



St. Andrew's

Regional High School

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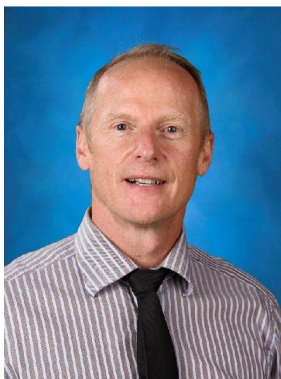
Mission Statement: St. Andrew's Regional High School strives to develop Catholic-Christian values in students by openly stating and celebrating our belief in the values Jesus taught. Our commitment to excellence in education of the whole person guides our decision-making. Our goal is to provide each student with opportunities to gain the knowledge, skills and values necessary to respond to personal challenges with faith, hope, and love.

Seeking Truth, Healing and Reconciliation



June 2, 2023

Greetings St. Andrew's Families,



It is hard to believe we are into June already; but far from over! Today we had our last formal school assembly that was filled with gratitude, recognition and sharing of some special awards. Later this month we will be having our Athletic Awards (June 13th) and Awards Night (June 26th) Please come out to celebrate student excellence. What often goes unrecognized is the excellence shown when students work at forgiving and reconciling with one another. It is at the heart of the gospel and of building community. Reconciliation has been our theme this year and I know there were many times throughout the year when students made apologies, built bridges and were humbly reconciled with one another. We often say that the letters within **SABRES** each stands for **S**haring **A**nd **B**uilding **R**espect **E**nsures **S**uccess; this year we can add **R**econciliation to our **R** words. Well done Sabres!

With Gratitude,
Mr. Glen Palahicky, M. Ed
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE: Rosa and Valentina—the dream team

Family Payment Schedules:

The office will be **OPEN tomorrow June 3rd from 10:30 to 4:00pm**. If you have not yet signed your family payment scheduled please come in tomorrow to do so. Thank you.

Uniform Fitting:

Neat Uniforms will be here tomorrow, Saturday, June 3rd, from 11:00am to 6:00pm. They will be doing fittings, please note that uniforms will not be for sale. This is a fitting only.

Scholarship News!

The 2023 scholarship booklet has been posted to the [website](#). Applications are due June 6th, please make sure all documents are appropriately signed before submitting, incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted. Recipients will be acknowledged at our year end rewards night on June 26th. Good luck to all applicants!

A note from the Counselling Office...

Last week, the peer counsellors, peer tutors, and TAs spent the day enjoying nature, celebrating the work they have done, and planning for next year. We were delighted to welcome Olivia Hahn as a guest speaker (and now honorary SABRE). She is a grade 11 student who lost her mom to cancer and has recently written a book about the grief experience called Healing Our Wounded Hearts. Olivia presented beautifully on resiliency and courage.

To our graduating members - Sophie Bechard, John Cerna, Ann Noreen Delupio, Nick Gao, Willow Hamilton, Grace Johansson, Svenya Kampmann, Chloe Liang, Hikari Muraoka, Matthia Patterson, Angela Rajendram, Nandni Sharma, and Mia Widner, and Elisa Visintini -- thank you for your service and generosity. We will be missed! **To our returning members** - Kaylin Armitage, Amelie Dempster, Vincent Huang, Claire Lawson, Eason Lu, Gabby Royle, and Maya Zidek -- we know that you will continue to help us all build in love when you come back from the summer break.



