



Angel Week at A Glance

Sept. 9-13, 2019

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Monday, Sept. 9 Day 5	-Kindergarten First Day of classes 8:55 am to 11:40 am
Tuesday, Sept. 10 Day 6	
Wednesday, Sept. 11 Day 1	
Thursday, Sept. 12 Day 2	9 am Calgary Opera Assembly -School Start up Forms package to be returned.
Friday, Sept. 13 Day 3	-Last day to order School Spirit Wear How to Order: http://www.bigmountain.ca/your-store.htm Enter Access code: 1605305 Shipping Address: St. Augustine School 7112-7 th Street SW T2V 1E9

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Sept. 16 – Gr. 6 Vaccination Education with AHS School Nurse
- Sept. 17 – School Year Opening Liturgy at St. Anthony Parish (10:30 am)
- Sept. 18 – Gr. 7 Retreat @ Kamp Kiwanis
- Sept. 19 – Gr. 9 Retreat @ Kamp Kiwanis/School Patroller’s Training with Cst. Johnson
- Sept. 19 – Back to School BBQ Meet and Greet 5-7 pm
- Sept. 20 – **NO SCHOOL** - Parent Teacher Oral Interviews (9-3 pm)
- Sept. 23 – **NO SCHOOL** – Professional Development Day
- Sept. 24 – Sacrament Preparation Program Parent Info Session @ St. Anthony Parish
- Sept. 26 – School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm/Annual Terry Fox Walk- Toonies for Terry
- Sept. 27 – Bottle Drive / Fall Photo Day
- Sept. 30 – Orange Shirt Day – Every Child Matters/Gr. 6 Q & A Vaccinations
- Oct. 1 – Gr. 7-9 Cross Country Meet @ Optimist Park 11:15 am to 1:15 pm

SUPPORT FOR NEW IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE FAMILIES

The Calgary Bridge Foundation is excited to offer the In-school Settlement Program at St. Augustine School. Through a partnership with Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD), new immigrant students and their families can access school related settlement services and resources that are available through community and government agencies. If you are in need of settlement services, please contact Amy Mai at 403-991-0167.

ALLERGY AWARENESS

While school administrators and staff continually work towards an allergy aware environment, an “allergenfree” or “peanut-free” milieu with zero risk cannot be reasonably guaranteed. Students are asked not to share snacks treats or lunches with other students in the school. Prevention is the best approach for reducing the risk of severe allergic reactions. Therefore we are requesting cooperation in refraining from sending food products to school which contain peanut or nut products. A package has been sent home with your children and of the items covered are medical conditions and allergies. We want to collect this information in a timely fashion so we can have appropriate protocols in place to ensure student safety.

SCHOOL PATROLLER PROGRAM – Training Sept. 19 – 9:30 am

The School Safety Patrol program at St. Augustine School is a way for students to become leaders in the school community. Charged with the task of crossing students safely before and after school, the patrol team demonstrates its responsibility and commitment to St. Augustine School by being at the crosswalk rain or shine.

The job of being a patroller comes with perks and benefits. These include discounts to Calgary Hitmen hockey games or Calgary Stampeder football games as well as the year end patrol picnic at Heritage Park. We at St. Augustine School commend the efforts of our School Safety Patrol team.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday celebrations are incredibly important and each morning we recognize these in our school community during announcements. We welcome special birthday treats for the whole class that you may wish to send in. Great treat ideas may include a cupcake, rice crispy squares or cookies and should be easy to handed out. Please DO NOT send in a birthday cake as we do not have plates and cutlery available and cutting a cake into individual pieces is time-consuming. Remember **NO NUTS OR PEANUTS OR NUT OILS OF ANY KIND**. When bringing any treats/gifts to the school we ask they be left at the office and the student or teacher will come to pick them up for the class. This will reduce class distraction and disruption.

Please do your best to organize your child’s private home birthday party discreetly. Feelings can be hurt if a child brings in a few invitations for a private party and distributes them at school in front of other children. If you wish to have invitations sent home, please contact your child’s teacher in advance so we may assist.

