

ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



Mon, Sept. 28, 2026

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

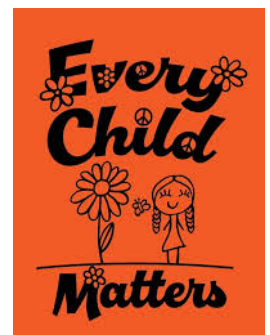
This past week, we hosted our Academic Awards assembly to recognize students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement last school year. We also held our annual ST. ANNE'S STRIDES kick-off assembly! St. Anne's Strides is our school's largest fundraiser and will take place this year on Friday, October 16th. Students will kick off the day with a game-themed pep rally, walk the Clinton Raceway, enjoy a free pizza lunch, and participate in afternoon activities. Attendance is mandatory. Please help us reach our \$18,000 goal by donating via cash, cheque, or School Cash Online. Students who raise at least \$40 receive a free T-shirt! Stay tuned for more information! **Pledge forms go home on MONDAY!**

On Thursday during Period 2 this week, we will gather together as a school community to celebrate our opening school Mass. Attendance at school liturgical events is a requirement for all students at St. Anne's. It is a gift to be able to celebrate our faith together. Co-op students are reminded that Thursday is also our first Co-Op integration day. We look forward to gathering with our full school community to give Father Sebastian his first St. Anne's welcome.

Orange Shirt Day

Students at St. Anne's are invited to participate in **Orange Shirt Day** by wearing an **orange shirt on top** paired with their standard **uniform bottoms**.

The wearing of orange traces back to the story of Phyllis Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc child who was forced to attend St. Joseph Mission Residential School in British Columbia. In 1973, six-year-old Phyllis arrived for her first day of school wearing a bright orange shirt lovingly chosen by her grandmother, only to have school authorities strip it away and never return it. Her experience illustrates how Canada's residential school system stripped away Indigenous children's culture, family connection, identity, and dignity. Today, wearing an orange shirt honours the survivors of residential schools, remembers the children who never came home, and acts as a collective pledge to truth, reconciliation, and the principle that **Every Child Matters**.



CSAC (Catholic School Advisory Council) / Parent Council

TOPIC: Student Attendance / CSAC Elections

Save the Date: Thurs. Oct. 1, 2026

Parents and guardians interested in joining CSAC are invited to attend an **in-person meeting on Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's**. In addition to electing our CSAC Chair, Secretary and hearing from Quinn Palen, our Student Trustee, we will have HPCDSB Attendance Counsellor, Lindsay Durst present on the topic of Student Attendance. Please find a complete agenda with the virtual link [HERE](#). Light snacks will be provided. Please email vcantelon@huronperthcatholic.ca to register your interest.

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,"* 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.

Every Day In School Counts

Missing...



Medical Forms

If your child has a health or medical condition, please contact Ms. Vanderloop (ext. 3049) or Ms. Bechard (ext. 3022) to set up a Student Plan of Care.

Late Bus Information

St. Anne's provides a late bus that departs the school at 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Thursday to allow students to participate in after-school co-curricular clubs and athletic activities. There are four buses in total: two travelling Highway 8 (to Goderich or Seaforth) and two travelling Highway 4 (to Exeter or Wingham), with designated stops along each route. Full details are available in the Main Office. **Students requiring the late bus must sign up in the Main Office by noon on the day of travel.**



Student Cabinet Update

Our Grade 9 Rep was elected on September 21, 2026. For the election, each candidate created a video for their peers to watch and vote based on. If your student ran, please congratulate them for all their hard work and encourage them to run next school year again. We kicked off St. Anne's Strides after the academic awards assembly on September 22, 2026. Student Cabinet then held Soak a Staff or Senior on September 25, 2026, as a fundraiser for St. Anne's Strides.

Next week, September 29, there will be Bingo during all three lunches in the cafeteria, open to anyone. It will be 1 card for \$2 or 3 for \$5.

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.schoolcashionline.com/>.

Student Fee for 2026 - 2027 - due by Sept. 30

The student fee is **\$65.00** if a lock is required (Grade 9 students or anyone who lost their lock) or **\$57.00** if reusing last year's lock. Student fees can be paid using School Cash Online (see above) or by cheque payable to St. Anne's Catholic S.S., submitted to the Period 1/homeroom teacher. Anyone requiring financial assistance is invited to contact our Principal, Ms. Laura Blackmore, at ext. 3010.

Monday, September 28:

- ☐ Senior Boys Volleyball Practice @ 7:00am
- ☐ Varsity Baseball @ SERC Stratford Dismiss: 10:15am, Depart: 10:30am, Return: 5:00pm
- ☐ Field Hockey in Exeter; Dismiss: 9:15am, Depart: 9:45am, Return: 12:55pm
- ☐ HP Golf all day
- ☐ Mr. Maas Period 1 class guest speaker Ms. Day
- ☐ Fanshawe Intro to Paramedicine, Clinton Fire Hall 9:00am - 2:50pm
- ☐ Cross Country Practice 3:15pm - 4:30pm
- ☐ Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 3:10pm
- ☐ Student Cabinet Meeting 3:05 pm - 4:15pm
- ☐ Drama Club 3:10pm

Tuesday, September 29:

- Concert Band 7:10am
- University of Waterloo (Waterloo) during Senior Lunch in Front Foyer
- Tennis Tryouts 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 in Library; 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday, September 30:

- *National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - Orange Shirt Day (Uniform Bottoms)*
- Senior Boys Volleyball Practice @ 7:00am
- Varsity Baseball Practice @ Diamond behind St. Joseph's, Clinton 7:00am
- Girls 7s Rugby 7-8:20am
- Field Hockey in Clinton; Depart: 8:55am, Return: 2:00pm
- Student Success Meeting, Period 1
- Cross Country Practice 3:15pm - 4:30pm
- Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 3:10pm
- Girls 7s Rugby 7-8:20am
- Tennis Tryouts 3:10pm
- Drama Club 3:10pm
- Chemistry Club 3:15pm - 4:30pm in Room 139
- Homework Help in Library; 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Thursday, October 1: Co-op Integration #1 Day

- ☐ **Opening School Mass**
- ☐ Concert Band (Derrough); 7:10am
- ☐ Mr. Maas Period 1 class guest speaker Ms. George
- ☐ McCall Huron County Scholarship Meeting on Senior Lunch in Library
- ☐ Cross Country @ Springbank Park in London Dismiss: 9:15am, Depart: 9:30am, Return: 4:45pm
- ☐ Jr. & Sr Boys Volleyball Dismiss: 1:00pm, Return: 6:00pm

Friday, October 2:

- Field Hockey Practice @ 7:15am
- Girls 7s Rugby 7:00am-8:20am
- Clinton Conservation Area visit - Gr. 9 Science
- Varsity Baseball @ Clinton Racetrack Dismiss: 8:55am, Depart: 9:00am, Return: 2:30pm
- Sr Boys Volleyball at GDCl; Dismiss: 8:00am, Return: 5:00pm
- Jr Girls Basketball Dismiss: 9:00am, Depart: 9:15am, Return: 2:45pm
- Kings University College at Western University (London) during Senior Lunch in Front Foyer
- Dual Credit

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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