ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

Monday, November 9, 2026

We are rolling into the month of November. Please check out the information below about events that are taking place at the school over the next few weeks.

This week we are also featuring an update from the Science department.

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.

Inclement Weather Guidelines



As we approach the winter months, we want to provide a reminder to our families of the process for Inclement Weather days.

If the school is CLOSED to students at ANY time, we will post any school closures on the BusPlanner App, along with sending a School Messenger notification, and posting on our school social media accounts. This information will generally be broadcast between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. It is important to note that the bus companies determine whether or not buses run or not during weather days. However, parents and caregivers always have the final say as to whether or not their children attend on inclement weather days. Parents are required to report student absences as per Board and school policy, such that if the school is open and their child's bus is canceled, it is the responsibility of the parent to report their child' s absence.

For the 2026/2027 school year, students will continue learning remotely on school closure days. Students will use their board-issued Chromebook or a personal device to log into their class Learning Management System (LMS) at the beginning of each class period to engage in teacher directed learning with their classes for the day. Our school day schedule is as follows:

- Period 1: 8:55 - 10:15am
- Period 2: 10:20am - 11:35am
- Period 3: Grade 9/ 10: 11:45 - 1:00pm
  Grade 11 / 12: 12:25 - 1:40pm
- Period 4: 1:45pm - 3:00pm

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.



Student Cabinet Update

Student Cabinet sold Student Price Cards (SPC) at lunch this week! If your student missed out, we will be offering them through School Cash Online in a couple of weeks. Our Fall Spirit Wear store will be open very soon, with new designs and items, including a warm winter toque! We are also hosting our annual Road Hockey tournament on Thursday, December 3rd! Teams can pick up a registration form in Student Services. The cost is $20 per team, and all funds raised will be donated to the United Way!

CSAC (Catholic School Advisory Council)

Parent Engagement Survey

We would like to hear from our families on what topics they would like to learn about at our future CSAC (Parent Council meetings). At the secondary level we DO NOT ask Parent council to fundraise, but instead provide learning opportunities relevant to their secondary students for our school community. Please take a moment to complete our Parent Engagement survey using this LINK or please scan the QR code provided.

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

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.

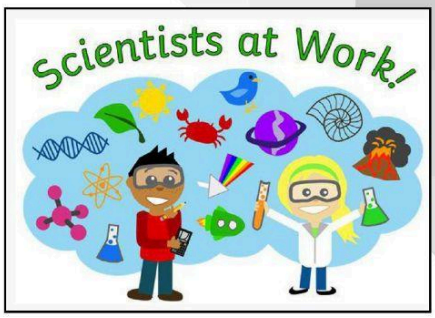
Discover St. Anne's Open House - Tuesday, November 17th 6:30 - 8:30pm



St. Anne's Science Department

Science Newsletter

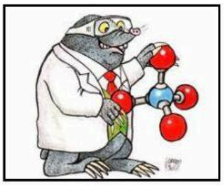
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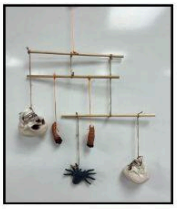


Junior Science

Gr. 9 Science - Ms. Higgins, Ms. Kuepfer, Ms. Matheson & Ms. O'Rourke	Gr. 10 Science - Ms. Higgins and Ms. McDonald
Students had the opportunity to take part in the "What's in the Water?" program put on by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. They explored water quality by looking at both the biotic and abiotic factors. Students collected and identified different aquatic organisms and learned what their tolerance levels can tell us about water quality. They also tested the water for different nutrients, learning what the results mean and where these nutrients come from. We are now moving into our chemistry unit, where students will explore the properties of matter and begin learning about the periodic table. 	In Gr. 10 science, one class is learning about Cells and Organ Systems in Biology. Students have become masters of the biological diagram and have enjoyed a Frog Dissection to wrap up the unit. Other students are learning about Ionic/Covalent compounds in the Chemistry unit. Students will get a chance to work in the lab to identify properties of ionic vs molecular compounds through testing solubility, conductivity and analyzing physical properties. They will soon start to learn how to write chemical formulas for these compounds as well. 

