

ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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T.J. O'Grady, Principal

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

A warm welcome to our new and returning families. It brings me great joy to be your new school principal. In my short time here at St. Andrew's I have realized it is definitely "A Place of Learning and Believing" and I look forward to meeting families and working together to ensure that this tradition of excellence continues for years to come.

We are truly blessed and extremely 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 warm welcome to Ms. Sheena Pallen who will be teaching Grades 7 and 8, Ms. Carolyn Cannon who will be teaching Grades 4 and 5 until March while Mrs. Nieman is on maternity leave. We will welcome our new Early Childhood Educator in the Kindergarten room later this week when the hiring process is complete. We bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Etmanskie who served as our ECE previously at St. Andrew's. We wish her the best of luck at Our Lady of Sorrows.

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 and share them on our website and social media accounts. A paper copy of our monthly calendar

will still be sent home so it can be put on the fridge or a central location of reference.

This year our board theme is taken from our vision statement and we will be focusing on *Heritage, Struggle & Hope* as discerning disciples of Christ.



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

Good St. Andrew, pray for us!

Mr. T.J. O'Grady

Bell Times

Our bell times are as follows:

8:40 a.m.	School Begins
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!

- 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 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 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.

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

Itinerant Music & Dance Teacher

Students are are blessed to have weekly Music and Dance instruction by a qualified Music & Dance Specialist. Mr. Joseph Platt, will be returning this year to teach Music and Dance. We look forward to hearing the harmonious sounds throughout our school each Wednesday!

Monthly Mass

Please join us at our Opening School Mass which will be celebrated by Fr. Shalla on Wednesday, September 18th, at 9:30 a.m. Please pray for this new school year and all 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.

Staffing

Jr & Sr Kindergarten	Karen Pecarskie
Early Childhood Ed.	tbd
Grade 1	Rachel Cherry
Grade 2/3	Julie McMillan
Grade 4/5	Carolyn Cannon
Grade 5/6	Stephanie Keon-Pinkerton
Grade 7/8	Sheena Pallen
Special Education	Wendy Klawitter
French	Michael O'Neill
Music & Dance	Joseph Platt
Parish Priest	Fr. Christopher Shalla
Educational Assistants	John Ludlow Drenda Yutronkie
Secretary	Joanne Murray
Custodian	Kelly Yantha
School Counsellor	Kevin deRuiter
Principal	T.J. O'Grady
Supervisory Officer	Mark Searson
Trustee	Marlene Borutskie
Intercession & Prayer	St. Andrew
Primary Educators	Parents

Welcome to New Students

Please welcome our new students:

Junior Kindergarten

Heather Armitage	Chase Corbett
Forrest Corbett	Jeremy Dupuis
Mia Glofcheskie	Teaghan Luckovitch
Annika McGrath	Seth Olsheskie

Senior Kindergarten

Kennedy Gienow
Finnley Neff

Grade 1 Isabella Lefrancois

Grade 2 Lauren Gienow

Alexander Kiss

Grade 8 Sophie Surnoskie



School Council

The First School Council meeting for 2019-2020 will be held Monday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Elections of the new officers will take place at this meeting. Please consider joining us!

Monthly Milk Orders

Milk will only be sold on a monthly basis on-line. **No cash orders will be accepted.** Milk orders will commence on Tuesday, September 10th and are available now for purchase on-line until Sunday, September 8th. 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 <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
Mia Glofcheskie	Sept. 03
Evangeline Bersan	Sept. 05
Csaba Fortin	Sept. 05
Our Blessed Mother	Sept. 08
Megan Burant	Sept. 13
Hope Mask	Sept. 15
Cameron Glofcheskie	Sept. 20
Keara Finucane	Sept. 30



Open House & Book Fair

All are invited to visit the school on Wednesday, September 18th between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to meet teachers, view classrooms and socialize. A Scholastic Book Fair will also be available in the school gym. Flyers have been sent home - there is a door prize ballot on the reverse side of the flyer for you to fill out and place in the bucket the night of the book fair!

Anaphylaxis

Allergies can be life threatening for some students. At St. Andrew's, we have students who have allergies to a wide range of items not limited to but including nuts, fish, eggs and bees. Therefore to keep every child safe at school we ask that the building be NUT FREE as we have anaphylactic students. Each person who enters the school is therefore asked to bring **snacks and lunches that are nut and nut by-product free.**

If a child in a particular class has a specific 'life threatening allergy' to other food items, you will receive this information in the class newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation!

