ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Monday, November 16, 2026

We hope to see many Grade 6/7/8 Students and families at our open house on Tuesday. Please see the invitation below and feel free to forward it to your family and friends. Our spirit wear shop is now open online. St. Anne's Spirit Wear makes a great Christmas Gift (Information Below)!

Please have a look through the newsletter - there are a LOT of updates as we slowly begin to approach a very busy time of the year.

Discover St. Anne's Open House - Tuesday, November 17th 6:30 - 8:30pm



Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Our Grade 11/12 students who need to write/re-write the OSSLT will be on **Monday November 16th and Tuesday, November 17th (as needed)**. 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 these dates.

CSAC - Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting: Thursday December 3rd



Parents and guardians interested in joining the CSAC committee are invited to attend **on Thursday December 3rd @ 6:30pm at St. Anne's**.
We will be having an informative Secondary School Pathways presentation by Jodie Wells, St. Anne's SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major), OYAP and Dual Credit teacher, in addition to hearing from Quinn Palen, our Student Trustee. **Everyone is welcome**.
Virtual Meeting Link: https://meet.google.com/sir-euaj-roz

Please email vcantelon@huronperthcatholic.ca to register your interest, and a virtual option will be available.

Stay Up to Date

You can check out our **Weekly Announcements HERE**. Or go to our Webpage and search under Quicklinks. 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.

Uniform Reminder

As we approach the colder weather, this is a reminder to ALL students that we have added sweatpants and athleisure pants to the school uniform to ensure adherence to the uniform dress code to meet the needs and requests of the students, parents and CSAC for warmth and providing more pant options, especially for girls. Students and athletes wishing/required to wear pants during class or as a part of a team etc. will need to purchase our designated uniform pants. We have worked hard to ensure that we have many comfortable, affordable options available. If there is a financial need, please reach out to administration.

CLICK HERE TO ORDER.

Student Cabinet Update

Road Hockey Tournament

We are hosting a road hockey tournament on Thursday, December 3rd! Students can join a team, or they can sign up to play as an individual or with a friend. Teams must be registered by Friday, November 27th, and forms can be picked up in Student Services.



SPC Cards

We have a limited number of Student Price Cards to sell. SPC cards are used to get discounts at 1000s of stores and online retailers. At $10 each, they pay for themselves many times over! These are available through School Cash Online until they are sold out.

Spirit Wear

Student Cabinet is EXCITED to share that the ***EAGLES spirit wear store*** is OPEN for orders until Monday, November 30th. Check out the new design with items available in all of our school colours! We are also offering a warm toque just in time for winter! Orders will be delivered to the school before Christmas.



FINAL EXAMS: Semester 1

As we approach the end of semester 1, we wanted to remind all our families that *in-person final assessments will be occurring from Wed. Jan. 27 - Tues. Feb. 2, 2027*. During this week, students will be completing final evaluations (i.e. exams, projects, labs, conferences, QATs etc.) Teachers will be communicating final assessment information directly to the students. **Students are expected to be present at school during these days**.

Please review the 2026 Update to Secondary Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting from the Ministry of Education - Growing Success document

*If an examination has to be postponed for any reason, it will be shifted to the **next day**. Should this occur, we will communicate this information as we normally do for bus cancellations (i.e. School Messenger). Also check our school social media pages (Facebook).*

Please reach out to your student's teacher(s) or school administration if you have any questions.

	Wed. Jan. 27	Thurs. Jan. 28	Fri. Jan. 29	Mon. Feb. 1	Tues. Feb. 2
9:00 - 12:00pm	Period 1 final assessment	Period 2 final assessment	Period 3 final assessment	Period 4 final assessment	Conflicts & Student Success
12:00 - 3:00pm	Student Success	Student Success	Student Success	Student Success	

Boys Rugby Christmas Tree Fundraiser



The boys rugby team(s) are selling Christmas trees as a fundraiser for the upcoming season. You can purchase a tree from a Rugby team member or Coach Ditner and the pre-cut, pre-wrapped tree will be delivered right to your door.
The trees are beautiful Fraser Firs, and come in 2 general sizes - regular ones are 6 feet to 7.5 feet, and talls are 8 feet to 9.5 feet.
Delivery will be before December 1st (hopefully by Friday November 27)
Costs are $85 for Regular height, and $105 for Tall. Cash or cheques preferred.
Please let Mr. Ditner (519) 482-5454 ext. 3043, gditner@huronperthcatholic.ca know if you are interested.

HPCDSB Christmas Card Contest

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board is inviting interested students to participate in the annual "Student Artist Christmas Card Contest". The winner of the contest will have their artwork displayed on the front cover of our Board Christmas Card!

ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA and SUBMISSION

- Open to all HPCDSB students K-12.
- The theme is "Keeping Christ in Christmas", artwork needs to be Christmas-related and "Catholic" related (please no Santa Claus).
- The artwork can be created using paint, markers, coloured pencils etc. on an 8 ½" x 5 ½" sheet of paper (e.g. a half sheet of 8 ½" x 11" paper).
- **Take a picture or scan the artwork in colour and have the student's name, grade and school as the title of the PDF (i.e. JimmyO._Grade9_St.Annes_14Nov2024).** This saves processing time and having to take the original artwork from the students.

