
ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 2018



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Julie Huckabone, Principal

2018-2019 School Year!

Welcome back to school! St. Andrew's is definitely "A Place of Learning and Believing" and I look forward to working together with each of you again this year to ensure that this tradition of excellence continues.

We are fortunate to have such a beautiful and well-maintained school and we are grateful to Mrs. Yantha and Mrs. Murray for all that they have done in preparation for this school year.

Our teachers and support staff have been working hard as well to prepare for our students, and we are thankful for their dedication. A big welcome back to Mrs. Wilma McGrath, who will be teaching Grades 6 and 7 this year.

A warm welcome as well to our new students, and to their families. We all look forward to getting to know you, and to having you become a part of the St. Andrew's community.

Each month you will continue to receive a newsletter from the school, which highlights activities and upcoming events. This year, we will send newsletters home electronically. Should you wish to receive a paper copy as we transition to the email version, please let us know.

Please keep the school, staff and students in your daily prayers as we begin this school year of learning and believing together.

St. Andrew, pray for us!

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Bell Times

Our bell times have changed this year!

8:40 a.m. Morning bell rings

10:10 – 10:25 a.m. First Recess

11:50 – 12:40 Noonhour

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Last Recess

3:02 p.m. Bus Departures

Please remember, for your child's safety, that students are **not to arrive at school before 8:20 a.m.** each day. Yard supervision starts at that time. As well, if your child goes home for lunch, they should not return until 12:10 p.m. when the lunch supervisors are outside.

Safe School Arrival

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our families as we work together to keep our students safe!

- 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 you are picking your child up early or there is a change in end of day transportation, please let us know as early as possible, prior to lunchtime if possible.
- All visitors are required to sign in at the office if they are going to be visiting a classroom for a visit that has been pre-arranged.
- Parents and guardians are asked to wait at the office if they arrive to pick up their children.
- Parents and guardians are asked to wait outside of the playground when they are dropping off or picking up their children.

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

Staffing

Jr & Sr Kindergarten	Julie McMillan
Early Childhood Ed.	Anne Etmanskie
Grade 1-2	Karen Pecarskie
Grade 2-3	Rachel Cherry
Grade 4-5	Stephanie Keon-Pinkerton
Gr. 6-7	Wilma-Kathleen McGrath
Grade 7-8	Wendy Klawitter
Special Education	Alicia Nieman
French	Michael O'Neill
Music & Dance	Joseph Platt
Parish Priest	Fr. Michael Goring
Educational Assistants	John Ludlow
	Drenda Yutronkie
Secretary	Joanne Murray
Custodian	Kelly Yantha
Attendance Counsellor	Tammy Peplinskie
Communications Disorder	Emily Brennan
Principal	Julie Huckabone
Intercession & Prayer	St. Andrew
Primary Educators	Parents

Welcome to New Students

Please welcome our new students:

Junior Kindergarten

Adeline Cherry	Grace Cherry
Xannah Debrowolski-Meness	
Keaton Harrie	Julian Herron
Finnley Neff	Jacquelin Norris
Luke Pecaskie	Danica Pinto
Hailey Schutt	Michael Schutt
Brooklyn Thompson	Chad Walsh
Evan Walsh	

Grade 3	Talia Chartrand
Grade 4	Theron Burgess
Grade 5	Solomon Bivar Radema
Grade 7	Chloe Burgess
Grade 8	Angus Swick

Itinerant Music Teacher

Students are being treated to a music/dance teacher, Mr. Joseph Platt, coming into their classrooms once again this year to teach music and dance. This traveling specialist has been hired by the board to enhance the arts program and we are very excited and lucky to have her in our school.

Monthly Mass

Please join us at our Opening School Mass which will be celebrated by Fr. Michael Goring, on Friday, September 7th at 9:30 a.m. Please pray for this new school year and all the students and staff. We look forward to having the students participate as altar servers, readers and gift bearers at all remaining Masses throughout the school year. We will also be saying goodbye to Fr. Goring as he has been transferred to four parishes in Quebec on October 1st.

Monthly Milk Orders

As noted in last year's newsletters, milk will only be sold on a monthly basis on-line. No cash orders will be accepted. Milk orders will commence on Tuesday, September 11th and are available now for purchase on-line. If you have not already done so, please register to enjoy the convenience of paying ONLINE! It takes less than 5 minutes to register just go to the School Cash Online home page <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. This is a great time to start using the new system!

September Birthdays

Chelsea Birney	Sept. 03
Evangeline Bersan	Sept. 05
Csaba Fortin	Sept. 05
Our Blessed Mother	Sept. 08
Michaela Vandergragt	Sept. 11
Megan Burant	Sept. 13
Hope Mask	Sept. 15
Cameron Glofcheskie	Sept. 20
Jonathan Klawitter	Sept. 29
Keara Finucane	Sept. 30



Open House

All are invited to visit the school on Wednesday, September 19th between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to meet teachers, view classrooms and socialize.

Anaphylaxis

St. Andrew's has a number of anaphylactic students. Each person who enters the school is therefore asked to bring snacks and lunches free of any peanuts or nuts. Even foods that say, "may contain traces of nuts" should be avoided.

