
ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Renovation News for St. Andrew's

The 2015-16 school year will see some much needed and practical renovations to our school in order to make better use of our space. Even though we are below capacity, we are in much need of smaller areas for our service providers that come into the school, as well as small group work. In consultation with architects and the Board, the likely design is that the principal and secretary offices will be moved to the Cameron Street entrance so that they are more visible to visitors, resulting in safer entry. The library will be combined with the computer lab and resource room to make a large student work centre. Finally, an accessible washroom will be put into place resulting in a fully accessible school. These renovations will benefit all students and staff in our school, enhance the learning environment and improve the daily running of our school. Funding for these renovations has been approved and is being provided by the Ministry of Education.

2015-16 Staffing

Staffing for next year is almost finalized all information will be in our End-of-June Newsletter which will come out on June 24th.

First Communion

Please continue to pray for our students who will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 7th at St. Andrew's Church during the **9:00** a.m. Mass:

Mitchell Dombroskie Leah Finucane

Ryleigh Foy Nickolas Hall

Noah Lidster Rylie Luckovitch

Violet Pinkerton Joshua Yutronkie

Jacob Burant (at St. Casimir's Parish on the same day)

Thanks and prayers to Mrs. McMillan who has prepared the students to receive this wonderful gift. A special thanks to Cathy Summers for coordinating the First Communion Brunch.

Class Trips

Plans are now underway for our year-end excursions. Please note the following dates:

Class	Place & Date
JK/SK	June 11 th to Red Wolf Retreat near Eganville
Grades 1/2/3	June 19 th to Algonquin Park
Grade 4/5	June 5 th to Ottawa

Talent Show

Please join us for a Talent Show on Wednesday, June 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym. Many of our students will be performing – songs, dances, jokes, etc. – as well, some of Ms. Voorand's music students will be displaying their drumming techniques.

Madawaska Area Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Maggie Comerford, Nickolas Hall, Dexter Sernoskie, Katelyn Kuehl, Rylie Luckovitch, Taylor Luckovitch, Isabella Dombroskie, Delaney Sernoskie and Angelika Dombroskie for representing St. Andrew's at the Madawaska area Spelling Bee held at St. John Bosco School. The competition was stiff and all students enjoyed the afternoon. Katelyn Kuehl and Dexter Sernoskie placed first and second in the primary category. All students are to be commended for their diligence in studying some very difficult words.

Track and Field Meet

The Annual Track and Field Meet will be held on Friday, June 13th. Congratulations to all those students who are participating with coaching from Mrs. Klawitter and Mr. Summers. A list of our top athletes will be sent out with our End-of-Year Newsletter.

Chess Tournament

Congratulations to all participants in our recent Chess Tournament. St. Andrew's brought home the A Trophy! Congratulations to all students and to Mr. Roy, Mrs. Nieman and Mr. Yutronkie for this wonderful accomplishment!

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Rope for Heart is an educational, fitness and fundraising event of the Heart and Stroke Foundation organized in schools across Canada. By combining physical activity and fundraising, students can learn more about heart health, raise funds for heart and stroke research and health promotion programs, and have a great time doing it. Pledge Forms were sent home in May. In that way, we may have the prizes available on the event day, being Thursday, June 11th in the afternoon. Kindergartens will have their Jump Rope for Heart on Friday, June 12th.

Slow Pitch Softball Tournament

The annual Softball Tournament is scheduled for Friday, June 19th here at St. Andrew's School. Students from Grades 7 & 8 will be participating with coaching from Mr. Yutronkie. Our students will also help with clean up. The School Council will be selling food items on the day of the tournament. No advance orders are necessary! **If any parents are able to help on that day with the barbequing, please let me know as soon as possible. We appreciate all your help!**



Graduation Celebrations

Please join us **Tuesday, June 23rd**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** to celebrate the Graduation of the following Grade 8 students:

<i>Alex Holly</i>	<i>Mitchel Holly</i>
<i>Courtney Hudder</i>	<i>Alex Jeffrey</i>
<i>Emma Klawitter</i>	<i>Dylan Kuehl</i>
<i>Kaylie Kuehl</i>	<i>Aaron Lapworth</i>
<i>Savannah Mullin</i>	<i>Alison Pecarskie</i>
<i>Ryan Perrigo</i>	<i>Mitchell Petroskie</i>
<i>Nancy Secker</i>	<i>Thomas Summers</i>
<i>Ashley Tomasini</i>	<i>Mark Anthony Vandergragt</i>

The celebrations begin with a **Mass** followed by an **awards ceremony in the church**. A **gathering** will follow afterwards in the church hall. Many thanks to all parents, staff and friends who have contributed to the growth of these students!

Fun Fair

Our Spring Fun Day was once again a huge success this year. A big THANK YOU is extended to:

- The dedicated and hard-working school council members, especially our Chair, Esther Lapworth, who spear-headed this event and worked so hard to make it happen;
- The wonderful parent volunteers who generously offered to work a shift;
- All of the Teachers and Staff at our school who put in an extra-long day and volunteered their own personal time to help out at the event, and especially our custodian, Mrs. Yantha, who helped with set-up and worked to clean up the school Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Finally, thank you to all of the families and friends in our community who came out and supported this wonderful event. We hope to see you all again next year!

School Council

Attached is a copy of our minutes from the meeting of Tuesday, May 12th. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library. Everyone is invited!

