

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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T.J. O'Grady, Principal

Principal's Message

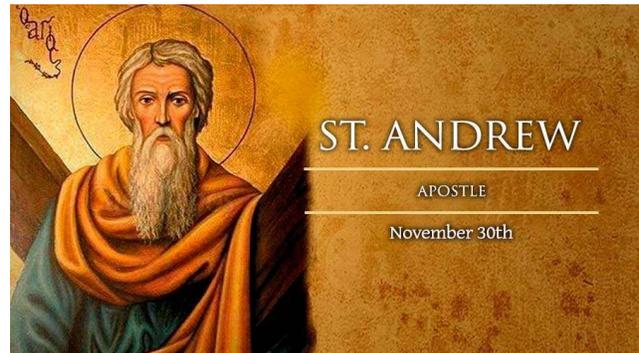
We begin the month of November with the Solemn Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Pope Francis reminds us "Saints are the simple, the humble who make room for God, who know how to weep for others and for their own errors, those who stay meek, who fight for justice, who are merciful toward all, who guard purity of heart, who always work for peace and remain in joy, not in hate, and, even when suffering, respond to evil with good." May we all strive to live our own lives mirroring that of the saints.

Throughout the month we will be praying for our departed loved ones and inscribing their names in our Book of Remembrance.

We also recall those that laid down their own lives for our freedom as well as those that continue to serve as peacekeepers on November 11th. Our school will unite with the Killaloe community to honour the fallen, celebrate the peacekeepers and show our appreciation for the many sacrifices and lives that were lost to keep us free by participating in the radio broadcast organized by Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.

We are now one fifth of the way through our school year and students and staff have settled into our new routines. We acknowledge that many might be experiencing COVID fatigue, but we continue to enforce our safety protocols and refine our practices as advised by our local health unit. I encourage each of you to remain vigilant with self screening, masking and hand hygiene. We are all in this together.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy November!



Good St. Andrew, pray for us.

Lest We Forget

Our school will be commemorating Remembrance Day on Wednesday, November 11th through a virtual ceremony within our classrooms. There won't be any in-person ceremony at the local cenotaph this year due to the current pandemic. The Township will be hosting Remembrance Radio on CHCR (102.5 FM) which many classes will be tuning into as well. We encourage everyone to tune in to 102.5FM or another local ceremony on the Remembrance Day #LestWeForget.



Safe School Arrival

Just a friendly reminder of our Safe School Arrival policies. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our families as we work together to keep our students safe!

- In an effort to keep our children safe, **students should not be dropped off on the school yard until after 8:20 a.m.** - there are no staff members on duty prior to this time.
- If you know your child is going to be absent from school, please call us to let us know or send a note with a sibling.
- If there is a change in end of day transportation (ie. being picked up instead of on the bus, or vice versa), we **must** know by noon..
- At this time there are no visitors
- If parents/guardians are picking up a student early for an appointment, please advise the office when you are going to arrive at the Cameron Street entrance. Parents and guardians are asked **to wait in their vehicle** and the child will be taken out to meet you.
- Parents and guardians are asked to wait outside of the entrance to the school grounds when picking up their child at the end of the day. Cars are asked to line up on Cameron Street. Once the cars have been loaded, then walkers will be allowed to leave the grounds.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

Healthy Snacks

We have started our healthy snack program again this year. We offer our thanks to Upper Canada Leger for funding this valuable and much appreciated program and to Mrs. MacMunn for organizing our menu and safely distributing snacks. Please note that this year in response to current COVID guidelines, we are providing pre-packaged options that are approved by Food for Learning Canada.

Scientists in the Classroom

We are excited to welcome *Scientists in Schools* for engaging hands-on STEM workshops in all our classrooms. All the activities are highly investigative and will be delivered by ‘real life scientists’ to students virtually in their classrooms.

