



St. Andrew's

Regional High School

ISLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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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 27, 2023

From Mr. Niwa

As we approach the end of October, a few thoughts come to mind. The first is that many are looking forward to Halloween. This time of year is often associated with horror movies, ghosts, and ghouls. We may focus our attention on the 31st and overlook that this day precedes the Solemnity of All Saints. November 1st is set aside in our liturgical calendar for us to remember all Saints and saints - saints acknowledged or canonized by the church as well those who haven't been canonized. We also remember our family members who have passed. Consider taking a few moments on November 1st to offer a special prayer to all those who have passed.



This leads to the second thought – **Remembrance Day**. Especially during this challenging time in the Middle East and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, we have many who have passed due to war, conflicts, and in the name of trying to create peace. In offering your prayers on November 1st offer an early prayer for those who have sacrificed their lives so that we can live in one of the most beautiful and best countries in the world. We are very fortunate to be living where we do.

God Bless,
Patrick Niwa
Principal

Literacy Assessments

Reminder that the Grade 10 and Grade 12 literacy assessments are coming up next. Email notices have gone out to families but please confirm what day your child is writing their assessment and ensure they arrive prepared. Practice assessments have been sent out.

Contact Mr. McLaverty if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade 9 Retreat!

The Grade 9 Retreat is NEXT WEEK!!! YIPPEE

On **Thursday, November 2nd** grade 9 students are heading to Camp Pringle from 8:30am-7:30pm. Parents, your child can be picked up at 7:30pm from the parking lots of the school and parish.

PLEASE have your child come to school at 8:15am on retreat day in CIVVIES, with a BIG lunch and water bottle. Please dress for the weather. We WILL be outside for parts of the day, so *please dress accordingly* with rain gear, extra socks and sturdy shoes.

Many hours of planning has gone into making this day a fun, faith filled and fabulous day. Pray for us and Sunshine :)

It's a great day to be a Sabre!

Ms. Gilbert



Mark Your Calendars:

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



Career Counselling Department

Please mark the evening of **TUESDAY, November 21** on your family calendar. St. Andrew's will be hosting the **Post Secondary Info night** from 6:30 to 8:30. There will be representatives from 10 institutions, including UVic, Camosun, VIU, North Island College, the Coast Guard, Corpus Christi at St. Mark's College (UBC), SFU and BCIT. All students grades 10 and up, and their families are encouraged to attend. You can choose to attend 2 different presentations in designated classrooms, and then mingle in Commons with all of the representatives in a 'mini-fair'. Coffee and desserts are on offer!

Also on the 21st of November -- Students interested in learning more about becoming MDs are invited to an in-person or zoom session, hosted by UVic.

When: Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: UVic Medical Sciences Building I 50 & Zoom

Cost/RSVP: Free; register for either in-person seating or online viewing at imp.med.ubc.ca/rzadInfoSession2023



DEBATE CLUB

Debate Club is now up and running!

Interested students can talk to Mr. Van Dyk, and join meetings every **Tuesday in Focus Block**.



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!



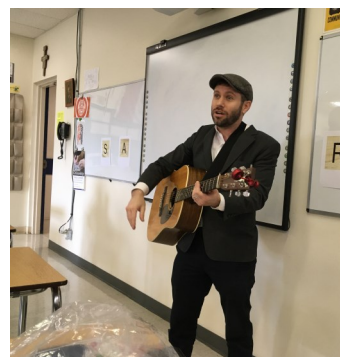
STUDENT NEWSPAPER — THE CIRCUIT

The first edition of our school's student newspaper, The Circuit, is now published! Visit <https://sarhscircuit.wordpress.com/> to see the latest from the world of SARHS students. Any student interested in joining The Circuit Writing Club can talk to Mr. Van Dyk or Maya in Grade 12. Meetings are every other Monday in Focus Block.

Religion Department

Mr Van Dyk's Comparative World Religions course recently attended a special student screening at the Victoria International Jewish Film Festival. Students watched the film "Neighbours" (2021), which tells the story of how compassion, love, and solidarity are possible in times of religious conflict between Jews and Muslims.

Students also deepened their understanding of Judaism with a visit from Rabbi Matthew Ponak.



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!



Grad Parent Corner!

Grade 12 Parents,

There will be a meeting to discuss the 2024 Dry Grad at **7pm on November 2nd** in the School Library. If you're unable to join us in person but still wish to participate, we invite you to join us through Microsoft Teams. You can participate on your computer, mobile app device by [clicking here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 234 338 106 389

Passcode: CNgkG8

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)



What is Dry Grad?

St. Andrew's Regional High School grad parents traditionally host a school supported "SAFE & DRY" (drug and alcohol-free) Grad celebration for the grad class members. It will immediately follow the school sponsored formal dinner/dance.

The evening typically represents five to six hours of activities and entertainment. Previous years have included dancing and karaoke, photo booth, massage room, caricaturists, a live performance by a hypnotist, and more depending upon the funding we raise. The night will end with every grad going home with some lifelong memories, by providing a fun, safe way for the grads to celebrate one last time as a group.

