

St. Andrew

May 2017

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Secretary: Mrs. P. Lloyd

Vice Principal: Mrs. K. Williams
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SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM – A REMINDER TO PLEASE PHONE IN YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE (905) 257-7102

Messages will be retrieved between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by office staff. Provincial protocols require that schools exhaust all emergency contacts prior to calling the police in the event of a missing child. Please ensure that you notify the school and that your information is accurate.

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

We are very excited to begin the beloved month of May with a focus on the gift of Catholic Education. Staff, students, parents and our parish, are invited to come together to celebrate this year's theme "Walking Forward Together." The theme is being celebrated in many ways throughout the week, and a list of classroom activities were shared via email and on the school website, so parents can arrange to attend. Some of the highlights include celebrating mass together and the May Crowning, which is new to St. Andrew School this year, with the support of the Rosary Apostolate. We also have our Communion luncheon and Confirmation luncheon for our Grade 2 and Grade 7 students, planned the second week of May. We thank our staff and many parent volunteers who are helping to organize these special events.

Mental Health Week falls during the same week as Catholic Education Week. The theme of Catholic Education Week, "Walking Forward Together", connects beautifully to the work we do every day to support our students and those who journey with them. We will be focusing on all the supports that we offer including: Roots of Empathy, PALS, Healthy Transitions Pilot, Dove Self-Esteem Program, and Christian Meditation, which encourage students to learn, talk and reflect on the importance of mental health and wellness.

Finally, I would like to inform the St. Andrew School community that in June I will be finishing my fifth year as the Principal of this wonderful school. In September, I will continue my leadership journey at St. John School, in Burlington, and Mrs. L. Boulos, will be your new Principal. Over the course of my five years, many positive relationships have been formed, which will certainly make it very hard to say good-bye and I want to thank each of you in advance for your kindness and support. I will truly miss the staff and families, as well as the amazing students who always make my day! I have really enjoyed watching the students grow up over the years, and will treasure my memories. We still have two months ahead, and I look forward to seeing you at our many upcoming school events. It truly has been an honour to have been part of the "best school in the universe"!

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mrs. Balogh
Principal

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:
WALKING
forward
together



School Hours

Morning Bell - 8:45 a.m.

Recess

Lunch - 11:50-12:30 recess, 12:30-12:50 lunch

Recess

Dismissal - 3:20 p.m.

Please note that supervision outside begins at 8:30 a.m.
Students should not arrive at school before this time.

Superintendent and Trustee Information

Ms. T. Pinelli is the Superintendent of Education for the Holy Trinity Catholic Secondary School and its associate schools, which includes St. Andrew Catholic School. She can be reached at the Halton Catholic District School Board 905-632-6300. There are four Oakville trustees who can be reached at the Board office: 905-632-6300

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Catholic Education Week
May 1 – May 5, 2017
www.goodnewsforall.ca



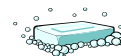
The Halton Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce the seventh **Walk With Jesus**, student walkathon, during Catholic Education Week on Thursday, May 4, 2017. Student representatives from each of the 52 schools will participate in this event. Students will exhibit a sense of community and solidarity in support of their Catholicity and social justice as they walk from the Velodrome to Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School, in Milton, at which point they will participate in Mass led by His Excellency Bishop Crosby.

As a show of solidarity from the St. Andrew School Community, we will participate in our own "Walk With Jesus" to Mary Mother of God church on Monday, May 1 @ 10:00 a.m. for our school mass.

The participation of students from throughout the Halton Catholic District School Board community in our annual **Walk With Jesus** will demonstrate that children helping children is an important and achievable goal of this board-wide initiative in support of Catholic Education Week. Please keep student participants in your prayers during Catholic Education Week.

Soap for Hope

Congratulations to the staff and students of St. Andrew school for the generosity demonstrated during this collection. We were able to double the amount of soap products this year to Mary Mother of God church for the Soap for Hope collection. All collected items will be sent to those in need through Dr. Simone's Canadian Food for Children. Great job St. Andrew School community!





