



Académie **SAINT-ANDRÉ** Academy

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Principal Message

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at Académie Saint André Academy. As a staff, we are pleased to welcome all of our new families and to welcome back all of those who have helped shape ASAA into the wonderful school that it is.

We want to offer a warm welcome to some new staff members. The following new teachers have come on board this year: Mme. Mikela Potvin in grade 1 F.I., Mme. Krista Connell in grade 3F.I., and Mme. Sophie Meunier in grade 3 F.I. . We are also pleased to introduce our new head custodian, Mr. Luis Flores. Mr. Flores and his staff have been very busy this summer getting our school ready for the return of students. It looks wonderful.

As you are well aware, Ecole Mother D'Youville School is not quite ready for occupancy at this time which means that we will be sharing our school space with students from EMDY. This temporary situation has meant that some of the more public spaces in our school need to be utilized in alternate ways. Don't be surprised to see our wonderful staff eating their lunch or having a cup of coffee in the gathering space as this is our temporary staff room.

Our division theme for the next three years is "We are people of the Way". This year we will be focussing on "Learning the Way". As a Catholic school, it is our privilege to be able to filter all we do through the lens of Faith. We strive to help our students learn to share the gospel message of love and hope through their words and actions. As parents and teachers, it then becomes our responsibility to model this Gospel message through our own word and actions. This is the greatest teaching we can do.

I am excited and honoured to be the new principal of Académie Saint André Academy. I will strive to make each day at ASAA one filled learning, laughter and love as together we continue on our journey of "Learning the Way".

Curt Baron
Principal
Académie Saint André Academy

Upcoming Events

September 13
Family Welcoming Night
6:30-7:15 pm
ECS First full day

September 15
PD Day – NO SCHOOL

September 19
Picture Day ECS T/T Grades 1-3

September 20
Picture Day ECS M/W Grade 4
Parent Council AGM 7 – 9 pm

September 29
PD Day-NO SCHOOL

October 9
Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL

October 17
Picture Retakes

October 20
PD Day – NO SCHOOL

October 31
Halloween

Our School Mission Statement

Académie SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy is a Christ-centered learning community. Students achieve high standards of learning in a faith-filled environment that is focused on service, love and hope.

Académie SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy est une communauté d'apprentissage centrée autour du Christ. Les élèves atteignent de hauts standards d'apprentissage avec emphase sur le service, l'amour et l'espoir.

Family Welcoming Night

Please join us on Wednesday, September 13, as we will be hosting our annual Family Welcoming Night from 6:30 - 7:15 pm. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the staff and to learn about how you can volunteer for various activities throughout the school.

School Virtue: FAITH

At Académie SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy we will continue to encourage virtue-based behavior and guidance for our students. This year we will be following the monthly virtue schedule that is in the student agendas. This will allow teachers to utilize and refer to the information in the agenda as you wish.



School Opening Mass

The Opening Mass will be held at St. Vital. Students will be bussed from school. Date and time to be posted to the website and Facebook when finalized.

School Pictures

School pictures will be happening on September 19 and 20, as per the following schedule:

September 19th: ECS T/T Grade 1-3
September 20th: ECS M/W Grade 4
Retakes are on October 17

School Hours

School Doors Open:	8:25
Morning:	8:30 am – 12:10 pm (Morning Recess: 10:35 – 10:50 am)
Lunch and Afternoon Recess:	12:10 pm – 1:00 pm
Afternoon:	1:00 – 3:00 pm

Sick Days

Please remember that if your child is sick or will be absent/late for any reason, it is important that you let the school know. You can phone Shelly Boland at the office 780-929-2961, or you can send an email to your child's teacher and CC to shelly.boland@starcatholic.ab.ca.

Parent Access

Our student gathering area will at times be used as an instructional space, therefore at the end of the day, we are asking our parents to wait until after 3:10 pm before entering the school. Parents who enter the school, are asked to do so through the main entrance only. We ask that all parents wait in the main floor gathering area and refrain from going into the hallways or into classrooms. If you are arriving to volunteer, please sign-in at the office to receive your volunteer lanyard. We have fantastic parents, but it is essential that parents respect these boundaries to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff.

School Fees are Now Due

School fees are now available for payment online. For SAFETY and efficiency reasons, we want to reduce the amount of cash and cheques coming into our school. We are asking parents to please take 5 minutes to register, by following the steps below. Once you are registered online, you will receive emails about upcoming events (ie: field trips) or fees to be paid.

Here's how to Register Online:

- Step 1: Please click on this link
<https://starcatholic.schoolcashionline.com>
- Step 2: Register by selecting the "Get Started Now" and following the steps. When it asks for NAME, please ensure you enter your own not your child's.
- Step 3: After you receive the confirmation email, please select the 'CLICK HERE' option, sign in and add each of your children to your household account. It may ask for an ASN, you won't need it unless for some reason your child's birthdate doesn't work. Just email Shelly and we'll get it for you.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions during the registration process or while shopping online, please select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand area of the screen and **REMEMBER your password!**

Facebook Page

Please stop by and “Like” the Académie SAINT ANDRÉ Academy Facebook page. This page will have all the latest information directly from the school. Follow the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Académie-Saint-André-Academy-128804894194338/>

Website

Please help in our effort to go paperless by bookmarking our website. You will find up to date school news and bulletins.

www.sa.staratholic.ab.ca

Friends of Saint-André & School Council

The friends of Saint-André AGM and School Council meeting will be September 20 at 7 pm.

