for the gentle rains, and the beautiful skies.

May we always see the blessings in our lives and take time to appreciate them.

Amen.

Update from Administration

Vice-Principal Josh Geddis will be temporarily supporting St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School as Acting Principal for the next couple weeks while their principal is away. We wish him well with our school yard neighbours up the hill. During his absence, retired Principal Bell will be providing administrative support at St. Anne's - Welcome Ms. Bell!

Update from Physical Education Department



On Monday, September 28th, all Physical Education classes participated in our Terry Fox Run/Walk.

Throughout their class period, students walked and ran laps around the track in honour of Terry Fox and his incredible legacy of courage, perseverance, and hope. Students were also encouraged to bring in a 'Toonie for Terry' to help support cancer research.

It was a great opportunity for our students to be active while coming together to support an important cause. Thank you to all of our students who participated and contributed!

Strides 2026: Walking Together To Support Our Eagles

Our Strides Fundraiser has one week to go, as we will be walking on Friday October 16th. Students have received their pledge forms and 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 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.

GRADUATION - Class of 2027

Save the Date: We will be celebrating the **Class of 2027** on **Tuesday June 29th** at 7pm in our gymnasium. All potential graduates have received a google invite to the Class of 2027, where we share important dates, scholarship and bursary information as well as potential sources for community service opportunities. In addition, Prom will be held on Friday June 4th, 2027 from 7 until 10pm.



Parent -Teacher Interviews

Thursday October 29th from 5:00 - 7:00pm



Please mark the date and time of our Parent - Teacher Interview evening on your calendars. Interviews will be hosted in the gym and are on a first come, first serve basis. We look forward to meeting all of our Eagle families this evening.

CSAC Minutes: October 1, 2026

Please find the minutes of our October 1st Catholic School Advisory Committee (CSAC) - Parent Council meeting [HERE](#). Thank you to Sharlene Bolen and Mary McInnes for serving as our Co-Chairs for this year. We heard a great presentation from our HPCDSB Attendance Counsellor, Lindsay Durst who provided attendance data and statistics, reviewed the impacts poor student attendance has and provided many examples of how parents and caregivers can support their teenagers! Please find her presentation [HERE](#).

March Break 2028

St. Anne's is excited to offer an amazing opportunity for students to travel to England and France for March Break, 2028! There are still a few spots available and Gr. 9 students this year are eligible to sign-up, as they will be in Gr. 10 when we fly across the ocean. Please email Ms. Brennan-Yeo @ cbrennanyeo@huronperthcatholic.ca if you have any questions. The deadline for signing up at the listed cost has been extended to the end of October to fill the remaining spots! This is a 10 day adventure that is sure to give your child a lifetime of memories!

Monday, October 12: Thanksgiving

Tuesday, October 13:

- Concert Band 7:10am
- Field Hockey Practice @ 7:15am
- Choir Practice @ Grade 9/10 lunches
- 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 14:

- Senior Boys Volleyball Practice @ 7:00am
- Field Hockey in Stratford; Depart: 8:15am, Return: 11:55am
- Jr Girls Basketball to Goderich; Depart: 9:45am, Return: 4:00pm
- Mr. J. Pagan, guest speaker in Career Class Period 2
- Western University during Senior Lunch in Front Foyer
- Cross Country Practice 3:15pm - 4:30pm
- Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 3:10pm
- Homework Help in Library; 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Rock Band; 3:10pm - 4:40pm

Thursday, October 15:

- Concert Band 7:10am
- WOSSAA Tennis at St. Thomas
- Choir Practice; Grade 9/10 lunches
- HP Cross Country @ Wildwood Conservation Area; Dismiss: 9:00am, Depart: 9:15am, Return: 5:00pm
- Mr Maas guest speaker, Ms. George, Period 1
- Mr. B. Lobb, Huron-Bruce MP, guest speaker in Career Class Period 2
- Jr Girls Basketball Practice; 3:15pm - 4:40pm
- E-Sports in Seminar Room, 3:10pm - 4:30pm
- Varsity Boys' Hockey Tryout (Verberne); 3:30pm - 4:45pm

Friday, October 16:

- **ST. ANNE'S STRIDES - Civvies Day!**
- Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 7:00am
- Senior Boys Volleyball Practice @ 7:00am
- Field Hockey Practice @ 7:15am

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.

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/>.

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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