Grade K/1 - On The Move - December 1st

Grade 1/2 - Properties Really Matter -

November 26

Grade 3/4 - Shine A Light - November 10

Grade 5/6 - Hooo’s in the Owl Pellet? -

November 30

Grade 7/8 - Go with the Flow - November 25

Monthly Milk Orders

Our milk program has returned. **Milk will only be sold on a monthly basis on-line. No cash orders will be accepted.** If you have not already done so, please register to enjoy the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register. Go to the School Cash Online <https://renfrewcatholic.schoolcashionline.com> and select the “Get Started Today” option. Payment can be made to the school by eCheck, myWallet or Credit Card. No banking information is stored; the banking information is re-entered upon checkout each time you make a payment.

Pumpkin Carving Contest & Halloween Treat

Thank you to our Gr. 7/8 student advisory committee for organizing our Halloween activities and providing a special treat to all staff and students. Congratulations to Mrs. McMillan’s Grade 3/4 class with the winning pumpkin. Many thanks to Mrs. Nieman for her work with the Gr. 7/8 class, Mrs. MacMunn, Mrs. Yantha and Mrs. Murray for preparing the treat bags and for judging our contest.



PINK Week

Each year, schools in RCCDSB work together to show how positive actions and behaviour can help put an end to bullying. How much would our world change if everyone welcomed one another and focused on being an inclusive catholic educational community? Acting as faith filled community builders, we can use warmth, hospitality, good humour and joy to welcome one another and recognize each person's value. Our focus again this year is to be "PINK" – Peaceful, Inclusive, Noble & Kind. We will celebrate PINK week Nov. 16-20.

Picture Day

School photos will once again be offered by *Edge Imaging*. We have received approval to proceed with a safe and contactless photo day at St. Andrew's. We will share the date of photos as soon as it is confirmed by the photographer.

School Council Meeting

Our next School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 via Google Meet. Everyone is welcome!

Birthdays

Aleeah Dombroskie	November 4
Paytience Mask	November 6
Kaylie Yantha	November 7
Riven Finucane	November 13
Connor Finucane	November 15
Rylie Luckovitch	November 15
Talia Chartrand	November 18
Mrs. Corrigan	November 25
Isaac Dupuis	November 26
Joseph Afelskie	November 28



Progress Reports & Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews for all students will be offered virtually via Google Meet or by phone. Teachers will be sending electronic communication to parents and guardians regarding interview times and invitations to virtual meetings. Interviews will occur the week of November 9-13. The majority of interviews will be scheduled the evening of Nov. 12 and during the day on Nov. 13.

In past years, we have made every attempt to send home Progress Reports prior to interviews. Following ministry dates this year, Progress Reports will be sent home by November 20. Teachers will be happy to communicate learning progress to date during interviews. Thank you for your understanding.

Local Act of Kindness

We extend our heartfelt thanks to local business, *Afelskie Shoes* for their donation of items for students. They continue to graciously provide quality items for students in need on an ongoing basis and we are truly grateful. God bless.

Sacraments

Preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will once again be taking place in your own parishes. Please contact your parish priest if you wish to have your child receive any of these sacraments.

***We pray for the safety
and success of all
hunters.***



Extended Student Absence

Should a student be away due to self-isolating, waiting on COVID test results or until symptoms improve, we encourage students to complete assignments using the online classroom (Google Classroom or SeeSaw). While this won't be

synchronous learning, it provides students the opportunity to keep up with the work being assigned. If students are engaging in learning while at home we are able to change their absence designation in our school registrar. Please communicate with the classroom teacher or school office should your child be in this situation.

School Bus Cancellations/Delays

A Message from the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium: Student safety is our utmost concern. As such, there may be times during the school year when it is necessary to cancel student transportation services due to bad weather (i.e. snow, freezing rain, floods, emergency road closures, etc.). Transportation to and from school is provided by the Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC). RCJTC will provide information on bus cancellations and/or delays via:

- Website (www.onthebus.ca)
- Twitter (@RCJTC_Trans)
- Facebook
(<https://www.facebook.com/RCJTC-442415182624784/>)
- iTunes with iPhone App (verify with "RCJTC")
<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/busplanner-delays/id1217589960>
- Google Play with Android App (verify with "RCJTC")
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.busplanner.delays>
- Email to parents who subscribe for notifications (confirmation email sent within 3 min)
<https://portal.onthebus.ca/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FSubscriptions%2FLogin.aspx>

In a situation where school buses are cancelled schools remain open to students. If buses do not bring students to school, they will not be arriving in the afternoon to transport them home. Bus children are not counted as absent on such days. Students who walk to school should also check the above in case the school is closed.

