



# 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.

## Friday, May 2, 2025

Dear St. Andrew's Families,

It has been a week of mixed emotions in our school community. There is excitement and joy as we approach the final stretch of the year. Students are preparing to wind up their courses and readying themselves for their final exams. The number of extracurricular activities on offer is dizzying and thrilling at the same time.

The sports teams are well into their spring seasons with senior girls's soccer, ultimate, Track & Field, tennis, and badminton. The school production of "How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery", superbly steered by Mrs. Gauthier-Riggs, just finished its run. We also wish our concert band, jazz band, and choir well as they head off to the Con Brio Whistler Festival under the stewardship of our Music Director, Philip O'Reilly.

At the same time, the St. Andrew's school community is feeling the sad loss of lives last week at the Lapu Lapu festival in Vancouver. This tragedy has particularly been difficult for our Filipino community, which has always been a substantial part of our school's extended family and diocese. To that end we have endeavored to share our thoughts and well wishes for all those impacted by the loss with daily prayers this past week, honouring the memory of those who passed away. We also thank Father Alfie for his thoughtful words in the homily at our school mass on April 29th as he recognized those who died or were injured at the festival. He mentioned that through the loss we also have the opportunity to see the chance for us to be a ray of light to others and aid in their recovery. To this end, we ask our school families and supporters to join us in prayer for the victims and to do what we can to remember and honour them.

May God bless and keep you all.

Ciaran McLaverty  
Vice-Principal



## RETREAT DAY NEWS!

Dear Parents,

Exciting news! The Grade 10 Retreat is just around the corner — happening on **Thursday, May 22, 2025!** Preparations have been in full swing, and we are looking forward to a memorable and meaningful day for all students.

### Action Required:

Please ensure that your child returns the BLUE permission slip along with the retreat fee as soon as possible. If you haven't seen the BLUE permission slip yet, kindly check in with your child.

Thank you for your prompt attention and support as we get ready for this special, faith-filled event!

Best regards,  
Ms. Gilbert



## Mark You Calendars:

May 2	Pro D Day—NO SCHOOL
May 16	Day off in Lieu—NO SCHOOL
May 19	Victoria Day
May 28	Spring Fling Music Concert
June 10	Closing Mass—10:30
June 11	Sports Banquet
June 12	Locker cleanout
June 13	Last day of classes
June 16-20	EXAM WEEK
June 24	Awards ceremony 6:30pm
June 25	Grad Commissioning
June 26	Grad Dinner Dance
June 27	Report Cards Published in MyEd



Check out The Circuit, our school's student newspaper, for the latest from our student writers! Cast and crew interviews from our theatre production, Lent advice, an interview with Mr. Omule, Starbucks recommendations, and more! Check out <https://sarhscircuit.wordpress.com/> today, and follow @sarhscircuit on Instagram!

## Sport Parents

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!** Calling all athletic parents we need your help to Celebrate our Sabres. Sports Banquet will be held June 11 5pm starting with a BBQ. Bbq is by donation we are offering beef or veggie burgers a bag of chips and a drink. We need parent volunteers to help with decorating and set up, food service and clean up. Sign up on our volunteer website <https://portal.onvolunteers.com/login.aspx?s=sarhs>

## Grad Corner



### Grad Parents and Grade 11 Parents

Our After Grad event is fast approaching. June 26 is the big day.

We have lots of volunteer positions for grad parents and grade 11 parents. Decorating, set up and working the night of the event are all available on our volunteer website <https://portal.onvolunteers.com/login.aspx?s=sarhs>

We thank our grade 11 parents who have traditionally supported the grad class in helping decorate and set up the event and then be the hosts of our grads while we are with them at the dinner dance and recovering from the two days of festivities.

## Religion Department

Religion 11 students recently had an enriching learning experience thanks to wonderful guest educator Ms. Sarah Katz. Students made interfaith connections about Jewish customs and beliefs, and sampled some traditional "matzah shmurah" -- the unleavened bread used in Passover (Pesach). This is the same kind of bread Jesus would have used at the Last Supper!





# Active Living

Active Living 11/12 students have been busy out in the community. Students are taking part in different activities within the community showing them what is available to them when physical activity is not built into their days. Students have been reaching out to different community stakeholders and organizing off campus activities for their peers.

Students have participated in activities such as 10 Pin Bowling, Island Circus School, Crusher Combat MMA, and Lawn Bowling. In the future, students will be going Mini Golfing, to Iron & Wood Golf Simulators, Stand Up Paddleboarding, to Speed Mechanics, Skating, and to Victoria Horseshoe Club.



Congratulations, to Olivia Hunter who placed 4th at the nationals in wrestling! Well done, we are proud of you!



## Local School Council

We are looking for new members for our 2025-2026 school year. Our AGM is on **May 28, 2025** at **6:30pm** All parents are invited to join us.

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