SCHOOL AND PARISH - ST. ANTHONY PARISH OFFERS SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Catholic parishes work closely with families and the school communities. The Catholic schools provide Religious and Family Life Education along with integrated Catholic values and teachings across the curriculum for your child and the parishes provide the Sacrament Preparation Program.

Children in grade 2 (fall) and up will be prepared for and celebrate First Reconciliation **before** being prepared for and celebrating First Eucharist. There are four (4) **monthly** sessions and a retreat to prepare for First Reconciliation, as well as four (4) monthly sessions and a retreat to prepare for First Communion. **Parents** attend concurrent 90 minute sessions.

Children who have **received First Communion** and wish to receive the **Sacrament of First Reconciliation only** will join the First Reconciliation sessions in the First Reconciliation and First Communion program.

There will be a mandatory Parent **only** Information Session to further explain the Sacrament Preparation Program on **Tuesday September 24 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. The First Reconciliation session starts **Sunday, October 6 at 8:45 am at the parish**.

Sacrament registration forms and complete schedule are at the back of the church, in the office and on the website. **Please drop off completed form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the office**. The fee is \$ 50 to cover the cost of materials. For further information contact Dorothy Loucks sacrament.prep@stanthonyscalgary.com or at the parish 403-252-1137.

SCHOOL GYM STRIP AND SPIRIT WEAR

Students in grades 6-9 are required to have appropriate footwear and clothing to participate in all school athletic activities. Gym clothing, in school colors, is available (but not mandatory) at a reasonable cost by ordering online through our school supplier – Big Mountain Activewear.

On-line store is open September 4, 2019 and closes on Friday, September 13, 2019

Completed orders will be delivered to the school for October 11, 2019

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BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ – MEET AND GREET

We will be doing something a little different this year, as we will be hosting a Meet and Greet BBQ on Thursday, September 19th, 2019 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Parents may book an Oral Parent –Teacher Interview on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 9 am to 3 pm.

SCHOOL OPENING MASS

Please join us for our School Year Opening Mass at St. Anthony's Parish (5340-4th Street SW) on Tuesday, September 17 at 10:30 am. We look forward to celebrating our new school year with our community. As always, parents and siblings are welcome to attend.

MONTHLY BOTTLE DRIVE

Please save your bottles and cans and consider donating them to our monthly bottle drive. Proceeds from monthly bottle drive goes to enrich school programs. Simply drop off outside the main doors in the morning of bottle drive. The first one will be on Friday, September 27th.

TRANSIT REBATE INFORMATION

Please Keep Your September and October Bus Passes

In June, you were asked to send in a transit rebate form to the school if your child was going to be taking the city bus to St. Augustine School. Gr. 7-9 students who attend St. Augustine School as their designated school and live more than 2.4 km from the school are eligible to receive a Transit Rebate on their purchased Transit Pass.

The cost of a monthly Calgary Transit Youth Pass is \$75 and can be purchased at many convenience and grocery stores. The rebate is \$54.90 per month per pass to eligible students.

In order to receive the monthly rebate, students are required to get their bus passes scanned at the school, which is done in the Learning Commons every month. Announcements are made to students as to when scanning will be done. September and October bus pass scanning will be done mid-October and rebates will be deposited directly to your bank account every month starting November 30th.

ATHLETICS

St. Augustine School is home to the Angels and we are pleased to offer a comprehensive Interscholastic Athletic Program. Participation on school teams is a privilege and students are selected to represent their school because of their athletic ability, conduct, and positive attitude. Students are encouraged to try out for school teams and practices will be held before and after school.

Parent volunteers are always needed and welcome to help transport students to our inter-school games. GO ANGELS GO!

Cross Country	September 5 – October 5th
Volleyball	September 4 – October 25th
Wrestling	October 23 to Dec. 8
Basketball	Dec. 11 – March 2
Danceworks	Jan 8-April 10
Badminton	March 5-May 3
Flag Football	April 11 – May 26
Track and Field	April 26 – June 10