For daily updates follow us on Twitter: **@St_Andrew145**

We have reduced the length of our newsletter and invite you to check out our St. Andrew website for the most current information regarding news, upcoming events, and the school calendar: <http://elem.hcdsb.org/standrew>



SAFETY DRILLS

Being prepared for an emergency situation is critical to keeping everyone safe at school. With Spring upon us, we are expected to have fire drills, a lock down drill, and new this year a bomb threat drill. More information will be sent home with updates regarding the drills. Overall, our students do a great job following drill protocols under the direction and supervision of staff.

Parking Lot Reminders...



Thank you to all our parents who are helping with our parking lot by abiding to the following:

- Drive slowly and cautiously at all times,
- Do not park and leave your car in the "kiss 'n ride" area along the curb,
- If you need to accompany your child, please park your car in a parking space,
- Pull right up to the "kiss 'n ride" to avoid blocking the main road entrance/exit,
- Do not let your children out of the car into the lane with moving traffic, and
- Please be kind to each other!

GRADE 8 GRADUATION



Graduation Day is scheduled for ~
Friday, June 23, 2017.

The day is planned as follows:

Liturgy and Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. in the gym
Dance to Follow in the gym, with pick up at 10:45 p.m.
Details will be sent home with ticket information.

Graduation Luncheon and Bowling ~
Thursday, June 22, 2017 during the day. Trip form to follow.

End of year mass ~
Thursday, June 15, 2017, 10:00 at Mary Mother of God Parish.

This final school mass is dedicated to our Gr. 8 graduates, and is very important for all students to attend. Families are always invited to join us at the church.

Looking Ahead—Class Organization for September 2017

School staff will soon be meeting to establish class lists for September. There is a process that supports the best placement for students. Prior to making decisions, a number of factors as well as projected enrolment are considered. The following criteria are used to create balanced classes:

1. Overall academic achievement
2. Learning skills
3. Social grouping and friendships
4. Best match of students' learning style with the teaching style
5. Special learning considerations
6. Balanced number of boys & girls

The social and academic interests of children are at the heart of decisions, and with the input of teachers and guidance of administration, final decisions are made. Parents are invited to share specific information regarding their child's personal development to assist us in the placement process. Any parent letters should be directed to the Principal by **Friday, May 12 to the attention of Mrs. Balogh**. Please know that all letters are reviewed, however, not all requests can be met.

Moving? Let Us Know!

If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending St. Andrew School next school year, please write a note or call the office to inform us. Your efforts would be greatly appreciated and helpful in school planning.

**DOUBLE
GOLD**

Avengers Basketball BOYS GIRLS

🏀 Check out the school website for pictures and more information!! 🏀



ECO News for May 2017

Our Eco Team is proud to announce that we were able to organize a successful community Movie Night event last month. We had close to 300 people attended. The funds raised will be used toward the purchase of a second water filling station for our upper level. Thank you for your generous support!



Eco Recycling Best Practices

Make everyday earth day! We don't want our efforts during Earth Week to stop. If we follow Christ's two important commandments, "Love God and love your neighbour as yourself," we cannot help but live in an eco-friendly way. This is the foundation of our Christian approach to the environment at St. Andrew School. Please continue to support our efforts by sending in litter-less lunches and by teaching your children to reduce, reuse and recycle. At St. Andrew School we encourage students to bring in a reusable plate for pizza days, which saves thousands of paper plates from having to be recycled every year at our school.



Save the Date! BBQ Community Event!

Our Annual School BBQ will be held on **Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.** We are looking for prize donations for our raffles and student games. If you are able to assist please contact us at the office. Pre-order forms for the BBQ will be coming home soon. Please return them to the office by the **due date of Friday, May 26** to assist us in our organization of this community event. **Online orders** are always appreciated.



Next School Council Meeting

Our last school council meeting will be held **Monday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m.** in the school library. As always, everyone is welcome! Please see the school website for minutes for all the meetings, including financial reports outlining purchases that have been made this year for the students.

