



ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL



Monday March 23, 2026

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

Prayer for Lent

Lord, as we enter the fifth week of Lent, I look toward the Cross. Help me to love You today with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind, and all my strength.

Grant me the grace to see my neighbor as You see them, and to serve them with a generous spirit. May my small sacrifices today be a true return to You, my Lord and my God. Amen. St. Andre Bessette & St. Anne - Pray for us.

Please see below for some very important updates and coming events:

Parent - Teacher Interviews: Thursday March 26 from 5:00 - 7:00pm

We will be hosting Parent - Teacher interviews on a first come, first served basis on Thursday March 26th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm in the gymnasium. Students will bring home their Interim Report on Monday March 23rd. We hope to see you there!

CSAC MEETING: Thursday April 9, 2026 at 6:30pm

Please consider attending our **CSAC - Catholic School Advisory Council** meeting on Thursday April 9th at 6:30pm in the school Library. School Council is one of the simplest ways to stay informed about what is happening in the school, share ideas, and help support the student learning environment. We only meet four times a year for one hour and always have a virtual option available. Come out, and learn what's happening at St. Anne's and help make sure parent voices are a part of the conversation. See you there!

2026-2027 School Year Calendar

The approved 2026-2027 School Year Calendar is now available. It can also be found on our board website [HERE](#).



Dr. Jon Callegher, Employment Researcher- Virtual Presentation

Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) will be hosting a virtual session with employment researcher Dr. Jon Callegher on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

The session, "Careers Beyond the Screen: Education & Work in an AI-Driven World," will explore the growing importance of skilled trades and apprenticeship pathways in today's evolving workforce. Dr. Callegher will

share current research on how families view post-secondary pathways, which careers are most vulnerable to automation, and why applied learning, early work experience, mentorship, and “earning while learning” can provide students with stability and long-term career satisfaction.

Please see the poster [HERE](#)

OSSLT: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

On **Thursday April 9th 2026, grade 10 students will be completing the OSSLT.** The Literacy Test and/or Literacy Course are required for students to graduate high school in Ontario. For more information regarding this test, please see the website link here: [Ontario Literacy Test Website](#).

Our library/literacy team has put together a Google Classroom called "OSSLT April 2026" that all grade ten students have been invited to. This classroom has videos, slideshows, and practice resources for students.

Between now and April students will be offered opportunities to practice in small groups and individually. However, students are welcome to use any of these resources in their own time as well if they wish to prepare themselves further.

Lastly, please find below a link to the online OSSLT practice test that parents and students can access at any time.

OSSLT Online Practice Test: <https://eqao.vretta.com/#/en/student/osslt-assessment/sample/886>

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our library/literacy team at SALibrarian@huronperthcatholic.ca.



Women in Skilled Trades Evening Event Update

As part of the Skilled Trades Experience week, *HPCDSB will host a Women in Skilled Trades Evening Event on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Stratford Rotary Complex.*

This event is designed to encourage young women in Grades 7–12 to explore careers in the skilled trades through hands-on demonstrations and opportunities to connect with female mentors currently working in the trades.

The evening will begin with interactive demonstrations from 5:00–6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and informal roundtable discussions with students and families from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Students are invited to attend with a parent or guardian.

We were asked to please share [THIS](#) opportunity with Grade 7–12 students so that interested students can register for the event. We look forward to welcoming students, families, and community partners for an engaging evening that highlights the many rewarding opportunities available to women in the skilled trades.

Discovery Healthcare

Discovery Healthcare is an initiative supported by the Office of Distributed Education at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and is facilitated by 1st and 2nd-year medical students. The purpose of this camp is to engage and mentor high school students throughout Southwestern Ontario to consider healthcare career opportunities available to them, learn basic clinical skills, and have fun!

Dates	July 13 - July 17, 2026
Location	HPHA Stratford General Hospital – 46 General Hospital Drive, Stratford, ON

Target Age	Grades 9-12 as of September 2026
Cost	\$325.99 + tax *Bursaries are available to students based on financial need.

Camp Participants will learn about career opportunities available in healthcare, the requirements to pursue these paths, and become aware of the unique aspects of healthcare in their community. Activities for the camp may include:

- Clinical skills sessions (suturing, casting, stethoscope activities, injections)
- Talks from healthcare professionals and opportunities for clinical exposure
- Discussions involving the path to various healthcare professions (medicine, nursing, pharmacy, EMS, and dentistry)
- An introduction to case-based learning and sample diagnostic cases
- Recreation sessions incorporating fun and team-building activities

Registration can be accessed via the following link:

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/distributededucation//discovery_healthcare_program/campers.html

Please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Distributed Education with any questions. We can be reached by email at distributed.education@schulich.uwo.ca.

