
ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

We embark on our Advent journey, celebrating Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in anticipation of the birthday celebration for Jesus; Christmas. Staff and students are preparing for Christmas with daily reflections on how we can prepare, prayer services around the Advent wreath and decking the halls in anticipation of Christmas. Advent is a time to cleanse, renew and heal so we can truly embrace the birthday of our King, Jesus, on Christmas day. I invite families and friends of St. Andrew's to attend our upcoming Christmas musical on December 10th. Students and staff have been working tirelessly to present the Nativity story with a 50's diner twist called Carol and the Belles. This event is just one small way we prepare.

On behalf of the St. Andrew's community, I extend wishes for a blessed conclusion to your Advent and a Merry Christmas to each of you. My personal wish for each of you is peace, love, joy and happiness this Christmas and in the coming New Year. Many Christmas Blessings,

Mr. T.J. O'Grady



Christmas Concert

We are excited to extend an invitation to our families and friends to attend our Christmas Concert, entitled "Carol & the Belles", which will take place on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Please have your child in the church vestibule (upstairs by the accessible washroom) by 6:00 p.m. What should my child wear? Here are some suggestions for our 50's diner-themed musical. We want to keep it simple:

- Dark pants, white shirt for all
- Boys could slick back their hair and girls could put hair up in a high ponytail with a scarf or ribbon
- If you have something like a poodle skirt, it would also work or a leather jacket, but don't go to any extra expense.

Following the concert, everyone is invited to share in a time of fellowship with refreshments provided by the St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus. We thank the Knights for their continued support of our school.

Advent Celebrations

Our Eucharistic celebration for Advent will be Friday, December 20th at 9:30 a.m. Thank you to Mrs. Cannon's Grade 4/5 class students for preparing the readings and prayers of the faithful for this Mass.

Baby Jesus Luncheon

Students and staff will gather for a Pizza Luncheon on Friday, December 20th to celebrate the birth of our Saviour. Special thanks to School Council for once again 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! **Please mark all clothing with the name of your child so that they can identify their snow pants, boots, etc.**

Advent Actions

The season of Advent is spent in anticipation of the birth of our Lord and this year at St. Andrew's, we have decided to prepare our hearts through charity and action.

1. As a collective act of charity, we will work together to support the St. Francis Memorial Healthcare Foundation. On the night of the concert (December 10) families and friends will be asked to contribute to a silver collection. We appreciate your support of this wonderful community organization.
2. Additionally we continue to support the CPAN Snowsuit Drive and the CRC Toys for Kids Drive. More details follow in the newsletter.

St. Andrew's Sportswear

After several years, we have decided to offer St. Andrew's sportswear to our families. This is not a fundraiser. The cost for these items is our cost. All items and sizing are available online. For an extra \$5 you can add your child's name on the sleeve (either first name or last name) of any of the hoodies or jackets. All orders are available through School Cash On-Line. The deadline to order is Friday, December 13th. We have a number of sample sizes available in the office if you wish to check.

Poinsettias

Thank you to all who ordered poinsettias and other flowers. The orders will be here on **Thursday, December 5th**. A notice will be posted on Facebook when they are sorted and available. Total profit was just over \$950 - awesome!!

St. Andrew's Church Bingo

St. Andrew's Church Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Turkey & Cash Bingo (\$300 jackpot) on Tuesday, December 3rd. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with bingo commencing at 7:00 p.m. Restricted to 18 years of age & over.

27th Annual Craft Sale

St. Andrew's School Council 27th Annual Christmas Craft Sale will take place on Saturday, December 14th, 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 parent/student volunteers. Please call the school if you can help in any way.**

Annual Killaloe Lions Parade

We look forward to participating in the Killaloe Santa Claus Parade once again this year. The theme of our float will be "Christmas in the 50's". Thank you to Marta Walczak for the use of her family's truck and trailer.

Sub Day

Sub Day will be on Wednesday, December 11th (so you don't have to make lunch the day after the Concert!) Orders are due on Sunday, December 8th.

Playground Update

Thank you for your continued support of our playground improvements. Our current project in the junior/intermediate area of the yard has been delayed until spring due to other obligations previously scheduled by the contractor. We look forward to seeing this area receiving some much needed revitalization and new items for our students to experience at recess. We continue to seek your generosity as we work on raising funds to replace the wooden structure which is coming near the end of its life. There will be further information regarding the yard in the new year.