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Grade 3 and 6 EQAO
Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics
Primary Division and Junior Division

Just a reminder, our **Grade 3 and 6 students** will participate in the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) Primary and Junior Division assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics between **Wednesday, May 24 and Monday, May 29, 2017.**

These EQAO assessments will be administered to all students in Grades 3 and 6. Students will be required to complete three booklets: one mathematics booklet, one reading booklet and one writing booklet. The total amount of time that the students will spend on the testing will be six hours that is generally spread over the course of three days. Sample questions and more information can be viewed on the EQAO website at www.eqao.com.

We ask that you make every effort to avoid holidays or appointments during these days to ensure your children are in attendance each day during the assessment. Please notify your child's teacher if there are any issues that may affect the administration of the assessment for your child, we can try and make any accommodations. The EQAO assessment results help us to continue to provide important information and is used for the improvement of planning.



Renewing the Promise: Exploring the Critical Role of Catholic Education in Contemporary Society

Join the conversation

We want to hear from you about Catholic education in Ontario! “Renewing the Promise” is a dialogue.

Your input about Catholic education in Ontario – the way it fulfills its mandate as well as the challenges and opportunities of the present moment – will help to guide us for the future. For more information on this, please watch our webinar (link).

You can offer your ideas and input on-line through *Thought Exchange*. Log in to: <http://signup.thotex.com/iceont/Pyv> to participate.

Thought Exchange will provide background information and three open-ended questions that you answer anonymously. When the survey closes, responses will be sorted into themes. You will then be invited to look at emerging themes and prioritize them, locally and provincially.

Your ideas will provide important input for a gathering of the Catholic community later in the year on the theme of *Renewing the Promise*.

When the process is completed, results and analysis will be available on a designated public website. Catholic Education Week 2018 will be the occasion to celebrate all that we learned.

Join the dialogue!

My Blueprint Information

All About Me (K-6) and the 21st Century Competencies

Across Ontario, schools are being prompted to help students develop the 21st century competencies that will enable them to face complex challenges now and in the future. The competencies, including critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation, self-awareness and self-directed learning, and global citizenship, are directly supported using All About Me (K-6) and myBlueprint (7-12). Students can easily demonstrate creativity and innovation by adding their own journal entries, pictures, files, and videos related to their learning and personal experiences. They can also add highly engaging, directed artifacts to promote self-directed learning and exploration. Each artifact has its own date-stamped reflection to ensure that students are thinking critically, practicing self-awareness, and self-directed learning. To access lesson plans, resources, and video tutorials, visit www.myBlueprint.ca/support

myBlueprint Education Planner (7-12) and the 21st Century Competencies

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Literacy & Math Programs – GR. 7 & 8

2017 Summer School

INTERMEDIATE TRANSITIONAL MATH CAMP



This two week summer program is designed for students who would benefit from additional practice and assistance to ease their transition into Grade 8 & 9. As part of the program, students will have access to computers.

LITERACY THROUGH THE ARTS CAMP

The arts can play a vital role in literacy. Students can be initially engaged in reading by focusing on their comprehension and enjoyment of a given story, poem, chant, or rhyme. Fundamentally, balanced literacy revolves around two primary strands, a reading strand and a writing strand, each of which mirrors the other.



NUMERACY THROUGH ROBOTICS CAMP



Robotics is a motivational tool that brings math, science and technology to life in the classroom. Robotics enables students to "do" mathematics rather than study it. Robotics offers students a unit of study that implicitly demonstrates the application of math, science and technology as well as reinforce numeracy skills such as Numbers and Operations, Algebra, Geometry, Measurement, Problem Solving, Reasoning and Proof; and Communications. Students will have a basic understanding of sensor based measurements, applications for angles, counted and timed events and other computer-based math.

Principal and teacher recommendations are requested for these programs, however, parents may initiate an application. Registration forms are available from your child's school/teacher and must be returned to the home school.

Parents are responsible for transportation arrangements for all programs.

You will be contacted **ONLY** if your course is full, transferred or cancelled, otherwise, report to the summer school location on the first day.

Holy Trinity
15th Annual Arts Café
Thursday, May 11, 2017
Free Admission
Student Art
Musical Guests
7-9 p.m. Library at HT

