

# St. Andrew

**June 2017**

**Principal: Mrs. S. Balogh**  
**Secretary: Mrs. P. Lloyd**

**Vice Principal: Mrs. K. Williams**  
**Office Assistant: Mrs. D. Hayward**

**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

With another school year coming to a close, we reflect on the growth and accomplishments of our students and thank God for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon our Catholic school community. We are especially proud of our grade 8 graduates who have been developing many skills, connected to our Catholic Graduate Expectations. We wish the graduates all the very best with their future endeavors as they move onto secondary school in the fall. With a strong faith, growth mindset, and determination, they are ready to achieve great things.

Our staff’s commitment to Catholic education, student success, and wellness is most appreciated! Our staff works exceptionally hard as a team to make sure that children find their strengths and have opportunities to thrive at St. Andrew School. We thank staff for the time and dedication given to each other, the students, parents, and community members.

Lastly, we would like to thank so many people who contribute to our amazing school community. Thank you to Father John and his team at MMOG parish, including the Rosary Apostolate volunteers, for their important work with our students in strengthening their faith and prayer. Thank you to our parent community for being supportive in so many ways including faith-based, academic, and school initiatives. This strong partnership between home, school, and church, truly contributes to our positive school culture and to making St. Andrew the “best school in the universe”.

Please watch for the June Final Farewell newsletter that will be issued the last week of June, with final updates, including staff “good byes”.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Balogh  
Principal

Mrs. K. Williams  
Vice Principal



### **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.

### **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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### **GRADE 8 GRADUATION FESTIVITIES**

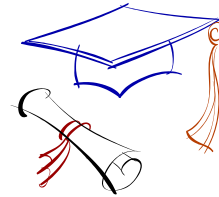
**Thursday, June 15, 2017:** Final school mass @ MMOG at 10:00 am. This mass is dedicated to our Gr. 8 Graduates, so it is very important for all students to attend and parents are welcome.

**Thursday, June 22, 2017:** Graduation Luncheon and Bowling.  
Permission form to follow.

**Friday, June 23, 2017:** Graduation Day:

**Liturgy and Ceremony:** In the gym at 7:00 p.m.

**Dance to Follow:** In the gym. \*\*Pick up at 10:45 p.m.



### **St. Andrew Talent Show**

The end of the year is fast approaching and Talent Show preparations are in full swing! Auditions for all grades are being held the weeks of May 29 and June 5. A variety of acts and talents from various grades 1-8 will be featured. The talent show will be presented in the gym on Tuesday June 27 starting at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend. The talent show is always a school favourite and we have no doubt that this year's show will be the best one yet!





## **September Start Up 2017**

### **Office Hours Starting Monday, August 28**

The school office will be open on Monday, August 28 at 8:30 a.m. Office staff and administration will be available all of that week. New registrations will be accepted that week as well. Please drop off epi-pens, and other medications and forms during this week. Parents are also invited to review the medical plans with administration this week, if possible.

### **Tuesday, September 5, Back to School!**

Parents are requested to review the following format for looking up their child's classroom placement for September. **The information will be available September 1.** You will need your child's OEN number which is found at the top of their report card. Follow these steps to access this information:

1. <http://www.hcdsb.org>
2. Click on school tab-school listing
3. Click on Elementary school placement
4. Enter OEN, click search
5. Your child's name, school year and placement will be displayed

- On the first day of school, teachers will be in our schoolyard holding a sign with the grade and name.
- Parents/Guardians are respectfully asked to avoid entering the hallways or visiting classrooms on the first day of school. With a projected 750 students, the goal is to keep the classes moving so everything runs as smoothly as possible.

### **Student Agendas**

This communication tool will be ordered for students and the money will be collected in September. We are informing you at this time, so that you can include this in your back to school budget.

### **Bus Transportation for Fall**

Route information for your child is available online at the transportation website at [www.haltonbus.ca](http://www.haltonbus.ca). To access this information, you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN) which appears on the top of all of your child's report cards. Courtesy seat forms will be available in the school office starting June 1st. Bus stops and times will be posted on the front doors of the school during the first week of September. Students should be waiting at bus stops at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time. Parents are encouraged to sign up for email alerts about late buses online at [halotnbus.ca](http://halotnbus.ca).