Terry Fox Run

All our students will take part in a Terry Fox event on a date to be announced. For most students this will involve walking, but some may prefer to run. The purpose is to highlight the contributions of Terry Fox to cancer awareness and also to fundraise a small amount to donate to cancer research. Students will be asked to donate a toonie or loonie. (Tax receipts will be issued to anyone donating over \$10.00).



School Council

The First School Council meeting for 2018-2019 will be held Monday, September 10th, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! We are still looking for new members, so please come out!

Picture Day

Picture Day with *Edge Imaging* (formerly *Picture This Photography*) will take place on Wednesday, October 24th for all grades, beginning at 8:40 a.m. Retakes and Grad photos will take place on Tuesday, November 13th 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. A separate email will be sent to each family regarding the new company.

Music Lessons

This school year **Timothy Baklinski** will be offering music lessons during classroom hours to all grades. If you are interested in starting your child on a Musical Instrument or wish to continue with lessons from the previous year, please contact him at **613.281.0854** or by email at: baklinski.music@gmail.com

Music Lessons

This school year **Cindy Dagenais** will be offering step dancing lessons during classroom hours to all grades. If you are interested in starting your child with lessons, please contact her at **613.585-2280**.

Offence Declarations

All parents who have had a Vulnerable Screening Check done in the past will be required to sign and return the attached Offence Declaration for 2018-2019. If you **have not** had a Screening done, please call the school and the appropriate forms will be sent home to you. Please note that every person who is involved as a volunteer in the school (driver, chaperone for class trips or tournaments, etc.) is required to have a Vulnerable Screening Check.

School Emergency Form

Please fill in and return the School Emergency Form attached to this newsletter so that we can update our files. Thank you.

Bus Transportation

Please remember that, we will not be able to accommodate any requests for "bus passes". If there are parties, etc. we will have to ask that you please arrange for your own transportation. For information regarding your bussing, please see <https://www.onthebus.ca/en/index.asp>.

There is a bus safety video online at <https://vimeo.com/229625011/b61426bf38> entitled "Buzzy the Bee's Safety Certificate" which we encourage you to watch.

Kids Plus Accident Insurance

Thank you for your support of the Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance program. It has been a long and rewarding partnership and is truly appreciated. Over the years, Kids Plus™ has helped many families, providing much needed reimbursements for out-of-pocket costs. We appreciate your support and we are truly grateful for the part you have played.

In the past, an application form has been sent home by the school in September to be completed and returned to the Company. **The**

Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance school distribution program is moving online!

Directly from the Company: “All partner school boards can now access kidsplus.ca/resources for information about Kids Plus™ which they can use on their respective websites, e-newsletters and social media. The main website at kidsplus.ca will continue to be available for parents to purchase coverage, access claims forms and full plan information online. Additionally, for 2018 we’ve decided to take our mission to be green one step further by discontinuing distribution of all Kids Plus™ Notices (Brochures) to reduce our overall paper use. These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to continuously provide superior and meaningful service to our partners and clients while reducing our impact on the environment.

Effective this September 1st, there will be some changes to our Kids Plus™ Accident Insurance policy that will impact our Active Plan holders. Permanent Total Disability coverage will be reduced from \$360,000 to \$100,000 and Dismemberment or Total & Permanent Loss of Use from \$200,000 to \$100,000. These changes allow us to continue to offer the benefits families use most, such as dental treatment and eyewear, with no increase in premiums.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our new promotional landing page, our Kids Plus™ Client Service Specialists would be happy to assist you. You may contact us toll-free at 1-800-556-7411 or email kidsplus@ia.ca.”

Figure Skating

Barry's Bay & Area Figure Eights Skating registration will be held @ the Barry's Bay arena on September 20th from 6-8. Information can be seen on their Facebook page. Any questions you may have can be directed there as well.

Girl Guides

1st meeting of Barry's Bay Spark/Brownie/Guide/Pathfinder /Ranger is September 18th @ St John Bosco school. Sparks/Brownies meet from 6-7, Guides/Pathfinder /Ranger meet. From 6-7:45. Register online @ girlguides.ca or 1-800-565-

8116. For more information call 613-585-2454 (Stephanie) or 613-635-3766 (Stacie).

Pupil Immunization

A Message from the Ontario Ministry of Health Regarding Pupil Immunization -- Keep our children healthy and our schools disease-free Stick to Ontario’s Immunization Schedule As a parent, keeping your kids safe and healthy is your number one priority. All children attending school between ages 4 to 17 need to be immunized according to Ontario’s Immunization Schedule. Immunization protects children from many serious diseases that are easily spread in schools. Under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*, children need to have proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal disease, whooping cough, and – for children born in 2010 or later – chickenpox to attend school. Children who are not fully immunized may not be allowed to attend school. Check with your health care provider or local public health unit to make sure your child has all the vaccines needed to attend school. If your child has followed the immunization schedule, no further vaccines will be needed. Did you know that it’s your responsibility to report your child’s updated immunization records to your local public health unit? Your health care provider does not report these records for you. For more information visit Renfrew County and District Health Unit’s website www.rcdhu.com, and http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/immunization/docs/immuniz_school_chklist_en.pdf

The Renfrew County District Health Unit will again be contacting families this school year whose immunizations are not up to date. Be sure to keep your mailing address up to date with your child’s school, and forward a record of any new immunizations your child receives to Renfrew County and District Health Unit.

Attachments:

- School Calendar for September
- Offence Declarations
- School Emergency Form
- School Cash On-Line