



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The Miracles of Christmas

Students and staff will be working over the next three weeks to focus on the Advent Season in preparation for the birth of Christ and to get ready to delight family and friends with a beautiful Christmas Concert entitled, "It All Happened in the Country" on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Family and friends are invited to attend a performance that is sure to inspire Christmas spirit. A good will offering will be taken at the door. All proceeds will go to the CRC for their annual toy drive.

Many thanks for all of your well wishes as I end my time here at St. Andrew's. Truly, miracles of kindness, learning and mercy happen here every day. I will miss all of the students and staff, as well as the awesome community of Killaloe and surrounding area. My 6½ years here have been a true blessing to me.

Mr. Scott Nichol will become Principal of St. Andrew's Catholic School as of January 4, 2016. Students and staff were very happy to meet him when he came for our St. Andrew's Feast Day Mass and Luncheon. I know that you will all make him feel as welcome as I have felt in this wonderful community.

I will keep all of you in my prayers this Christmas and always!

Merry Christmas!

Mary Catherine Brisco

School Renovations

As indicated earlier, St. Andrew's Catholic School will be undergoing renovations beginning in the spring of 2016 and hopefully completed for the new school year in September. This exciting renovation is being done to move the offices to the entrance of the school and to make better use of the space available.

Outdoor Classroom Complete!

Phase 1 of our schoolyard re-greening project is complete. Students and staff now have an outdoor area where they can meet, dialogue and learn together. This area is at the far end of our play yard near the small bush. The money for this project was provided by TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Many thanks to the hard work of our parent, Lyndsey Mask, who applied for the money on behalf of the school. Many thanks to Dennis McGrath for coordinating the project and special thanks to Killaloe Wood Products (Jerry and Cathy Summers) for the donation of playground mulch. We look forward to more phases of our outdoor re-greening project each year.

It All Happened in the Country

St. Andrew's School Christmas Musical will be on Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Eucharistic Celebration

Our Eucharistic celebration for Advent will be Friday, December 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Baby Jesus Luncheon

Students and staff will gather for a Luncheon on Friday, December 18th, to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Special thanks once again to School Council for providing the funds and work to provide a wonderful celebration for staff and students!

Winter Dress

All students are required to come dressed warmly (hats, mitts, boots, snow pants) as lunch recess is up to half an hour. Students are required to be outside for all recesses – fresh air & activity make for better learning!

66th Annual Killaloe Lions Parade

The parade date is Saturday, December 12th. We will send a letter out shortly to all families inviting the students to be on our float. We had lots of fun last year and look forward to this great community event this year!

23rd Annual Craft Sale

St. Andrew's School Council 23rd Annual Christmas Craft Sale will take place on Saturday, December 12th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Please plan to attend and support your School Council. **We are still looking for donations of sandwiches and student volunteers.**

Breakfast with Santa

There will be a Pancake Breakfast with Santa at the Killaloe Lions Hall on Sunday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pancakes, sausages, ham, baked beans, hash browns. Adults: \$8.00; Under 10: \$4.00; under 2: free.

Birthdays

Angelika Dombroskie	December 3
Emma Mask	December 4
Kara Herron	December 15
Mr. Roy	December 15
Jade Markwick	December 16
Sara Markwick	December 16
Ella Burgess	December 18
Jaydan Bourque	December 19
Kirsten Recoskie	December 23
Cutler Lacombe	December 24
Leah Finucane	December 26
Mrs. Murray	December 26



Basketball Tournament

Good luck to Mr. Yutronkie and students from Grades 7 and 8 at the Basketball Tournament to be held on Friday, December 4th at MVDHS in Barry's Bay.

Safe Departure from School

Safety is always a concern at St. Andrew's. If there is a change from the ordinary at the end of the day, (ie. walking to a different location, being picked up, etc.) please send a note in your child's agenda in the morning so that the teacher on duty at the end of the day is aware of the change.

We Celebrate....!

As in other years, there are so many special people we wish to celebrate for their generous support and achievement in our school community.

We celebrate....