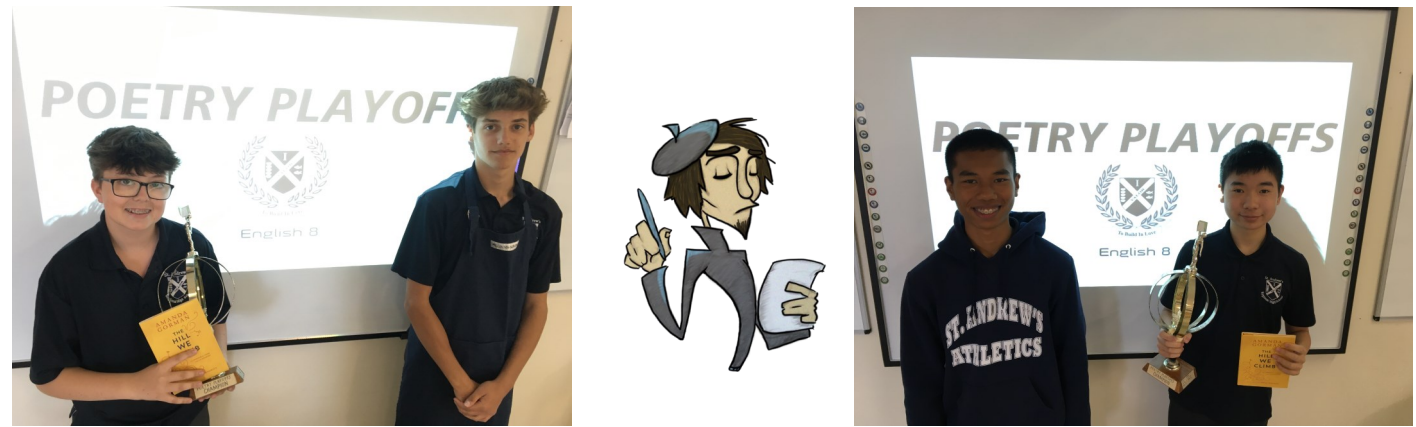
Mark Your Calendars:

June 3	Grad Car Wash and Bottle Drive 9:30-2:30pm
June 3	Neat Uniform Fitting 11am-6pm (volunteers needed—contact sarhs@cisdv.bc.ca if interested)
June 7	School Dance
June 9	5 block day—Celebration of the Arts
June 13	Sports Awards 6:30pm
June 15	5 block day—Year End Mass, Grad rehearsal
June 16	Last day for classes—Noon Dismissal
June 19-23	EXAM WEEK
June 26	Awards Night—Sacred Heart Parish
June 27	Grad Commissioning
June 28	Grad Dinner Dance/After Grad



English Department

Congratulations to the champions of the Poetry Playoffs in Mr. Van Dyk’s English 8 classes. Toben recited “Each Moment is Precious” by Jane Hirshfield and Kevin recited “The Tyger” by William Blake. Shout out to runners up, Cristian and Manny. **Poetry has power!**



Sabres Sports

A reminder that the athletics sports night is coming up on June 13th! BBQ starts at 5pm and awards at 6:30pm. Food is by donation! (Suggested \$5 per person) Also we have our online auction to help support athletics so please take a look for anyway you can help! A big congrats to all athletes in track and field who qualified for Provincials! We have 23 students who did a tremendous job! Provincials take place in Langley BC from Jun 8-10.

ROWING: The Victoria Rowing Club is hosting a **Come Try Rowing Event** on June 3rd. Drop in anytime between 12-4. Invite your family and friends. Hope to see you there.



From the SARHS Music Dept.

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Congrats to all St. Andrew's Singers, Concert Band, and Jazz Band on an outstanding Spring Fling concert this past Wed, May 31st at Holy Cross Church. Featured music included everything from Palestrina to Cole Porter to music from the motion picture, "How to Train Your Dragon." All performances were outstanding and everyone in attendance was thoroughly impressed. Kudos to all our musicians and thank you for your exceptionally hard work!! Thanks also to Ruth Cerna and all of our Music Parents who coordinated the reception.