Please remember that, we will not be able to accommodate any requests for “bus passes”.



Children’s Books at the Killaloe Library!

Phoebe and her Unicorn by Dana Simpson

It all started when a girl named Phoebe skipped a rock across a pond and accidentally hit a unicorn in the face. Improbably, this led to Phoebe being granted one wish, and she used it to make the unicorn, Marigold Heavenly Nostrils, her obligational best friend. But can a vain mythical beast and a nine-year-old daydreamer really forge a connection? Indeed they can, and that's how *Phoebe and Her Unicorn* unfolds.

Upcoming Library Events:

Fall Fun with the Sports and Recreation Equipment Lending Library!

The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards offers loans of sporting and recreation equipment through the Killaloe & District Public Library. Fall sporting equipment includes; soccer balls, baseball equipment and much more. Please call or drop by the library to book items for one week borrowing periods. A complete list of available items can be found on the library website.

Come by and see our newly expanded library space! Open Regular Hours:

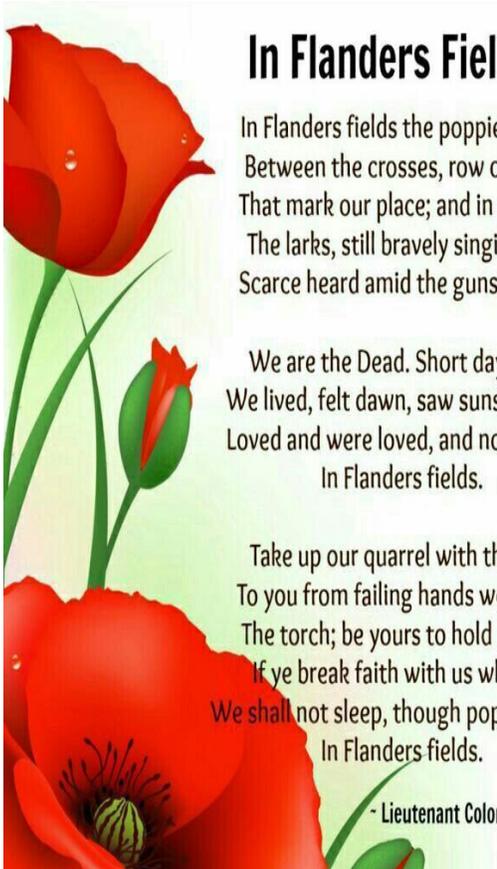
After being closed for several months, during Covid and for library renovations, we are now re-open for our regular hours. See hours below. Come by and see our newly expanded library space!

Killaloe and District Public Library Regular Hours:

Open Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat. 11am – 4pm

Open Thurs. 11am – 8pm

www.killaloelibrary.ca 613-757-2211



In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

- Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

Treaties Recognition Week Nov. 1-7, 2020

What is a treaty?

Treaties represent a relationship – built on mutual peace, respect and friendship.

They are a way to explain how parties intend to "treat" each other for the duration of a relationship.

Recognize First Nations as self-governing nations – which is acknowledged and protected by the Royal Proclamation of 1763 and the Canadian Constitution.

There are obligations and benefits on both sides of the Treaties.



Treaty Week Prayer

Let us remember that our Indigenous neighbours gently walked this land.
Let us remember that treaties are promises.
Let us respect those promises.
Let us remember that bullying causes pain and hurt.
Let us remember to treat others the way we want to be treated.
Amen.

https://fnmi.sccdsb.net/educator-resources/treaty-recognition#h.p_KhAX61_F0Aqq

