



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.

October 13, 2023

From Mr. Niwa

Last Friday our school had the honour of welcoming the Cops For Cancer on one of their final stops of their tour. This was something we have not done in a long time. In support for this cause, our student council ran two events: a civvies day and a Kernels popcorn sale. ***In short period of time, our students raised \$1500.***

The tour was especially meaningful as one of our St. Andrew's parents, Michael Lowey, father of Alice and Violet Lowey, was a part of the Cops for Cancer team. As part of our assembly, Mr. Lowey had his head shaved by his daughters. One of our teachers, Mr. Cristante also offered to shave his head as an incentive to help reach a \$2000 goal, and though we didn't reach it, he was an amazing sport and allowed a student to shave his head at the assembly. Mrs. Suzanne Beavan, a former parent of our school, also shaved her head in solidarity for those combating cancer.

I would like to thank Mr. Lowey, Mr. Cristante, Mrs. Beavan, our student council and all those who donated money for this important cause.

On another note, I would like to thank you, our parents, for your support regarding technology in our school. By helping your children understand the distractions these devices can create and by waiting until after school (or during lunch) to text your child, we can help create a better learning environment. Although students may have their phone on vibrate or mute, taking out the phone causes a distraction to your child as well as to the students around them. To help reinforce the importance of staying present in body and in mind by avoiding those technological distractions, students will be invited to leave their phones in a box as they enter the classroom.

Finally, next week we will be gathering as a school up at Sacred Heart Parish to take part in a **living rosary**. Parents are welcome to join us for this community faith gathering. It will be held at **11:00am on Tuesday, October 17th.**

Warm regards to all,

Patrick Niwa



Grade 9 Retreat!

The November 2nd GRADE 9 RETREAT Day planning is NOW underway!

Parents, **please send back a signed copy of the YELLOW permission slip** and retreat fee with your child as soon as possible. Retreat days take much planning and are not an optional day as it is part of the religion program here at St. Andrews.


Please contact Ms. Gilbert if you have any questions. If you have NOT received a YELLOW permission slip from your child, please have them come get another one :)

Thank you parents for supporting our school retreat program.

It's a great day to be a Sabre!
Ms. Gilbert



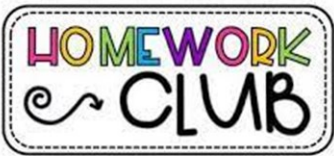
Mark You Calendars:

October 13	World Food Day walk	
October 20	NO SCHOOL—Provincial Pro-D Day	
October 25	Local School Council 6:30pm	
October 26	Fright Night	
October 30	Gr. 12 Literacy Assessment	
October 31	Gr. 12 Literacy Assessment	
November 2	Gr. 9 retreat	
November 2	Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment	
November 3	Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment	
November 3	Term 1 Ends / Student Council Assembly	
November 8	PSG meeting 7pm	
November 10	5 Block Day—Remembrance Day Service	
November 10	P/T Interview scheduling portal opens / Report Cards published in MyEd	
November 13	NO SCHOOL	

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework club (in room 222) will be starting up again on Tuesday, October 10, 2023! All are welcome to get some extra support and/or a quiet place to do work.

Days & times are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:15 – 4:15 with one Education Assistant. Wednesdays are from 1:50 – 3:15 with five Educational Assistants!



From the SARHS Music Dept.

A reminder to all Music parents and students, please ensure that you have received the list of important dates for this year and volunteer sign-up link via email. If not, please contact Mr. O'Reilly: poreilly@cisdv.bc.ca.

Thanks to Mae Tan, Yanjing Li, Shuai Liu, and Beth Geras for volunteering for our hot lunch day (Tues.) which began on Oct.10th. Additional volunteers would certainly be appreciated! We are also still looking for someone to take over our treasurer position. If you can help, please get in touch with Mr. O'Reilly via the email above for more details. Thank you!

This month, Music students will be preparing for our first two November performances: Remembrance Assembly on November 10th and our annual Coffee House on Nov.15th. All are welcome to attend these events! We will also be selling Drumroaster Coffee again this year in anticipation of our Coffee House. More details to follow soon!

A final note to our Choir students and parents: as mentioned at our September Music Parents meeting, we have been invited to attend a choral workshop at UVic (along with other high school choirs) scheduled for Sat, Nov.4th (1-3pm). Please keep this date free!

