
ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Scott Nichol, Principal

Giving Thanks

It is so important to stop this time of year and give thanks. I am thankful for:

- My family
- Having faith and trust in God
- St. Andrew's staff and students who work so hard every day to make our school great
- The beautiful colours on the drive to work
- Positive morning greetings every morning from students and staff
- Parents who support us as we work hard to ensure learning and safety for all

Please be sure to take the time this month to thank God for all of His gifts to you.

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Eucharistic Celebration

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 5th at 9:30 a.m. Thank you to Father Goring, Mrs. McGrath and the Grade 8 students for preparing this celebration.

Thanksgiving Food Bank Donations

We are asking staff and students to bring in a non-perishable food item to place in our basket. I humbly encourage each member of our school to reach out to our local poor. Food items will be taken to the church on Wednesday, October 5th to donate to our local food bank for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. My heartfelt thanks for your support.



Terry Fox Walk

I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Terry Fox Walk this year. Our school raised \$331.70 towards cancer research. Thanks to Julie McMillan for coordinating this event!

Milk Orders

Order forms went home last week and were due to the office by Friday, September 30th. Please consider signing up for our on-line banking!

Student Council

Mrs. Klawitter and Mrs. Cherry would once again like to thank all the candidates who participated in the Student Council elections. Your love of St. Andrew's School is evident through your enthusiasm and willingness to dedicate your time and energy to making our school a fun and exciting place! Following are the students who will head up Student Council this year:

Head Boys: Grant Summers & Christian Plebon
Head Girl: Alex McMillan
Class Reps: Dexter, Dakota, Julia, Emeric, Jude, Jon, Carley, Emma M and Cameron
Secretary: Madison Jenkins
Treasurer: Emma Foy

Picture Day

Picture Day with *Picture This Photography* will take place on Thursday, October 27th for all grades, beginning at 8:40 a.m. Retakes **and Grade 8 Grad photos** will take place on Tuesday, November 15th beginning at 8:40 a.m. If anyone wishes to have a group picture of their children, please call the office to arrange an appointment.

Me to We

At this time, 30 students from St. Andrew's School are beginning their journey as participants in "Me to We." Anyone in Grades 6 to 8 have been welcomed to join the club which focuses on youth making a difference in their local and global communities. In November, some of the students involved in this club will travel to Ottawa to attend "We Day" at the Canadian Tire Centre. The tickets are earned through student-led initiatives that make a difference in our world.

Students have begun to generate ideas and start initiatives to reach group goals to help those around us. Here are a few of the things we will be doing:

- Raising money for the Terry Fox Walk;
- A coin collection to raise money for a global initiative (to be determined by students);
- Thanksgiving food drive;
- A toy drive in December.

Students have already raised approximately \$200 through an ice cream fundraiser. This money will go to St. Francis Memorial Hospital.

Throughout the month of October students will be encouraging individual classes to bring in change for a coin drive. Money raised will go towards a global initiative. The class that raises the most money will be treated to a pizza lunch. Thank you for supporting your child to learn about social justice issues.

Ultimate Frisbee Tournaments

Some Grade 7 and 8 students will be travelling to George Vanier School in Combermere on Thursday, October 6th, for the annual Ultimate Frisbee Competition. Thank you to Mrs. McGrath for coaching and supervising the students.

As well our Grade 5/6 students will be travelling to Killaloe Public School on Friday, October 14th for their Annual Frisbee Tournament. Thank you to Mrs. Klawitter and Mr. O'Neill for coaching and supervising these students.

St. Andrew's Open House

Thank you to all parents and students who supported our school by attending our Open House and Book Fair. Congratulations to Norah Pinkerton who won the Family Fun Event at the book fair and was able to pick out \$25 worth of books for her family and another \$25 worth of books for the Kindergarten classroom.