Terry Fox Run

All our students will take part in a Terry Fox event on Thursday, September 26th. 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. Donations will be accepted using School Cash Online ONLY. (Tax receipts will be issued by the Terry Fox Foundation to anyone donating over \$10.00).



Picture Day

Picture Day with *Edge Imaging* (formerly *Picture This Photography*) will take place on Friday, October 25th, for all grades, beginning at 8:40 a.m. Retakes and Grade 8 Grad photos will take place on Tuesday, November 12th beginning at 8:40 a.m. If anyone wishes to have a group picture of their children, please send a note to the office. In order to minimize photo day questions and confusion, parents are encouraged to sign up for photo day notifications direct to their inbox at edgeimaging.ca/photoday.



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

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 2019-2020. 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. This is an important measure to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on file. 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.

School Bus Safety Programs have been scheduled on Monday, September 30th with the following schedule:

9:00-9:30am (JK-3 show)

9:45-10:15am (4-8 show)

School bus evacuations starting at 9:45am.

Figure Skating

Barry's Bay & Area Figure Eights Skating registration will be held @ the Barry's Bay arena on September 11th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Information can be seen on their Facebook page. Any questions you may have can be directed there as well.

Gymnastics & Dance

Fall Session at 12 North Street, Killaloe on Tuesdays beginning September 10th. More information was sent home on a flyer.

Kids Ball Hockey

at the Killaloe Rink on Monday, September 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For boys and girls of all ages and skill levels. The cost is \$20 to participate and season starts Wednesday, September 11th. A flyer has been sent home as well.

Jump Ball Program

Gerry Benoit from Pikwakanagan First Nation is a basketball coach/player with over 30 years experience who has coached locally in the elementary, High School, College and Provincial level. Mr. Benoit is also the owner of JUMPBALL PLAYER DEVELOPMENT and has run successful and safe basketball clinics throughout Ontario. He, together with the CARA Program, are trying to construct a mixed basketball league if they can get the numbers in your communities. Games will start in the Fall of 2019(Nov.) Monday nights at the Makwa Centre in Pikwakanagan and will continue until March Break. Ages 8-12. Mixed if applicable. If you are interested in this program, please contact Mr. Benoit at gerry.benoit@bell.net.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with our reading program at the school. If you are able to donate some time on a weekly basis to come in and read with our students we would be most grateful! Please contact the office for more information.

Student Accident Insurance

A new company has taken over providing Student Accident Insurance. A pamphlet has been sent home with your child. You can also apply online at www.insuremykids.com.

Medication at School

Medication is administered only after a form is completed in full by parents and a physician. Medication cannot be given by staff without this completed consent form. Teachers must be notified in writing of any medication that is sent to school, even if your child will administer to themselves. Our practice at St. Andrew's is to store any student medications in a secure spot at the office when possible.



Payment Policy - No CASH

St. Andrew's will no longer be accepting loose change or bills that are sent in with your child. In an effort to meet guidelines and ensure accountability and safety, the office will ***only be accepting payment using School Cash Online***. All hot lunch, field trips, school fees, milk orders and special events will be made available online. For your convenience, many permission forms and hot lunch order forms will now be on School Cash Online.

Hot Lunch Orders

Please be advised that all hot lunch orders including Subway and Pizza Days will be made available on School Cash Online. We will no longer be sending paper order forms home. You will be able to select your options (e.g. sub toppings) when adding items to your cart online. These measures will assist Mrs. Murray in the office and ensure all orders are submitted to her by the deadlines. Thank you in advance.

Our first Sub Lunch will be on Thursday, September 20th, with orders being due no later than Sunday, September 15th.

A Student's Back to School Prayer

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help
as I begin this new school year.
Allow me to experience Your
presence
in many blessings You put before
me.



Open my eyes to the new
challenges and exciting
opportunities that this new school
year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new
teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with
my studies and courage to accept new
opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me
experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen.

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Catholic Graduate Expectations

This school year, St. Andrew's will be focusing on the Catholic Graduate Expectations and what it means to be a follower of Christ here at St. Andrew's. We will spend many weeks on each expectation. For the month of September, we will be learning what it means to be "A Discerning Believer".



A Discerning Believer

A discerning believer formed in the Catholic Faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.