

The Wildcat Gazette

ST. ANNE - NEWSLETTER

September 14th, 2009

Welcome Back!

A Message from the Principal...

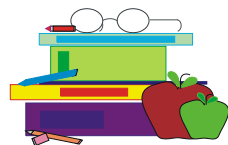
I hope you all had a wonderfully relaxing and restful holiday, despite the rainy summer. Hopefully you are raring to jump into a new school year! To those of you returning to our school, welcome back! To those families who have recently joined the St. Anne Catholic School Community, you have made a wise choice. Our staff is dedicated to the intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual development of each student. In addition to excellent classroom programs, we have fantastic support staff available to those students who require extra help. At St. Anne School, students come first and we strive to ensure that all children move forward in their learning, no matter where they are starting their journey.

A big welcome our new staff members! Mr. Mundle comes to us from Englehart, from a sister school within our Board - Holy Family. Miss Reid returns to us from her placement as a student teacher here at St. Anne's. Mr. McIntyre is returning once again, as is Ms. Barrette, both replacing staff on leave. Best wishes to all of you as you begin your careers at St. Anne School.

Should you have any questions, concerns or comments, please be sure to share them. I am available by phone or in person anytime between 8:30 am and 4:30pm. If we have not already met, please be sure to drop by and introduce yourself!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Betty Pichette



SCHOOL STAFF

JK/SK/1 French Immersion - Mme. Perreault
JK/SK/1 English - Mrs. Come-Smith
Gr. 2/3 French Immersion - Mme. Whissel
Gr. 2/3 English - Mrs. Peats
Gr. 4/5 English - Mrs. Barrette
Gr. 6 English - Mr. Ference
Gr. 7/8 English - Mr. Mundle
Gr. 4-8 French Immersion (non-core) - Mme. Archambault
Gr. 5 and 7 (core) - Mr. McIntyre
Resource Teacher - Ms. White
Preparation Release - Ms. Reid and Ms. Trottier
Child & Youth Worker - Ms. Trottier
School Secretary - Mrs. Porter
Librarian - Ms. Cook
Custodians - Ms. Turner & Ms. Lachance
Educational Assistants - Ms. Cyr, Ms. Turner, Ms. Shallow and Ms. Boucher

SCHOOL HOURS

Morning Entry.....8:35 a.m.
School begins/announcements.....8:50 a.m.
Morning Recess..... 10:20 - 10:35 a.m.
Lunch.....11:35-12:35 p.m.
Dismissal.....3:20 p.m.

Your child(ren) will be considered late if they arrive after 8:50 and 12:35. Consistent lateness will be made up at recess and/or the end of the day. A call home will ensue if it is chronic.

AGENDAS

Agendas have been provided for students from grades 3-8 to help them to organize their time, homework and to help parents be informed and involved in their children's education. Please ensure they are signed and returned to school daily as your partnership enables us to help your child be successful.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please be aware that our school is **NOT supervised until 8:35 am**. If your child walks or bikes to school, be sure not to send him/her too early. Also, there is NO supervision of the school yard after school, and thus, students are expected to go directly home and not loiter in the yard.

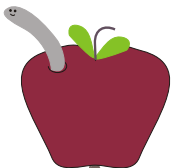
Students who go home for lunch must leave immediately at 11:35 and should **return no sooner than 12:25** to prepare for the afternoon. Those students who go home for lunch are required to bring a note for the entire year so we have knowledge of their whereabouts and can hence ensure their safety.



ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance is directly related to success in school. Most of our classrooms have Mathematics and/or Language classes scheduled first thing in the morning. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the students arrive at school on time. Absent students should be reported by 8:50 a.m.

Students who get enough sleep can concentrate better and learn more. For elementary school children, that means 10–11 hours a night. Make getting into bed on time fun by giving your youngster a special bedtime kit that includes a book, a flashlight, and a soothing CD, or simply relax by reading with them.



THE RESPECT PROGRAM

We are continuing our school-wide Respect Program. It is used to reinforce our expectations and use of school routines. Students who are following school rules and showing what Respect looks, sounds and feels like will be recognized through the use of Respect tickets. Our revised code of conduct can be viewed at the Board site at: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca/schools/stanne.html>

SECRETARIAL HOURS

The school secretary is generally available during the following times:

8:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
10:35 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
12:35 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.
2:20 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We have an automated telephone system that will allow you to leave a message regarding attendance or busing without needing to speak to someone personally. Just follow the directions when you get the auto-attendant.

Thanks to many parents who do call each time their child is away. This saves a great deal of time and unnecessary interruptions. This system of communication helps us to ensure the safety of your child(ren).

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:
Wednesday, Sept. 30th, 2009
4:00 pm in the Staffroom
We are looking for members -
please call the school if you are
interested!**



LUNCH PROCEDURES

All students will eat in their classrooms between 11:55 and 12:35 p.m. They will go outside from 11:35-11:55 p.m. Staff and lunch supervisors monitor students throughout the lunch hour. Please remember that eating lunch at school is a **PRIVILEGE** that can, and will, be removed if necessary. Please note that students who go home for lunch are expected to leave at 11:35 and return no earlier than 12:25. There is no-one manning the door until this time.



ILLNESS

Children who come to school are expected to participate fully in all aspects of the day's program. **This includes recess breaks with the class as we do not have the staff available to supervise children who need to stay in.** If a child is ill, it is better that he/she remains at home until he/she recovers. This helps prevent spreading the illness to others. If your child becomes ill at school, he/she will report the illness to the classroom teacher who will send the child to the office for further instructions. If your child is too ill to remain at school, *we will ask you to pick him/her up.*

Hand hygiene is the single most important measure for preventing the spread of infections. We will be doing a school-wide hand-washing "blitz" in conjunction with the Porcupine Health Unit to help educate students and staff in the proper procedures to help stop the spread of disease.

Respiratory etiquette can also play an important role in reducing the spread of germs. Students, staff and volunteers will be encouraged to:

- Cough and sneeze into their sleeve (not their hands) or to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Immediately dispose of used tissues in a garbage can
- Perform hand hygiene after disposing of tissues
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose.

We ask that you reinforce these measures at home and assist us by keeping children home when they are showing signs of illness.



HEALTHY SNACKS & LUNCHES

In order for students to be at their best, they need to be well nourished. Therefore, it has always been our policy to provide time for our students to have a morning snack. This practice can be a problem in that some students are eating snacks that are laden with sugar. We also have students who bring snacks requiring a utensil. These types of snacks are far too time-consuming and interrupt instructional time. Therefore, we have adopted a policy that requires students to bring either a **FRUIT** or **VEGETABLE** for their snack.

The following is considered an acceptable snack:

- piece of fruit (i.e. apple, banana, orange, etc.)
- carrot or other vegetable sticks/slices
- cereal bar or granola bar
- yogurt tube

We are also asking you to re-evaluate what you send your child for lunch. Please limit items that contain a large amount of sugar or fat. There are healthy alternatives out there; consider a granola bar, fruit or yogurt cup, cheese and crackers, bits and bites, etc... We will be asking children to save items that need a utensil for lunch.

The following items are strictly prohibited:

- pop
- chocolate bars
- chips

Students who bring these items to school will have them returned at the end of the day. Good habits start young, and we only want the best for your children!