Though Spring Fling is over, we are not quite finished yet for the year. We are responsible for music for the following dates in June:

- June 9th** - Celebration of the Arts Assembly (school gym 11am)
- June 15th** - Year End Mass (Sacred Heart Church - 11am)
- June 26th** - Awards Night (Sacred Heart Church - time TBA)
- June 27th** - Grad Mass (St. Andrew's Cathedral - time TBA)

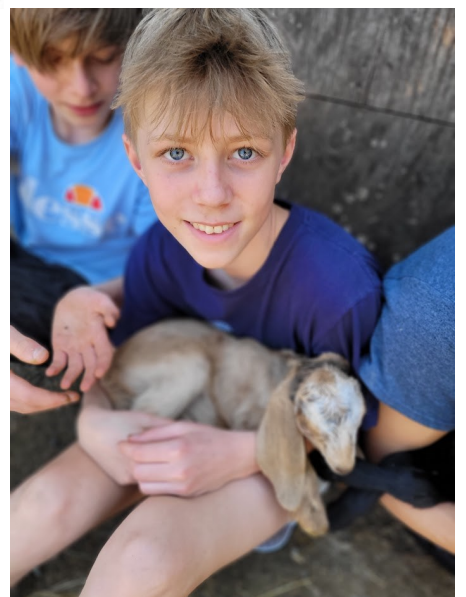


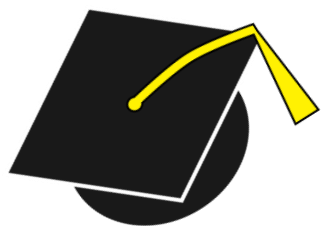
Grade 9 Science: The Eco Village

Mrs Arthur's grade nine science class was fortunate for a fabulous weather day for their field trip to the O.U.R. EcoVillage last Thursday. The students were taught how to make COBB , transplant cucumber plants, make compost with cardboard, decipher poisonous and healthy weeds to feed the livestock, and lastly, feed the baby lamb (Eddie) and milk the sheep. Some even dared to taste the fresh goat's milk. The main message was to teach the students the importance to waste less, recycle and learn how to be more sustainable with water and energy. It was a fun day full of learning with a delicious lunch made with ingredients grown on the farm. Many thanks to Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Sparks and Mrs Bathurst who volunteered their day to chaperone.



Re-imagine the future...





Grad Corner

Support our Grads!

3 ways to support our Grads this week:

1. **Silent Auction!**

<https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/107710/auctions/145194?r=1&t=all>

(Ends Sunday, June 14)

2. Purchase **Travel Raffle** Tickets (contact Rita or Rich, rich@thibault-co.ca) for a chance to win First Prize \$4500 Travel Voucher or Second Prize \$500 WestJet Gift Certificate!

3. **Car Wash and Bottle Drive** this Saturday, June 3 at SARHS! (Grads, we need more volunteers to help at the car wash, so please come out for a fun day!)

We appreciate your support for the SARHS Class of 2023!



St. Andrew's Regional High School Parent Aftergrad Committee (PAC) presents:

WHERE IN THE WORLD?

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TRAVEL RAFFLE TICKET \$10
max 1474 tickets to be sold



1ST PRIZE	2ND PRIZE	DRAW: JUNE 16, 2023
\$4500	\$500	at St. Andrew's Regional High School
TRAVEL	WESTJET	BC Gaming Event Licence #142192
VOUCHER	GIFT CARD	Tickets only sold in BC
through Marlin Travel		Winners consent to the release of their names by the licensee
		Thank you for supporting our Aftergrad event!

To purchase tickets, contact ST. ANDREW'S REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL 250-479-1414
or visit the school office at 880 MCKENZIE AVENUE, VICTORIA BC





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5 PM.

SAVE THE DATE

SPORT GALA + AUCTION



\$5/person
suggested donation



Benefiting: **SARHS Sports Programs**

5 PM DINNER - (BURGERS, CHIPS, BUBBLY)

6:30 AWARDS

8 PM SILENT AUCTION ENDS

JOIN US!!!

TO DONATE AUCTION ITEMS + EVENT INFO
LARAOCONNOR@SHAW.CA

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SPORTS COUNCIL



Sports Parent's Silent Auction!