### **Volunteers**

A special thank you to all of our volunteers who have assisted us throughout the past school year. If we already have your documentation on file, an annual declaration form will be sent home for you to complete for next school year. If you have never volunteered with us before, you must obtain both a Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) and a Criminal Reference Check (CRC) at Halton Regional Police Services. Once you have received the CRC & VSS please bring it to the office. Please consider having this done over the summer, so you're ready to go in September! You can also apply online at: [www.haltonpolice.ca](http://www.haltonpolice.ca)

### Pick Up Medications

Parents are reminded to pick up any medication that is kept on file in the main office. Medication must be picked up by dismissal (1:50 p.m.) on **Friday, June 30th**. If your child has any medical conditions/life threatening allergies, a new form must be completed prior to September start and returned with the medication. Any medications which are not picked up will be discarded appropriately.



### Full Day Kindergarten Program September Entry 2017

**All new year 1(JK) and new year 2 (SK) Students**—Parent/Student/ Staff interviews will take place Tuesday, September 5th and Wednesday, September 6th, for Year 1 students and **new year 2 student**.



**Year 2 (SK) Students** - Students will begin Thursday, September 7th.

**Year 1 (JK) Students** - Staggered entry days are Thursday, September 7th and Friday September 8th.

**First day with whole class**—Monday, September 11th.  
**Letters will be mailed out last week of June with details.**

### June Breakfast Club

On **Thursday, June 15th** we will have our final day for Breakfast Club for this school year. On behalf of school community, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to all of our breakfast program and healthy snack team volunteers! We have had another successful year of being able to offer nutritious options for students to ensure that hunger is not a distraction to their learning!



### MISSING TEXT BOOKS AND LIBRARY BOOKS

Please take a look around your home for any school library books and textbooks and return them to school with your child.



All books are due: **June 9th** Thank You!

### Term Two Report Cards

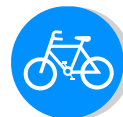
Report Cards for Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will be sent home on **Tuesday, June 27th, 2017**.

Please sign and return the bottom portion to school on Wednesday, June 28th.



### St. Andrew Eco Update

We have had another great environmentally friendly year here at St. Andrew. Thank you to all of you who have made a greater effort to reduce the amount of waste that goes into your garbage and recycling bins each day. The Eco Team will continue to encourage our Litter-less Lunches and Terra Cycle initiatives.



#### Bike to School Week

St. Andrew School participated in *Bike to School Week* from May 29 to June 1. Staff and students were encouraged to make the environmentally friendly decision to bike to school during this week. As well, Officer Scott is visiting our Grade 1 students to review Bike Safety. Thank you everyone for keeping active and participating in this Eco initiative!

#### TerraCycle

Our TerraCycle program has done very well again this year. This program enables us to recycle materials that would either go to our Halton Recycling program or to our Oakville landfill site. Items such as drinking pouches and cookie wrappers are recycled or upcycled by TerraCycle who make interesting articles such as lunch bags, pencil cases, and printers!

#### St. Andrew Greening

Our Eco team will be mulching and Grade 3 Science classes will be gardening at the front of the school this month. Special thanks to Oakville Green for providing our school with mulch and perennials. Their support and guidance for all of our Eco initiatives is much appreciated!

As you can see, we continue to work very diligently to maintain our status with HCDSB and our community as an environmentally conscious school. We wish you a happy and safe environmentally friendly summer.

Thank you from the St. Andrew ECO Team. Eco Out!



## St. Andrew Catholic School Council Updates



Thank you to our Catholic School Council for their dedication to our school this year.

**The annual School BBQ is almost here!** Please join us on **Thursday, June 8th** as we celebrate another fantastic year at St. Andrew. There will be games and events for all the children at the school. As with all volunteer-run events, more volunteers mean a smoother running event. Thank you to our many community partners, parents, staff and student volunteers who are making this all possible!

