



# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**T.J. O'Grady, Principal**

Welcome to Term Two at St. Andrew's! Our staff and students are busy reflecting on goals set in Term One and are setting course to further complete them or create new ones for the second half of the school year. Report cards are scheduled to be sent home February 13<sup>th</sup>. This is the perfect time to celebrate the success of each student. We encourage parents to join us in celebrating all the milestones of our children; no matter how great or small. We are truly proud of each student here at St. Andrew's.

We continue to work on Mathematics with a focus on using open number lines, Number Talks and continued work on problem-solving skills throughout the school. Classes are using the Zones of Regulation to assist with regulating daily emotions and we are seeing an improvement in students regulating their own behaviour and identifying how they are feeling and making use of strategies to calm themselves.

This month we celebrate St. Valentine's Day and we will wear pink, white and red as a spirit team activity. I would like to remind everyone of the 'no edible treat' policy in our classrooms. This policy ensures the safety of all staff and students.

I wish all our broomball players, as well as our choir, the best of luck at their respective tournaments and festival in the coming days. Go St. Andrew's!

Kindergarten registration for the 2020/21 school year wrapped up at the end of January. We encourage any families who plan to enroll their children for September 2020 to please complete the online pre-registration or contact the school office as soon as possible.



Thank you for your continued support of our school. It is your support that truly makes St. Andrew's a place of learning and believing. We are grateful for the use of our local rink for our broomball and skating season. Thank you to all those that make this possible for our students! We are still in need of volunteers to help with our primary reading program. If you can help or know of someone who could assist us, please call or email the school office.

God bless each of you and best wishes for a healthy February and fun-filled Family Day weekend!

*St. Andrew, pray for us!*

*Mr. T.J. O'Grady*

### **Pancake Luncheon**

We would love to be able to continue the tradition of providing a pancake luncheon, however, we need your help. At least eight volunteers are required to help mix the batter and to cook and serve pancakes, as

well as clean up afterwards. Please call the school if you are able to help so that this tradition can continue. Because our school choir is competing at the Kiwanis Music Festival on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, we would like to have our Pancake Luncheon on **Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**.



## **School Council**

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! Items to be discussed will be the Pancake luncheon and any new fundraising ideas for this year.

## **Ash Wednesday Mass**

We will begin our observance of the Lenten season with Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and we will continue our actions and reflections in the school through daily prayer and classroom activities. Thank you to Fr. Shalla, Mrs. McMillan and her Grade 3 students for preparing the readings and prayers of the faithful for this Mass, as well as our choir for leading us in song.

## **A Message from RCJTC**

### **Reminder to Families with Kindergarten**

**Students:** We all share in the duty to ensure the safety of our students. We would like to remind parents/guardians that you are responsible for the safety and conduct of your child(ren) at the bus stop prior to boarding the bus and in the afternoon following the drop-off. In the case of a Kindergarten student afternoon drop off, a trusted responsible person (e.g. parent, guardian or babysitter) must be waiting at the bus stop to receive your child(ren). If no one meets the child(ren) at the bus stop, drivers are directed to take the child(ren) back to school. Repetitive failure to receive Kindergarten student(s) at the bus stop may result in the removal of transportation privileges. We thank you for your commitment to student safety.

## **First Reconciliation/Communion**

This year, preparations will be entrusted to your own parishes. Families are asked to contact their parish office to indicate your intention to have your child receive these sacraments. You will be advised of how to proceed and of the schedule for sacramental preparation classes. Please remember to check your parish bulletin for further information as it becomes available.

## **St. Andrew's Church Use of Gym**

Work on removing the carpet in the main body and sanctuary of St. Andrew's Church and the restoration of the terrazzo floor will begin at the end of February or the beginning of March. The work will take approximately four to six weeks. During this time the church will be inaccessible. As this work is being done, Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday in the gym at St. Andrew's School. There will be no vigil Mass on Saturday evening. The school was thought to be the best location as access is easier (no stairs/both school entrances will be open). Weekday Masses and Wednesday Adoration will be in the meeting room in the rectory.

## **Catholic Graduate Expectations**

This month we are working on being reflective, creative and holistic thinkers.



### **A Reflective, Creative And Holistic Thinker**

A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.

Students are using the following statement to better understand this expectation: I use my gifts and talents given to me by God. I always do my best. I build on my strengths and weaknesses. I set goals. I accept change. I am proud of the good things I do. I am thankful for the gifts of others. Because I am a learner for life, I can reach for my dreams, by living my life like Jesus.

