



Parent-to-Parent

Ecole Frere Antoine [EFA] School Council [SC]

Hello Everyone!

Spring is trying to spring, and as we look forward to dry playgrounds, SC is hard at work taking your survey feedback to plan events! This month we are looking into everything from parent suggestions for Gluten Friendly options for Birthday Lunch to setting up school supply orders for next year through Staples!

A look back at April

→ “Healthy Peer Relationships for Kids & Their Parents” Workshop

Ashley Gazley is a therapist from Park Integrated Health. She came out to talk about and provide experiential activities that teach learning how to form and navigate healthy relationships, and consent, boundaries, and conflict resolution. Ashley was very happy to see some students in attendance and said that their participation was great! She even had a chance to see one of them exercise a boundary in real time, which was a success! This workshop was partially funded by the ASCE grant.

A look into May

→ May 14 School Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) 6:30 PM via MS TEAMS

All parents and guardians of children enrolled in a K-6 program at École Frère Antoine are automatically voting members of the SC, and are encouraged to attend the AGM, where the SC executive team (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) for the 2024-2025 year will be elected. All members are welcome to nominate themselves for a position. Under the Schools Act, the SC is an advisory body to school administration that also offers events for the children and families (such as the BBQ, dances, lunch events, and sports day), and assists where needed with in-school fundraisers such as Art Cards. Be sure to watch your email for the link!

On behalf of the School Society, the Ecole Frere Antoine Fundraising Association (EFAFA), you are also invited to stay logged for their AGM after the SC AGM is adjourned. EFAFA is a legal entity of its own under the Societies Act. They manage funds collected through AGLC-sanctioned events (such as the casino), and grants that the school boards may not apply for directly, in order to provide our children with technology, tools, and experiences to facilitate learning. At their AGM, members of EFAFA (those who have joined EFAFA as members by filling out a membership form) will elect their next executive team (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer).

To ensure a larger number of voices at the table, and that legal, financial and operational separation is apparent to our school community, insurers, and regulatory authorities, it is imperative that the two groups' executive teams are as much as possible made up of different individuals. SC Operating Procedures and EFAFA Bylaws can be found on the EFA school website on their separate pages.

Upcoming School Council Event Dates...

◆ May 10 - Birthday Lunch for grade 1-6 students born in May, June and July

- This event is not attended by kindergarten, or students born in any other month.
- Parents sign their birthday-having child(ren) up for the event through Powerschool.

◆ May 24 - Diner du Mois (Hot Lunch) for Grades 1 - 6

- May's Diner Du Mois is from Pita Pit. Orders can be placed online at <https://healthyhunger.ca> until midnight on May 19.

Note: All parents / guardians / persons responsible for a K-6 child enrolled at EFA are automatically voting members of the EFA School Council [SC], and are encouraged to attend as often as schedules permit, because every voice and idea helps! Regular SC meetings are held online, generally on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 8 PM. Information is relayed to SC membership via Le Messenger, the Ecole Frere Antoine Catholic Facebook page, and our page on the EFA website [where you will also find our contact information].