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. Shalla who makes our school Masses so meaningful
- St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus for all they do for our school, including the treats after our Christmas Concerts, Bibles for our Grade 4 students and the free throw competition
- Our parents who were able to come in to help in so many ways, especially food days
- Cory Lee MacMunn, Tara Olsheskie and Jennifer Yantha for preparing our healthy snacks
- Our wonderful caretaker, Mrs. Yantha, for keeping our school so neat and clean and always taking the time to ensure St. Andrew's is truly a place of Believing and Learning.
- Our teachers for going above & beyond with volunteering their time for such things as school dances, student council and school council advisors, Christmas Concert, and ensuring spiritual and academic growth throughout!
- Our beloved office administrator, Mrs. Murray who ensures everything is always organized and runs smoothly, as well as shows compassion and care to all who pass through her office.
- 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 would especially like to thank the following people for our wonderful spaghetti luncheon on the Feast of St. Andrew: Cory Lee & Ian MacMunn and Jennifer Yantha for making spaghetti sauce; and to Leeann Dupuis, Amber Harrie, Lorraine Hudder, Cory Lee MacMunn, Wilma McGrath, Tara Olsheskie, Zdidka Sadecki and Jennifer Yantha for preparing, serving and cleaning up. Thank you so much!

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 8th, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Killaloe Lions Hall - Pancakes, sausages, baked

beans, scrambled eggs. Tickets at the door are \$8.00 for adults, under 10 are \$4.00 and under 2 are free.

Birthdays

Seth Olsheskie	December 2
Danica Pinto	December 3
Kaydance Finucane	December 5
Kypton Harrie	December 6
Sophie Surnoskie	December 9
Norah Pinkerton	December 11
Kara Herron	December 15
Ella Burgess	December 18
Jaydan Bourque	December 19
Leah Finucane	December 26
Mrs. Murray	December 26



Tree of Lights

This Christmas, *Give the Gift of The Picture That's Priceless* with a donation to the Tree of Lights Campaign and help support a critical upgrade for the X-Ray Unit at St Francis Memorial Hospital. Purchase a bulb in honour/memory of someone special. Join us as well for the Annual Tree of Lights Celebrations Friday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Barry's Bay Railroad Station. Norah Pinkerton's name was drawn to represent our school as one of the angels. Lots of fun for the whole family! For more information call 613-756-3045 ext. 217 or visit www.sfvhfoundation.com. Every kind gift matters, no matter the size.

CRC "Toys for Kids" Toy Drive

Helping every child have a Christmas! It's time once again to begin collecting for the CRC's 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 by December 8th. 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.

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 6th**. 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.

Holiday Books at the Killaloe and District Public Library!

How the Grinch Stole Christmas by *Dr. Seuss*
Grow your heart three sizes and get in on all the Grinch excitement with the original *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*—the ultimate Dr. Seuss Christmas classic that no holiday season is complete without! Check out our on-line catalogue for all our recent acquisitions, including many, many DVD's! Go to www.killaloelibrary.ca and click on 'Online Catalogue'. Available for loan to members of the Killaloe Library. Membership is free of charge to residents of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Township, Brudenell Lyndoch Township, Bonnechere Valley Township and North Algona Wilberforce Township.

Upcoming Library Events: Holiday Open House – Join us on Thursday Dec. 5 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the lower level at the Library for music by OK Chorale, Book and DVD sale, 50-50 draw and light refreshments – everyone welcome!

Holiday Lunch and Movie – Kids Lunch and Movie - Dora and the Lost City of Gold! Friday, January 3, 2020 at the Killaloe Friendship Club. Reserve your seat by Dec. 17 by contacting the Killaloe Library at 613-757-2211 or librarian@killaloelibrary.ca Space is limited! Mac and Cheese, veggies and dip, popcorn! Hosted by the Killaloe and District Public Library, Killaloe Friendship Club and the CRC.

Winter Fun with the Sports and Recreation Equipment Lending Library!

The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards offers loans of sporting and recreation equipment through the Killaloe & District Public Library. Winter sporting equipment includes; snowshoes, toboggans, sleds, cross country skis and much more. Please call or drop by the library to book items for one week borrowing periods. A complete list of available items can be found on the library website.

Holiday Hours – The library will be closed from December 23 – January 1
Killaloe and District Public Library Regular Hours:
Open Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat. 11am – 4pm
Open Thurs. 11am – 8pm
www.killaloelibrary.ca 613-757-2211

Christmas-New Year Mass Schedule

St. Andrew's, Killaloe:

Christmas Eve: December 24th @ 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day: December 25th @ 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve, December 31 @ 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day, January 1st @ 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Angels, Brudenell:

Christmas Eve, December 24 @ 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve, December 31 @ 7:00 p.m.