## **Report Cards**

Term One reports are scheduled to go home February 13. As you are aware, our teachers are currently in labour negotiations with the Ontario Government and are exercising a withdrawal of services, including the full completion of report cards. Therefore, report cards will look a bit different than you are used to. They will contain marks but will not have comments. While we trust that the information included in this report

card is an accurate assessment of your child's progress at this time, we recognize that it may not include the level of information you are accustomed to seeing with your child's report. Should you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact their teacher. We sincerely hope and pray for a quick resolution to this provincial labour dispute and are grateful for your understanding.

### **Free Throw Competition**

Since 2016, the St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus in Killaloe have conducted a basketball Free Throw Championship. This activity provides youth with an athletic outlet and encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 years compete within their own gender and age. The winners – local champions – receive a genuine basketball and may progress from local level to district, to regional and to provincial competitions. For those students who wish to practice for this competition, Mrs. Cherry will be supervising them during their lunch recess. This year the local championship is scheduled to take place at Killaloe Public School on Wednesday, February 5, starting at 3:00 p.m. Registration Forms are available at the school and must be completed and signed by a parent prior to the competition on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this is not a school activity. As such, parents will need to arrange transportation to and from the competition. Parents and guardians are also very welcome to attend the competition.

### **Chess Tournament**

The students are now preparing for the upcoming Chess Tournament on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> here at St. Andrew's School. A total of 24 students will be eligible to attend, with 8 students in each of the three categories. Thank you to Mr. O'Neill for coaching and supervising the students.

### **Kiwanis Music Festival**

Our school choir will be participating in the Kiwanis Festival in Pembroke on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:40 a.m. Further details will be sent home with choir members in the near future including a permission form to travel by bus. Thank you to Mr. O'Grady, Mrs. Pinkerton and Mrs. Pecarskie for their leadership with this endeavor.

### **Subway Lunch**

We will have another Subway lunch on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Orders due online no later than Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Birthdays**

Michael O'Neill	Feb. 1
Chase Corbett	Feb. 2
Forrest Corbett	Feb. 2
Cameron Levair	Feb. 3
Nathan Walsh	Feb. 11
Stephanie Pinkerton	Feb. 12
Taylor Luckovitch	Feb. 13
Ella McGrath	Feb. 13
Allan Etmanskie	Feb. 15
Jesse Cuddy	Feb. 16
William Pinto	Feb. 19
Serena Sernoskie	Feb. 20
Annika McGrath	Feb. 21



### **Killaloe Book Fest**

This spring, St. Andrew's students will once again have a chance to participate in the Killaloe Kids BookFest. This will be the fourth annual BookFest, and students in our community are blessed to have the opportunity to hear from a wide variety of Canadian authors. The authors will each make two presentations: one in the evening that is open to the public, and one the next morning at either St. Andrew's or KPS. Students from both schools will be invited to join in the fun.

Thanks to the generous support of the Beavertail Sunrise Fund, and their Beavertail Challenge,

each school will receive book selections from each author so that teachers and students can become familiar with the authors prior to seeing them at the schools.

### **Dental Screening**

During the school year, Health Unit Registered Dental Hygienists provide dental screening for children in elementary schools throughout Renfrew County. Children in Junior and Senior Kindergarten, Grade 2, 4 and 7 will receive a dental screening this year on March 30th/31st. **If your child or children are not in the screening grades and you would like them to have a dental screening by the Dental Hygienist at your school, please contact the Health Unit.** Good oral health is important to children's overall health. The Ontario government has publicly funded dental programs to assist with dental care for children 17 & under who meet the program eligibility criteria. **Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO)** is a free dental program for eligible children and youth under 17 years of age. HSO covers regular check-ups, preventive care and treatment. For more information, contact the RCDHU Dental Services at 613-735-8661, Ext. 661 or email [dentalservices@rcdhu.com](mailto:dentalservices@rcdhu.com).

### **Science & Technology Fair**

The Renfrew County Regional Science & Technology Fair is open to all Grade 5 - 12 students and is being held on April 3rd & 4th at the Petawawa Civic Centre. Chance to win cash prizes and an all-expenses paid trip to the Canada-wide Science Fair in Edmonton, Alberta in May 2020. Students must register online before the end of Saturday, March 28th. Register online at [www.rcrsf.ca](http://www.rcrsf.ca). For more information email [info@rcrsf.ca](mailto:info@rcrsf.ca).