Community Mental Health Free Webinar Opportunity - HPC

Community Conversations: Building Resilience in Children, Youth & Adults

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Time: 6:30–7:30 pm

Format: Free virtual webinar

*Based on the work of Dr. Michael Ungar

- A short video introducing one of Dr. Ungar's core resilience concepts
- Breakout room discussions
- An opportunity to ask questions to a mental health professional

This session is the **first of three resilience-focused webinars** offered in 2026. It is designed to support anyone interested in strengthening resilience in themselves or those they work with, including parents, caregivers, and school staff.

Registration: Participants are asked to register using the QR code provided in the [event poster](#) by **March 23, 2026**.

The event is provided in partnership with Avondale United Church, the Kiwanis Club of Stratford, Huron-Perth Centre, and the Canadian Mental Health Association (Huron-Perth Addiction & Mental Health Services).

March 23 - 27: Week at a Glance

Monday March 23: Interim Report Cards sent home

- Student Cabinet Meeting 3:05pm - 4:15pm
- Drama Practice 3:00pm - 4:45pm

Tuesday March 24: Grade 8 Tech Day (Sacred Heart & Precious Blood)

- Concert Band Practice @7:15
- Sr Badminton Practice 7:00am
- E-Sports club @ both lunches

- Gamers Club/Chess @ 3:15 pm
- Homework Club afterschool
- Jr Badminton Practice; 3:00pm - 4:40pm

Wednesday March 25: ARC Black & White Civvies Day for Elimination of Racism

- Sr Boys Rugby Practice 7:00am in the gym
- Movie - Jackie Robinson story (History classes)
- Homework Club after school
- Drama Practice, 3:00pm - 4:45pm
- Jr Badminton Practice; 3:00pm - 4:40pm
- Junior Boys Hockey Practice 3:30 - 4:45pm (Clinton arena)

Thursday March 26: Parent - Teacher Interviews 5:00 - 7:00 pm

- Sr Boys & Girls Soccer Tryout in the gym ; 7:10am
- Grade 9 Media Day
- Jr Badminton Tournament

Friday March 27:

- Junior Boys Hockey Tournament, Clinton
- Eagle's Style at lunch

Upcoming Events

March 31	Grade 8 Tech Day (St. James & Our Lady of Mount Carmel)
March 31	ARC Meeting, 3:10pm - 4:30pm in Room 153
March 31	Sr Boys & Girls Soccer Tryout in the gym; 7:10am
April 1	Sr Badminton Practice 7:00am
April 1	Chemistry club, 3:15pm - 4:30pm
April 1	England 2028 Parent Virtual Meeting 6:30pm
April 2	Holy Thursday Liturgy
April 2	Lambton College Powwow
April 2	Co-op Integration Day
April 3	Good Friday - no school
April 6	Easter Monday - no school
April 7	ARC Meeting, 3:10pm - 4:30pm
April 8	Envirothon
April 8	Sr Badminton Practice, 7:00am
April 9	OSSLT - Grade 10 Writers
April 9	Chapel Mass @ 10:30am

April 9	Sr Badminton Tournament in Mitchell
April 9	CSAC Meeting (Library) 6:30pm
April 13	Student Cabinet Meeting; 3:05pm - 4:15pm
April 14	ARC Meeting, 3:10pm - 4:30pm
April 15	Semester 2 Term 2 Starts ; Turnaround day for Civics/Careers
April 15	Sr Badminton Practice 7:00am
April 16	Huron Perth Badminton at Stratford Agri-Plex
April 16 - 17	Dramatic Arts Crossroads Festival in Blyth
April 17	Semi-Formal
April 21	Sr Badminton Practice 7:00am
April 22	SHSM Ag Equine Day at Reach Centre, Clinton
April 22	Sr Badminton Practice 7:00am
April 22	Earth Day/Wenjack Activity in Cafeteria
April 23	Midterm reports sent home with Students
April 24	Professional Development Day - No school for students
April 27	Student Cabinet Meeting 3:05pm - 4:15pm
April 28	Grade 11 Retreat @ Camp Kalhanie partnered with Community Living Central Huron
April 29	Denim Day
April 29	Tribal Vision Group 10:30am
April 30	Jill of all Trades @ Fanshawe

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 canceled. Monitor the [Huron Perth Transportation Services website](#) or download the [Bus Planner Delays App](#) for the latest information on bus delays & cancellations.

CONNECTING WITH US

We are all in this together! Our board spiritual theme is On Fire with the Spirit, Illuminate and this is so poignant as we journey together sharing the Light of Christ throughout this school year. Please contact us at any time and we thank you for your patience and support.

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