Important Dates

- Nov.4th** - Choral Workshop for Choir Students (UVic - Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, 1pm)
- Nov.10th** - Remembrance Assembly (11am in the school gym - Concert Band & Choir)
- Nov. 15th** - Coffee House (7pm in the school gym - Concert Band, Choir, and Jazz Band)

Religion Department

Thanks to Rev. Hoyu Boulter of the Zen Buddhist tradition, who recently shared meditative practices with our Grade 11 students in Comparative World Religions.



Spirit Week ~ October 23-27

The student council has organized a fun, five day, themed costume spirit week. Students will be allowed to come in the appropriate costume each day.

Monday: Scrabble day—come dressed as a letter piece! Prize for the group of friends who can assemble the longest word.

Tuesday: Barbie and Ken—bonus points if you come in a pink Corvette

Wednesday: Influencer Day—#beautyinfluencer #healthinfluencer #gymshark #bookstagram

Thursday: Rhyme without a reason—pick a friend and come as two things that rhyme but have no affiliation

Friday: Costume Day—come in appropriate, fun, and creative costumes.

The **Fright Night Dance** will be held on Thursday, October 26th from 6:30-9pm the fee for this dance will be \$10, and there will be a snack concession on site. *Come in Costume!!!!*

Hot Lunch Program

The St. Andrew's Regional High School Hot Lunch program is back on! The weekly menu is as follows:

Monday: Pizza \$3.50 (add cookie for \$1 and chocolate milk for \$1.50)

Tuesday: Popeye's Chicken Sandwiches \$5

Wednesday: NO HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Thursday: Burrito/Tacito Day! Super taco - \$7 for one half or \$12 for a whole, potato or chicken tacitos—pack of 3 for \$10

Friday: Pizza \$3.50 (add cookie for \$1 and chocolate milk for \$1.50)

CASH only please!



Sports Parents Committee

Hot Lunch : We have been assigned Pizza Hot Lunch on Mondays this year. Super easy for us if you can help out from 11:30am to 12:30pm we would love the assistance. [Click here for our sign up sheet.](#)

Sabres 3 V 3 Basketball tournament

Please join us for our Sabres 3V3 Basketball tournament on Nov 3 4pm start. We are looking for Alumni and parents teams to join us as well as volunteers for running the event. [Click here for Volunteering Nov 3](#)

Interested in Playing in the tournament register your team use this QR code to Register



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: Volunteer Opportunities

“Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else's help.” – Heather French Henry

Parent Support Group

The PSG is a volunteer group of parents who assists school administration, teachers, and students in building the amazing community that is St. Andrew's High School!

PSG meetings are held once a month.

Attending a PSG meeting counts as one hour towards each parent's school commitment of 10 hours of volunteer time.

[Join us for our next meeting!](#)

Wednesday, November 8th, 7 p.m., in the school library

Your contribution to the PSG will make a big difference at our school!



SPORTS PARENTS PURDY'S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Christmas is not Christmas without Purdy's Chocolate!

The Annual Sabres Sports Purdy's Fundraiser starts on **NOW!**. Your child will be bringing home a Purdy's Chocolate catalogue filled with wonderful chocolatey ideas for Christmas. Think about ordering for family, friends, teachers, coaches and work colleagues. This is the only Fall Fundraiser for Sabres Sports and 25% of the profits go directly to Sabres Athletics. Please support Sabres Sports!

Last day for ordering
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023

Pick up will be December 8th between 2:30 -4pm, in the SARHS Library.

2) On-line Ordering Going to <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1398157-110209>

To order on-line, begin by

a) NEW ONLINE CUSTOMERS - Click **Register** (top right hand side).

Enter your information under New Member Registration (Name, email address, and a password. Click **REGISTER**

It will tell you that you have signed up as a member – Click **Continue**.

Now enter the Customer # - 16035 and click **Search**.

Click **Join this group**

Next choose **Go To Group Home page**

Now you can shop online either through the Marketplace

b) RETURNING CUSTOMERS!! Click at **Login** and enter your email address and password (if you forgot password you can reset one- it will prompt you) and you will be directed to start shopping

Place your order. To make payment:

You can pay immediately on-line with a credit card. The website is completely secure and all information is confidential.

You can also share our customer #16035 with family and friends

Thank you so much for supporting Sabres athletes!