### **PINK Shirt Day**

Feb 26<sup>th</sup> is Pink Shirt Day. Wearing pink takes a stand against bullying and is based on a true story that two boys took against bullying at their own school. "*David Shepherd, Travis Price and*

*their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. 'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.' So Mr. Shepherd and some others headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out a message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag. As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled. The bullies were never heard from again" (The Globe and Mail).*



### **Children's Books at the Killaloe and District Public Library!**

**TJ and the Time Stumblers by Bill Myers**  
Tuna and Herby travel back in time to study TJ Finkelstein for their history project. TJ will someday become a great leader who demonstrates honesty, integrity, thoughtfulness, self-sacrifice, respect for others—all traits she hones and grasps through her adventures in this series. Unfortunately, Tuna and Herby get stuck in TJ's time (modern day), so she has to deal with their schemes while juggling the normal issues of a seventh grader who has moved to a new city, is trying to fit in, and is coping with her mother's death and her family's new life.

Check out our on-line catalogue for all our recent acquisitions, including many, many DVD's! Go to [www.killaloelibrary.ca](http://www.killaloelibrary.ca) and click on 'Online Catalogue'

### **Upcoming Library Events:**

#### **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.

#### **Pyjama Buddies**

Join us on Thursday evening from 6-7pm from Jan. 23 through March 12 at the Killaloe Library for storytime, crafts and a healthy bedtime snack. For children 0-6 years. Come in your PJ's. In partnership with EarlyON, Toy Bus and the Killaloe Library.

#### **Killaloe and District Public Library Regular Hours:**

Open Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat. 11am – 4pm

Open Thurs. 11am – 8pm

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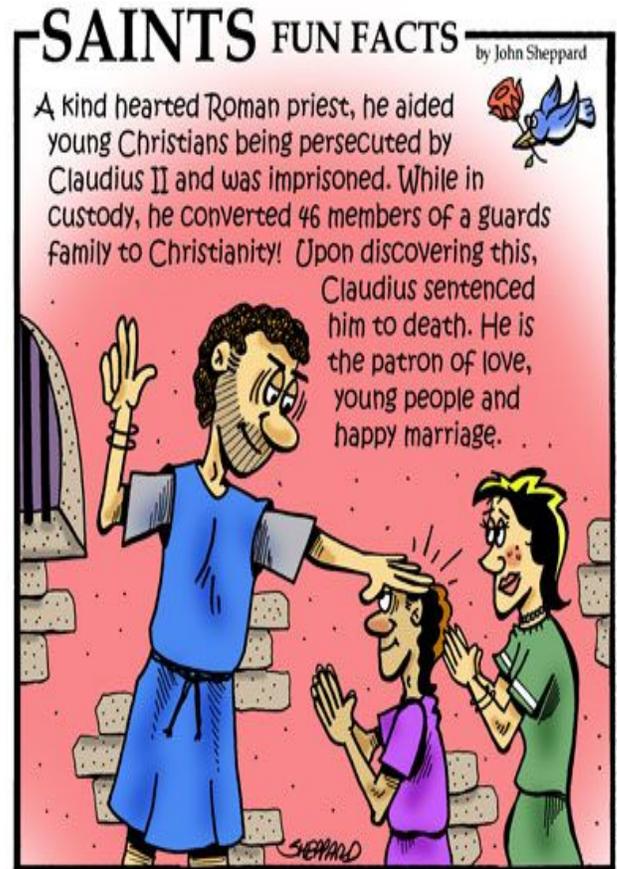


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CHECK OUT THE FSL HOMEWORK TOOLBOX FOR STRATEGIES & IDEAS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN FRENCH!

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*St. Valentine*

### **Bishop Smith High School Information Session**

Bishop Smith Catholic High School invites all Gr. 8 students and their parents to a High School information session on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 7-8pm at Bishop (Robert Tate Library). Topics of discussion include:

- 1- Spiritual Dimension "A School to Believe In"
- 2- Your Child and Their Journey
- 3- Graduation Requirements
- 4 - Academics - Applied - Essential Streams
5. Special Education
- 6 - Hockey Program and Extended French
- 7- Athletics, Extra-curricular activities, clubs & groups
- 8 - Course Selection Process
- 9 - Q & A Session