**Final Council Meeting of the School Year** Our final school council meeting this year will be held **Monday, June 19th**, at 6:30 pm in the school library. As always, you are welcome to join us.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017-2018** Being part of School Council is one way of volunteering. It provides an opportunity to develop and promote activities which will enhance the quality of school programs and improve the levels of student achievement. If you are interested in being a part of our Catholic School Council next year, nomination packages will be available in the office at the start of September. A School Council needs to be established within the first 30 school days of the new academic year. Details will follow in September through the newsletter and our school website. Information can be found on the Board's site: [www.hcdsb.org/parents/cscouncil/pages/default.aspx](http://www.hcdsb.org/parents/cscouncil/pages/default.aspx)

### TREAT LUNCH/SNACK DAY

The Treat Lunch/Snack for June:

**Friday, June 9th**  
**Friday, June 16th**



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that helped with the Pizza Lunch this past year, especially Mrs. Bruce, Ms. Mothersill and Mrs. Murphy, who coordinated these days. Whether you came out once or were able to make it regularly, we couldn't have done it without you. See you next year!

### Moving? Let Us Know!

Plans for the 2017/2018 school year are already underway. If you know that your child(ren) will not be attending St. Andrew School next school year; please write a note to the office informing us. Your efforts would be greatly appreciated.



### Magazines Needed!

We are looking for newer gently used magazines that can be donated to the Oakville Hospital for patients and their families to enjoy. If you have any that you would like to donate, please send them to the main office and we will forward them. Thank you!



### Lost and Found

Lost and Found items will be on display this month. Please encourage your child to look through the items. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of June.

### Sunny Days



'With the warm, beautiful days of spring and summer approaching, parents need to be aware of, and take action to prevent damage from the sun's rays to your child(ren)'s skin. Students are outside for two separate 15 minute recess breaks and a 40 minute lunch recess break each day.

Parents are responsible for seeing that their children wear appropriate clothing, a hat and sun block. If a parent decides to send sun block to school, please understand that staff **will not** be responsible for the application of the lotion.

### Dress Code



With the warmer weather soon upon us, we remind students that they are expected to dress in a manner appropriate to a Catholic School setting. Students are encouraged to dress modestly at school. We ask that students not wear: tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, or very short shorts. Bare midriffs are also unacceptable.

T-shirts with inappropriate or offensive language and/or pictures are not allowed at school. Students who wear unacceptable clothing to school will be asked to make other arrangements for a change of clothing.

We thank parents and students for cooperating with our school dress code.

### West Nile Virus



*Is my child at risk for becoming infected with West Nile virus while attending school?*

The mosquitoes that most commonly carry West Nile virus are generally more active during the early evening to early morning. The school yards are mainly located in open areas on asphalt or short grass/dirt – not conducive for harbouring mosquitoes. As well, the school is actively involved in reducing mosquito breeding sites (standing water) and resting sites on school property. Children are at minimal risk for exposure to mosquitoes and no precautions are needed.

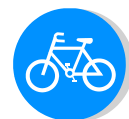
Parents interested in finding out more information on West Nile Virus could connect to the Halton Region Health Department website: [www.halton.ca/health](http://www.halton.ca/health) or call at (905) 825-6000.

### PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES, INCLUDING CELL PHONES

We would like to remind our students and families of the policies around the acceptable use of personal electronic devices on school premises. ***Students who bring a cell phone or any personal electronic device to school must "demonstrate digital citizenship through the appropriate use of technology, as outlined in our school Code of Conduct." They must use "board technology for curriculum-related/educational purposes only."***

Lastly, in order to maintain the order and safety of our students, they are to use the office phone to contact parents during the instructional day, with permission from the teacher.

### Bike Safety



Students are welcome to bring their bikes to school. Please review the following safety requirements:

1. Cyclists up to the age of 18 must wear a bicycle helmet according to Ontario law;
2. Bicycles may never be ridden on school property. All students will walk their bikes when on the school site; bikes are to be locked up when parked in the school bike racks.
3. Riders need to know and understand the rules of the road;
4. Bicycles must be road worthy and conform to municipal requirements for licensing, operation and equipment. #biketoschoolHCDSB