Senior Science

Chemistry - Ms. McDonald	In Gr. 11 Chemistry, students have recently looked at Chemical Nomenclature and Reactions. They completed numerous lab activities to see these reactions occur and to improve lab skills. We move into Chemical Quantities and learn about the chemist's favourite unit and animal - The Mole! Our Gr. 12 class has just finished a unit on Thermochemistry and did a great job calculating the energy associated with reactions. They also learned more about the most exothermic chemical change - nuclear energy. We are now focusing on Chemical Kinetics and why reactions occur fast or slow. 

Physics - Ms. Matheson 	SPH4U students designed and built a ball launcher that could shoot a ball through a basketball hoop using their understanding of projectile motion, kinematics, forces, and energy transformations.  Inspired by the movie 'Up', SPH3U students calculated how many balloons it would take to lift a small house into the air. Students used their understanding of net force, acceleration, and gravity to successfully calculate approximately 72,000,000 balloons.
Physics - Mr. Sherratt	In SPH4C, we've begun the "Mechanical Systems" unit that contains topics to help prepare our students interested in Automotive Mechanics such as torque calculations, types of simple machines and mechanical advantage. Recently, students built "Halloween Torque Mobiles", balancing various objects across a series of strings and dowels. 
Biology - Ms. Bergeron	In SBI3U/3C, we have officially wrapped up our unit on genetics and are excited to dive into evolution! Meanwhile, students are making great progress on their Wild Card Wednesday projects, investigating, observing, and experimenting as their plants grow to meet our plant unit expectations. 

Chemistry Club

Chemistry Club's goal is the learning of new chemistry by performing fun experiments and activities. Our club ***meets once a month*** and focuses on a new theme of information/knowledge with an activity to support the topic. October's theme of 'Halloween' had us creating fake blood, witches potion and puking pumpkins. You do not need to be in chemistry to join us. *Any student is welcome to attend!*









Weekly Happenings:

Monday, Nov 9:

- Senior Boys Volleyball Practice @ 7:00am (*tentative*)
- OFSAA Cross Country
- OSSLT Prep Session - Period 2 (Seminar Room) ALL Gr. 11 / 12 writers
- Day of Prayer @ St. Peter's Seminary, London
- Guest Speaker: Ms. Wells (Dual Credit/SHSM) visiting Ms. Bottema's Period 2 class
- McMaster University (Hamilton) during Senior Lunch in Front Foyer
- ARC Club Candy Gram Sales during all 3 lunches
- Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 3:10pm (*tentative)*
- Drama Club; 3:10pm
- Jr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 3:15pm - 4:45pm
- Film Club 3-4:50 Seminar Room

Tuesday, Nov 10: Remembrance Day Service 1:00pm Gym

- Concert Band; 7:10am
- Sr Boys Basketball; 7:10am
- Jr & Sr Boys Volleyball Playoffs; Dismiss: 8:55am, Depart: 9:05am, Return: 3:00pm
- Guest Speaker: MPP Lisa Thomson (Huron-Bruce) visiting Ms. Bottema's Period 2 class
- ARC Club Candy Gram Sales during all 3 lunches
- Conestoga College HVAC Dual Credit @ St. Michael's; 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Gamers Club 3:00pm - 4:45pm in the Library
- Homework Help; 3:10pm - 4:20 in the Library
- Drama Club; 3:10pm

Wednesday, Nov 11: Remembrance Day

- Jr Girls Volleyball Tryouts 7:00am - 8:30am
- ARC Club Candy Gram Sales during all 3 lunches
- Jr Boys Volleyball Practice 3:10pm
- Varsity Boys' Hockey Practice 3:30pm - 4:45pm
- Homework Help in Library; 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Rock Band; 3:10pm - 4:40pm
- Swim Team Practice after school
- Grade 9 Intramural Dodgeball in the Gym

Thursday, Nov 12: Semester 1 Term 2 Starts; Turnaround day for Civics/Careers

- Concert Band 7:10am
- Department Leader Meeting @ 7:30am
- Sr Boys Basketball; 7:10am
- Presentations at Mt Carmel; 9:00am - 2:00pm
- ARC Club Candy Gram Sales during all 3 lunches
- Grade 9 Girls Lunch Volleyball during Grade 9 lunch
- Thursday, November 12 - Girls Hockey practice at Clinton Arena 3:30-4:30

Friday, Nov 13:

- Dual Credit
- Guest Speaker: Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance visiting Ms. Bottema's class
- ARC Club Candy Gram deliveries during Period 4
- Grade 9 Intramural Dodgeball in the Gym