Why have it?

According to ICBC, "four youths are killed and 1,140 injured in crashes during grad season in May and June every year in BC." Dry Grad is an initiative to reduce these statistics. The purpose of the event is to keep both the grads and the wider community safe.

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!



From the SARHS Music Dept.

SARHS Music students have been busy preparing for our upcoming November performances: Remembrance Assembly on Nov. 10th and our annual Coffee House Concert on Nov. 15th. All are welcome to attend!

As mentioned previously, we will be selling delicious Drumroaster Coffee as part of a fundraiser tie-in with the Coffee House. Orders can be placed at <https://www.drumroaster.com/> (Select the 'Fundraising' tab on the site's main page and choose 'St. Andrew's School')

The final day for orders will be Nov. 13th and pick-up will be at the Coffee House on Nov. 15th. Don't forget to order now!

A reminder to parents and students that St. Andrew's Singers will be attending a choral workshop on Saturday, Nov. 4th from 1-3pm featuring the UVic Chamber Singers along with other choirs from Reynolds, Mt. Doug, Spectrum, and Esquimalt. The workshop will be at the UVic School of Music in the Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Please make sure you're free on this date so that we have good representation for St. Andrew's!

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)

St. Andrew's Regional High School
Music Department

COFFEE HOUSE



LIVE PERFORMANCE

Music by St. Andrew's Singers, Concert &
Jazz Bands plus many talented solo artists

Tickets \$10 at the door
Wednesday November 15th at 7 PM

A row of five potted poinsettias in various colors: white, red, white, pink, and white. The plants are arranged on a wooden surface, and their green leaves and colorful bracts are clearly visible.



Order Form On Reverse

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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

- **CISDV – AGM:** The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Victoria (CISDV) Society will be held on **Wednesday, November 22**. There will be a private ballot election for two positions to the CISDV Board of Directors at this meeting. Each position is for a three-year term. Nomination forms may be requested from schools@cisdv.bc.ca and must be completed and sent to the Nomination Committee at schools@cisdv.bc.ca *no later than Friday, November 10*. Potential Board Members must meet the following requirements for nomination:
 1. Be a practicing Catholic and an active member of a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Victoria.
 2. Not be an employee of the CISDV, an immediate relative of an employee of the CISDV, nor a student of a school under the jurisdiction of CISDV.
 3. Read and understand the constitution and bylaws, policies 200 and 201 and the method of election.
 4. Have a signed nomination form which includes two sponsors and Parish Priest.

For further information, contact the Island Catholic Schools office at 250-727-6893.

- 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/1PFMWIT3uUKVlYoGmOBPcGYx0JoCdmsPo>
- please note that the livestream will be cancelled from Tuesday, October 31 – Friday, November 3 due to the Bishop's travels. This information is also posted at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/dailymasslivestreamed> and <https://www.youtube.com/c/RCDVictoriaLiveOne/about>.
- 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. 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.

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	4 Day 2	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7
		Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Oct 3-14 				
			\$3 civvies day Staff mtg 2:15pm	Grade 8 Retreat		
8 <u>Week</u> <u>BADC</u>	9 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	10 Day 1	11 Day 2	12 Day 1	13 Day 2	14
			PLC for staff		World Food Day Walk	
15 <u>Week</u> <u>CDAB</u>	16 Day 1	17 Day 2 5 Block Day The Rosary	18 Day 1	19 Day 2	20 NO SCHOOL Provincial Pro-D Day	21
			Department meet- ing	Great BC Shakeout		
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 				



November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>Week</u> <u>ABCD</u>			1 Day 2 Staff meeting	2 Day 1 Gr. 9 retreat Literacy 10	3 Day 2 Student council Assembly Term 1 Ends	4
5 <u>Week</u> <u>BADC</u>	6 Day 1 Term 2 Begins	7 Day 2	8 Day 1 PSG meeting 7pm	9 Day 2	10 Day 1 5 block day Remembrance Day P/T Interview sched- uling portal opens Report Cards pub in MyEd	11
12 <u>Week</u> <u>CDAB</u>	13 No School	14 Day 2 Fukushima Seikei Visit	15 Day 1 PLC for staff P/T Interview sched- uling portal closes Coffee House 7pm	16 Day 2 Students Dis- missed at 1:30pm P/T interviews via zoom	17 No School Lieu Day	18
19 <u>Week</u> <u>DCBA</u> Purdy Orders due	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 Post Secondary Info 6:30-8:30	22 Day 1 Student Council \$2 civvies day Dept. Meetings Local School	23 No School Diocesan Faith Day	24 No School Diocesan Faith Day	25
26 <u>Week</u> <u>ABCD</u>	27 Day 2	28 Day 1	29 Day 2 Staff prep	30 Day 1 Feast of St. An- drew Blue & White Day		