- Fr. Goring who makes our school Masses so meaningful
- our parents who were able to come in to help in so many ways, especially food days
- our wonderful caretaker, Mrs. Yantha, for keeping our school so neat and clean
- our teachers for going above & beyond with volunteering their time for such things as school dances, student council advisors, Christmas Musical, Christmas parade and ensuring spiritual growth throughout!
- Our Student Council and their advisors and parents for our semi-formal Christmas dance to be held on Friday, December 11th.
- Lyndsey Mask for applying for a grant on our behalf through TD Friends of the Environment Foundation to pay for our outdoor classroom.
- Killaloe Wood Products (Jerry and Cathy Summers) for the donation of playground mulch.
- Our Noon Hour Supervisors for their support and kindness to our students over the noon hour.
- Our School Council for all of the work they do to make our school a great place to be.
- We thank our wonderful choir director, Patricia Hazelton, and her husband, Howie, for leading our choir for school masses
- We would also like to thank Shaun Afelskie and Afelskie Shoes for their donation of boots and running shoes

CRC "Toys for Kids" Toy Drive

It's time once again to begin collecting for our Christmas Toy Drive! The CRC is looking for NEW toys, books, sports equipment, games, gift cards etc. for children newborn to 18 years old! Cash donations also accepted. Receipts will be available upon request. Please drop off your donations until December 11th. If you are in need of help this year, call to sign up at: Community Resource Centre Killaloe, 15 Lake Street, or for more information please call 613-757-3108.

Training & Learning Centre

Internet Essentials: The Internet and Social Media Made Easy for work, home and school. Classes run Fridays from November 20th to December 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call the Centre at 628-1720 to register. (232 Bridge Street, Eganville).

Annual Tree of Lights

Support the St. Francis Memorial Hospital Foundation's Annual Tree of Lights Campaign. Help light up the Tree by purchasing a bulb in honour, appreciation or memory of someone special. Join the Tree lighting ceremony with area school "angels", hot chocolate/treats and caroling on Friday, December 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Barry's Bay railroad station. Miley Burgess was chosen to represent our school as one of the angels. Lots of fun for the whole family!



A Musical Celebration

Our Lady of the Angels Church Choir, along with very special guest performers, invite you to a candlelight celebration of joyful seasonal music on Friday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Brudenell Church. Home-baked goodies and refreshments will be served following the concert. This event is in support of the Bernadette McCann House. A goodwill donation will be accepted at the door.

Legion Winners

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Remembrance Day Contest for the Barry's Bay Legion. Top winners were as follows:

Poetry

Jade Markwick 2nd place
Nicole Recoskie 3rd place

Essays

Eve Cuddy 1st place
Gabby Vandergragt 3rd place

Colour Posters

Gillian Summers 1st place
Nicole Burbage 2nd place
Brittney Biskup 3rd place

CPAN Snowsuit Drive

For the past few years CPAN (Child Poverty Action Network) has run a snowsuit and footwear campaign called *Operation Snowsuit*. The goal of this campaign is to ensure that every child living in our community has **appropriate clothing and footwear for our severe Canadian winter**.

Starting immediately, our school will be **collecting new and/or gently used snowsuits and footwear on behalf of CPAN**. Please take this opportunity to check your closets and donate any snowsuits and/or boots that your child (or children) may have outgrown. **Please note:** These must be **clean and in good repair** as CPAN does not have facilities or the manpower to clean or repair these items. We are always very short of snow pants and larger snowsuits, boots, etc (men's and ladies' sizes) as our youth also enjoy being warm and dry. New items and/or cash donations are also very gratefully received. Please send in all clothing and boots no later than **Wednesday, December 9th**. Thank you.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please feel free to call. CPAN can be reached at 613-735-2374 ex 250. Please leave a detailed message. They will need to know: your name and a phone number where you can be reached, the name of the child in need, **snowsuit and boot size, and the gender** of your child/children. **They will be taking requests starting immediately.**

Since this program started, they have been able to keep hundreds of children warm and dry and they have always been able to fill each and every request. Any help that you can provide is gratefully appreciated.

Save the Date

The Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Competition, ages 9 – 13, will take place on Monday, January 25th at Killaloe Public School.

Attachments:

- December Calendar
- Game On December Calendar
- December Library Events
- School Council Minutes of November 30th