We have an online auction opening 12noon on June 1, 2023 Great items to bid on and pick up at intermission of the Sports Gala.

Click here for the link: <https://www.32auctions.com/sabres2023>

Volunteer Opportunity!

Volunteers are needed from 4pm to 6:30pm for set up and 8:30 pm for clean up on June 13th. If you are able to help with this year-end event please email Angela Grohovac: angelagrohovac@gmail.com

BECOME A ST. ANDREW'S HOST FAMILY



- Currently seeking host family for Grade 9 female student arriving from China April 1st.
- New host families needed for September (accepting applications). From September 2023 families receive \$1200/mo.
- Summer homestay (July & August) \$1300/mo

LEARN MORE

homestay@cisdv.bc.ca

250-886-5596

SARHS HOMESTAY PROGRAM

“Enlarge the space of your tent, spread out your tent cloths unsparingly, lengthen your ropes and make firm your pegs” (Is 54:2). Pope Francis shared this passage in his latest synod message. He was talking about the Church as a whole, but here at St. Andrew’s we can enlarge our tents by inviting our international students to have a heart-felt, home-felt experience during their time in Canada and as students at our Catholic High School.

Being the home away from home for our international students is a value-added experience but also a remunerated one. For more information please contact homestay@cisdv.bc.ca

SABRES TRACK AND FIELD



What a phenomenal track season! Way to go Sabres!





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THE MAJORITY OF THE LETTER IS CREDITED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 61 WHO RELEASED A LETTER OF CONCERN THIS WEEK:

Dear Families,

As educators, we feel it is important that we keep you informed about matters that may affect the safety and well-being of our students. Unfortunately, I am writing to address a concerning issue that has recently come to our attention.

This past week, regional police departments shared with school districts in the South Island region that a small group of youth, 15 - 17 years old and younger, are engaging in activities that may lead to potential gang involvement. Police noted that youth are often recruited to sell items such as vaping products and high-end clothing and through this process, become indebted to the recruiter which leads to other activities of concern. Additionally, it was shared there has been an increase in violence, drug dealing, and weapons related offenses including the use of imitation firearms and knives among youth. Social media has become a tool where gang-associated behaviour is being displayed and promoted on a variety of platforms.

Our hope is that with this information, our community schools, and families can provide youth with guidance and support as they navigate the complexities of becoming young adults. If you are concerned about your child and their potential involvement in gang related activities, please consider having a conversation with them about the risks to their safety and the safety of others.

If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing and notice any significant shifts in their routine, friends, or general demeanor or there is a sudden change in attitude, behavior, or unexplained possessions, we strongly encourage you to reach out to the school, your local police department or a community service provider for support as appropriate for your family.

Fortunately, the latest announcement from SD 61 about cancelling their police liaison program does not affect St. Andrews. We will continue to be supported by the Saanich Police and continue the good work we have been doing in educating, building relationships and ensuring safety at St. Andrew's High School. Our Police partners will continue to support our schools as needed and will keep us apprised of new information or emerging trends.

Respectfully,
Mr. Glen Palahicky
Principal

June 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>Week BADC</u>				1	2 5 Block Day Final SC Assembly	3 Neat Uniform Fitting 11am-6pm Grad car wash and bottle drive9:30-2:30
4 <u>Week CDBA</u>	5	6	7 Year End Dance	8	9 5 Block Day Celebration of the arts	10
11 <u>Week DCBA</u>	12	13	14	15 Year End Mass	16 Last Day of Classes, extend- ed TAG, locker clean out, grad ball game Noon Dismissal	17
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24
	SCHOOL BASED EXAMS					
25	26 Grad awards night	27 Grad Com- missioning	28 Grad dinner dance and after grad	29 Year end staff mtg PSG staff appreciation lunch	30 Report cards published in MyEd Year End admin day for staff	