St. Mary's School Celebration

St. Mary's Catholic School will be holding a celebration of 50+ wonderful years of education on Sunday, June 14th. There will be a 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church, followed by lunch in the parish hall with an Open House and fun activities for the children at St. Mary's School following the lunch. They are hoping to reach as many people as possible, especially if family, friends or neighbours have attended St. Mary's. Please pass on this invitation. Everyone welcome!

Birthdays

Mrs. Etmanskie	June 2
Samuel Kutchkoskie	June 9
Savannah Mullin	June 12
Ashlyn Tomasini	June 12
Julia Sadecki	June 15
Thomas MacMunn	June 19
Thea Holly	June 24
Kaylie Kuehl	June 25
Tessa Mielke	June 28
Jordan Summers	June 28
Riley Comerford	June 29



July Canada's Birthday! July 1st

Mrs. McMillan	July 5
Adrianna Tomasini	July 7
Mitchell Dombroskie	July 10
Jesse Foy	July 12
Ethan Mask	July 16
Jonathan Cybulsky	July 16
Brianna Ayotte	July 17
Jayden Finucane	July 17
Alexis Finucane	July 25
Miss Sue	July 26
Sami Petroskie	July 27



August

Nickolas Hall	August 8
Mitchel Holly	August 9
Trent Tinsley	August 9
Mary Grace Coulas	August 10
Benjamin Hudder	August 13
Colby Thompson	August 25
Mark Anthony Vandergragt	August 29
Marion Bradley	August 30

Growth mindset reflections on faith

A difference in mindset doesn't simply involve our view of ourselves or our children. Even more important is our view of the universe. If there is no God, then our ultimate fate really is 'carved in stone'. Finitude, human fallibility, mortality and the law of entropy will eventually prevail. But with God, every moment becomes different and open to possibilities for growth and reconciliation.

For Christians with a **fixed mindset**, spiritual formation is about **being like** Jesus and for those with the **growth mindset** it is about **becoming like** Jesus. Since the first sees talents and abilities as innate, any struggle or setback leads us to stop trying, while for the second each challenge is viewed as an opportunity to grow. Spiritual transformation is not about a smooth road protected from difficulty. Tragic losses, physical illness, or unspeakable childhoods. These individuals can be formed through time, trials and trust in a merciful God. I wonder if the fixed mindset with its concern for maintaining superior positioning based on an innate quality can actually practice humility? It seems that the growth mindset with its better recognition of abilities and areas for improvement or reconciliation may have the upper hand in actually living a life of humility. Do you see yourself as being transformed by God as you journey with God through this life, or as having already arrived? If your mindset one of growth or is it fixed?

Friends & Father's Day

The Friends of the Bonnechere Park and the Community Resource Centre Toy Bus will be hosting **Fishing with Dad on Saturday, June 13th**. Bring Dad and the gang out for a morning of fishing, a hike along the **Footprints in Time** trail, and noon BBQ. Fishing rods and bait provided. Free take-home goodie bag for each family and door prizes!

10:00 a.m.	Fishing with Dad and Guided FIT Hike
12:00 p.m.	Friends & Fathers Family BBQ

RCJTC is OPEN all year long including the summer months, Monday to Friday

The Renfrew County Joint Transportation Consortium (RCJTC) is responsible for providing transportation service to over 11,000 Renfrew County students in 53 different schools for both the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board and the Renfrew County District School Board. Four routers are responsible for creating bus routes, setting up bussing, and making changes to bussing for these students. They work closely with the various bus Operators in each area to ensure safe, efficient, effective transportation to and from school.

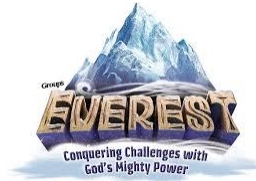
As safety of students is a priority, it takes time, and occasionally a physical review of a designated stop to process transportation requests, especially from mid-August to mid-October when there is a high volume of requests which results in delays in responding to individual requests.

What can you do to help?

- Please visit our website (www.rcjtc.on.ca) at any time throughout the year to find the forms that you need to email us (trans@rcjtc.on.ca) in order to request new bussing or make changes to existing bussing.
- Over the course of the summer if your address information has changed (your home, your sitter, etc.) contact us as soon as possible by filling in the Student Transportation Request form and email us (trans@rcjtc.on.ca) the form.
- If you know of someone who has just moved into the area over the summer months have them contact us as soon as possible by filling in the Student Transportation Request form and then email us (trans@rcjtc.on.ca) the form.

- Only those students whose bus information has changed will get a notice of transportation change letter in late July.

****PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR UNVEILING OF NEW WEBSITE (details will follow at www.onthebus.ca)**



Vacation Bible School at Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe from July 20-24th - 9:00am – 12:00 pm - To Register call: 757-1130

Canada Day Celebrations

As you know, each year St. Andrew's School Council operates a BBQ and canteen at the Fireworks celebrations in Killaloe on Canada Day. With thousands of people in attendance, this is one of our biggest and most successful fundraisers of the year. This year we will also be holding a 50/50 draw during the event and we need more help! If you plan to attend the fireworks, please consider volunteering some of your time to help at the BBQ or to sell 50/50 tickets (tickets will be sold between 8:30 and sundown). We shut things down during the fireworks display, so you can still enjoy the show with your friends and family and still help out. If you can offer any time at all, please complete the attached form and return it to the school by June 14th. All of the money raised at this event goes back to the school and your kids, but we need your help to make it all work! Thank you for your continued support!

 Yes, I would like to help at the Canada Day BBQ on Wednesday July 1st. Please contact me with available options to help.

Name _____

Phone Number _____