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact

Maria Weeks – mperri@telus.net

Around the Diocese and community

- All are invited to our Diocesan Conference “**Redeeming Conflict: One Messy Situation at a Time**” with Catholic speaker and author, Ann Garrido. The conference will be held at **Holy Cross Parish** in Victoria on **Saturday, November 4 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm**, followed by Mass with the Holy Cross community at 4:00 pm. As Christians, we tend to associate conflict with sin, but how we handle our tensions with one another can be one of the most profound witnesses we offer in the world. Speaking out of her own experience as a part-time theology nerd and part-time conflict mediator, author Ann Garrido will share insights into how we can make our tensions part of our spiritual journey. For more information and to register please visit: <https://DofVRedeemingConflict.eventbrite.com>; any questions can be directed to Margaret Gwyn at mgwyn@rcdvictoria.org or 250-479-1331 ext 227.
- On Tuesday, November 7, The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop’s Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will begin a webinar series on “*The Four Constitutions of Vatican II*”. Pope Francis has invited us to begin preparing for the Jubilee year in 2025 by taking time to study Vatican II; in particular, the Holy Father hopes that young people will experience the richness of the documents and grow in their appreciation of their importance to the Church today. The series will be offered over four Tuesdays in November from 10 – 11:30 am PT each day. All sessions will be recorded and packaged with a reflection guide for later release. If you wish to attend any of the sessions or to be notified when recordings are made available, please visit https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/3016939203502/WN_Xf09Vsi_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ#/registration.
- All children and youth are invited to participate in the Secular Franciscans of Western Canada’s Fine Arts & Poster Contest. The theme for this year’s contest is “The Greccio Nativity Scene”, to celebrate the story of St Francis of Assisi creating the first nativity scene 800 years ago in a cave near Greccio, Italy. Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, November 15th. For more information and the contest entry form, please visit <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PFMWIT3uUKVIyoGmOBPcGYx0JoCdmsPo>

Island Catholic Schools Job Opportunity

JOB POSTING for St. John Paul II School, Port Alberni

Temporary Learning Support Teacher (1.0 FTE) October 15, 2023 – March 1, 2024

Application Deadline: Until position is filled

Questions regarding this job posting may be directed to Rachelle Warman, Principal, at rwarman@cisdv.bc.ca

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Create your Make a Future profile
2. Complete and add all required application documents to your profile (see below)
3. Apply to this job posting

Please note that while all applications will be reviewed, only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Did you know? If you are currently an education student graduating this year, you can upload your documents as you receive them and still apply for this job posting.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS :

- BC Teaching Certificate (<http://teacherregulation.gov.bc.ca>)
- Resume
- Cover Letter
- Proof of Eligibility to Work in Canada (Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian Citizenship Card, Permanent Residence, etc.)
- Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
- Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
- University Transcripts (photocopy accepted)
- Most Recent Teacher Evaluation (if applicable)
- Two Recent Reference Letters (Professional & Character)
- Employee Declaration Form (<https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>)
- Pastoral Reference (if Catholic) (<https://cisdv.bc.ca/employment-opportunities/>)

NOTE: For the Pastoral Reference (for Catholic Applicants) please download the form, provide to your Pastor for signing, and have them submit directly to info@cisdv.bc.ca

October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <u>Week</u> <u>ABCD</u>	2 No School: National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	3 Day 1 Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Oct 3-14	4 Day 2 \$3 civvies day Staff mtg 2:15pm	5 Day 1 Grade 8 Retreat	6 Day 2 NICE BAKED BEANS	7
8 <u>Week</u> <u>BADC</u>	9 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	10 Day 1	11 Day 2 PLC for staff	12 Day 1	13 Day 2 World Food Day Walk	14
15 <u>Week</u> <u>CDAB</u>	16 Day 1	17 Day 2 5 Block Day The Rosary	18 Day 1 Department meet- ing	19 Day 2 Great BC Shakeout	20 NO SCHOOL Provincial Pro-D Day	21
22 <u>Week</u> <u>DCBA</u>	23 Day 1 Poinsettia Sales Begin	24 Day 2	25 Day 1	26 Day 2	27 Day 1	28
	Student Spirit Week Oct 24-28					
	Parent Education		Staff Prep Local School	Fright Night		
29 <u>Week</u> <u>ABCD</u>	30 Day 2 Literacy 12 Exam	31 Day 1 Literacy 12 Exam HAPPY HALLOWEEN				