Birthdays

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| Izobel Meness | October 7 |
| Gavin Finucane | October 10 |
| Avery Luckovitch | October 15 |
| Reid Walsh | October 19 |
| Ryleigh Holly | October 20 |
| Ian Irvine | October 22 |
| Isaac Kutchkoskie | October 24 |
| Mackenzie Harrison | October 25 |
| Liam Simmill | October 26 |
| Riley Mask | October 28 |
| Danyka Lavergne | October 31 |



School Council News

Attached are the minutes of the previous meeting of School Council. Our new Executive is as follows:

Co-Chairs: Bobbie Kuehl & Michelle Tomasini

Secretary: Leanne Dupuis

Treasurer: Joanne Murray

It was agreed at the September meeting that the School Council would provide each classroom with \$100 so that the teacher can purchase classroom consumables or other student requirements. As well, \$500 was donated towards the purchase of the students' Agendas as the school does not charge for these Agendas. The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Like us on Facebook

St. Andrew's School now has a Facebook page for parents and students to check out for reminders and events happening at the school. Search for "St. Andrews Catholic School" and "like" us!

(<https://www.facebook.com/st.andrewselementary/>)

Week without Violence

As you may know, **October 17-23, 2016**, Canada recognizes this as the annual **Week Without Violence** campaign. This worldwide initiative organized by YWCA, encourages communities to work towards a world without violence. (Website is located at (www.weekwithoutviolence.ca)).

On Wednesday, October 26, we will have a short presentation for both the Primary and the Junior / Intermediates. It includes the definition of Week Without Violence, healthy and abusive relationships, interactive discussions, safety planning and community resources. This presentation also offers a challenge to all school communities to choose violence free activities.

Healthy Snacks & Lunches

As part of our attempt to “reduce, reuse and recycle”, we would ask all students to **keep a spoon** in their lunch kit, so that if there are healthy snacks that require a spoon (ie. yogurt, fruit cups)



every student will have a utensil. As well, we would ask parents to ensure that **their child has a spoon/fork** in their lunch box in the event that they require one for their lunch. Good stewardship means not using disposable utensils anymore.

Microwaves are available to reheat food. We would appreciate it if you only send foods for **re-heating** and not **cooking**. If one lunch takes 5 minutes to cook, and there are 10 students in the class with hot lunches, there is not enough time in the lunch hour to serve everyone. Thank you for your consideration.

Volunteers will be providing Healthy Snacks during the year at least once, and hopefully, twice per week for all students at the morning recess. This year, we will once again be receiving apples donated by Coronation Hall Orchard bi-weekly. We would like to thank Jennifer Yantha and all our special volunteers. Any parent volunteer who would like to help prepare healthy snacks, please contact the school. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is from October 10th to 14th this year. On Thursday, October 13th in the afternoon, the local firefighters will talk about fire safety and procedures with our students. Let's all remember, at home as well, that we need a good fire safety plan. Discuss one with your family.

Empower™ Reading

Accurate efficient decoding and word reading are the foundation upon which successful reading comprehension is built. Empower™ Reading is designed to teach the child word identification skills and decoding strategies and to promote their effective use of these strategies. Empower™ Reading is a 110-lesson, small-group reading intervention (4-6 students) designed for students who are struggling in the areas of word identification and decoding. Empower™ Reading instruction starts with the teaching of five decoding strategies: Sounding Out, Rhyming, Peeling Off, Vowel Alert, and SPY. Struggling readers apply these strategies whenever they confront an unknown word. Since this is a pilot project, the school team will select candidates that meet specific criterion to ensure this program's success. It is hoped that the students that participate in Empower™ Reading develop the basic skills to move from early readers to fluent, independent readers that read for meaning, information or pleasure. We are pleased to be using this program with some of our students as part of a Board-wide project.

Musical Production

Stone Fence Theatre presents a new musical comedy about – and for – healthcare entitled “High Times at the Heart Institute”. The tour will make a stop in Barry’s Bay at MVDHS on Sat. Oct. 29 at 7pm. Tickets are \$29 each and are available at Afelskie’s Shoes, CIBC Killaloe and St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation Office or by calling the Stone Fence Theatre Box Office at 613-628-6600 or toll free 1-866-310-1004. Proceeds will help support local healthcare in our area including the Cardiac Rehab Program at St. Francis Memorial Hospital.