DEADLINE and RIGHTS

- The deadline is **Monday, November 23, 2026**!
- Please submit the artwork electronically by email as a PDF, .png or .jpg to Beth Schoonderwoerd (bschoonderwoerd@huronperthcatholic.ca). Be sure to keep the original artwork in case it needs to be submitted through the courier. By submitting the artwork, the student grants the usage of their artwork for promotional purposes by the Board.

Parenting in the Online World Webinar Series

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend a free virtual webinar, *Parenting in the Online World*, presented by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. During these sessions, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection will provide insights into concerning trends seen through the operations of Cybertip.ca — Canada's tipline to report the online sexual exploitation of children — and offer considerations and resources for talking with children and youth about online safety.
Multiple webinar dates are available between November and April. The first session will take place on **November 18 at 6:00 p.m**.

To view webinar dates and register, visit: protectkidsonline.ca/webinars
We encourage all parents and caregivers to take advantage of this valuable learning opportunity.

Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Grade 11 students who are planning on taking at least 2 co-op credits in Grade 11 or Grade 12 are invited to register for the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program. SHSM is a specialized high school program that allows students to earn their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and focus their learning on a specific economic sector at the same time.

We are pleased to offer 7 SHSM programs at St. Anne's: Agriculture, Arts & Culture, Business, Construction, Health & Wellness, Non-profit, Education & Childcare and Sports.

Students typically start a SHSM program in Grade 11 but can also join in Grade 12. SHSM students ...

- complete a **minimum of 2 cooperative education credits**
- earn **free SHSM certifications** that enhance their skill development and look great on a resume
- participate in field trips and learning experiences with their **tickets and bus costs covered by the SHSM program**

For more information, please contact Ms. J. Wells - jwells@huronperthcatholic.ca

Weekly Happenings:

Monday, Nov 16:

- **OSSLT Grade 11/12 First Time Writers / Re-Writers**
- Student Cabinet Meeting 3:05 pm - 4:15pm
- Drama Club 3:10pm
- Sr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 7:00am - 8:30am
- Jr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 3:15pm - 4:45pm
- Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 3:15pm - 4:45pm
- Swim Team Practice after school
- Student Cabinet Meeting 3:00pm - 4:15pm

Tuesday, Nov 17:

- **Discover St. Anne's CSS Open House at 6:30PM; (OSSLT Re-Writers Continue if Needed)**
- Concert Band 7:10am
- Sr Boys Basketball 7:10am
- Guest Speaker: Christin Denis (Indigenous Knowledge Keeper) visiting Ms. Nyenhuis' Period 1 & 3A/B
- Guest Speaker: Huron Tractor visiting Ms. Bottema's class
- Conestoga College (Kitchener / Waterloo / Guelph, plus other satellites) during Senior Lunch in Front Foyer
- Choir Practice during Senior Lunch
- Gamers Club 3:00pm - 4:45pm in the Library
- Homework Help 3:10pm - 4:20 in the Library
- Drama Club 3:10pm
- ARC Club meeting in room 141 after school

Wednesday, Nov 18: HPPH School Clinic for Immunizations

- Sr & Jr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 7:00am - 8:30am
- Level Up Skilled Trades Trip, London Depart: 9:00am, Return: 3:00pm
- Grade 9 Intramural Dodgeball in the Gym
- Varsity Girls Hockey @ SHDHS Dismiss: 10:15am, Depart: 10:30am, Return: 3:00pm
- Varsity Boys Hockey Dismiss: 11:15am, Return: 2:30pm
- Homework Help in Library; 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Rock Band 3:10pm - 4:40pm
- Swim Team Practice after school

Thursday, Nov 19: Semester 1 Term 2 Starts; Turnaround day for Civics/Careers

- Concert Band 7:10am
- Sr Boys Basketball 7:10am
- Student Success Meeting, Period 1 (Midterm Review)
- Level Up Skilled Trades Trip, London Depart: 9:00am, Return: 3:00pm
- Presentation by Olds College for Agriculture & Technology (Alberta) in Library 1:45pm - 2:45pm
- WOSSAA Jr Boys Volleyball in Woodstock all day
- Guest Speaker: RCMP visiting Ms. Bottema & Mr. Ditner classes in the Library (Period 2)
- Choir Practice during Senior Lunch
- Grade 9 Girls Lunch Volleyball during Grade 9 lunch
- Varsity Boys' Hockey Practice 3:30pm - 4:45pm
- E-Sports in Seminar Room: 3:00pm - 4:45pm
- Eco Club meeting during senior lunch

Friday, Nov 20:

- Grade 9 Intramural Dodgeball in the Gym
- Dual Credit at Conestoga

Transportation (HPSTS)

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