School Wide Rules

We are asking parents to review the following school wide rules with their children:

- Walk in hallways and on the stairs, keep right.
- Hands-off Policy
- Use inside voice indoors
- During class time, turn off your voice in hallways
- Care for your school environment.
- Be polite and use your manners.
- Ask permission to go to the bathroom, and return to class as soon as you have washed your hands.

Bussing

Bus schedules are now available on our STAR Catholic website. Please check the schedules and find your child's stop and time. The students have been given bus passes. Please fill out the emergency contact information required on the back of their bus pass and attach it to their back pack. If there are any changes to your bus schedule or pick up, please make sure you let the office know immediately.

If your child is not taking the bus on any given day, please let your child's teacher know via email (CC Shelly Boland), before lunch time, as emails sent later in the day may not be seen by the teacher. It is very busy at the end of the school day, and we want to keep student departures as routine as possible.

Bus Status

To receive Bus Status updates and important STAR Catholic notifications via text messaging, please text the word “Join” to 56360

Lost and Found

If your child is missing clothing, lunch kits, water bottles, or any other item; please come and check out our lost and found.

Parking Reminders

Parking space is limited around the school. Please be patient with us as we implement our parking routines. Our first priority is student safety – unfortunately this may affect parental convenience.

- **The entire parking lot east of the school is reserved for staff parking only.** During normal school hours, from 8am to 4 pm, only staff from Académie Saint André Academy (ASAA), École Dansereau Meadows School (EDMS) or Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) are permitted to park in this lot.
- The lane that runs along the east side of the facility is a lane for busses only.
- On the south side of SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy, off the bus lane, 8 parking stalls are reserved for FCSS staff and Town of Beaumont staff parking. Our parents who require a handicap parking stall are asked to use the two designated stalls in the FCSS area.
- Parent parking is along the **WEST SIDE OF RUE EAGLEMONT** and on the **NORTH SIDE OF 60TH AVENUE** which runs along the north side of the facility. If parking in these areas, please ensure that your child uses a marked crosswalk to cross the street.
- The zone directly in front of the school (**the east side of Rue Eaglemont** and the **south side of 60th Avenue**) will be a drop off or pick up zone only. At some schools, this has been referred to as the “Kiss and Go” zone where parents quickly drop off or meet their child without leaving their vehicle. Our supervisors are available from 8:20 am in the morning to supervise at the front and back of the school until classes start and will again be present at the end of the day to supervise either students boarding their bus on the east side of the school or meeting their parent at the front for pick-up.
- ASAA and EDMS have staggered their start and dismissal times which should alleviate the congestion in the morning and at the end of the day.

If you require any clarification regarding these routines, please contact the school administration or our secretary, Mrs. Boland.

Student Dress Code

Our student dress code is designed to convey a positive image and to develop a tradition as a school community. The dress code at SAINT-ANDRÉ also contributes to our atmosphere where learning is the priority. Students need to choose clothing that is sensitive to the values and expectations of our Catholic community. Our school colours are predominantly blue with red and white accents. We will have a small inventory of SAINT-ANDRÉ attire available however we want to emphasize that purchase of these items is not mandatory. Here are the guidelines for the student dress code:

- Students are encouraged to dress in school colours;
 - Jeans, black, navy or tan pants, skirts or shorts
 - White, blue or red solid tops.
- Shirts with large graphics or logos (other than the SAINT-ANDRÉ logo) are discouraged
- Cleanliness and neatness – All clothes should be clean and in good repair
- Safety and health – Shoes must be worn at all times. Flip-flops are not allowed. Outdoor clothing is not to be worn in class. Sun glasses must be removed. Accessories that could be a

safety concern are to be left at home. Students are required to have non-marking indoor shoes that are left at school.

- Moderation – dress and grooming should be such as to avoid drawing undue attention to oneself.
- Hats, hoods or toques are not to be worn in the school.

Students whose dress is inappropriate will be expected to address the clothing concern prior to returning to class. School personnel reserve the right to make any required judgments in the above areas. We ask that parents emphasize these expectations with their child. Parents will be phoned if students do not have a change of clothes.

St. Vital

On Saturday, July 29th there was a fire in the St.Vital office building. Fortunately, no one was in the building at the time. Please consider a financial donation or signing up to volunteer. Web link below.

Registration is open for FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION.



K4J (Kids for Jesus) registration for 2017/2018

Registration night: Thursday, September 21st



We are now accepting registrations for the fall classes for RCIA and RCIC. Please contact the office (780-929-8541 ext 3) to submit your name and registration forms.

www.saintvitalparish.com



September 2017

Re: VTRA - Letter of Fair Notice

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The STAR Catholic School Division is committed to providing safe and caring learning environments for all students, staff, school visitors and community members. To this end, we have invested heavily in the professional certification of administrative staff in Level 1 & Level 2 Violence and Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) training across the Division. VTRA helps schools respond quickly to incidents where students' behaviours pose a potential threat to safety or serious harm.

In all six of our school Division's communities we have signed off on formalized community-based VTRA protocols that include other regional partners such as the public school jurisdictions, the RCMP, Alberta Health Services, and other community agencies. Such protocols outline how organizations will collaborate and work together to respond quickly to threatening behavior. These protocols are modeled on the work of the Canadian Centre for Threat Assessment Trauma Response.

Please be advised that the school division requires school administrators to complete a threat risk assessment in cases of students making significant threats to themselves or others. The purpose of the assessment is to ascertain the potential level of risk posed and identify supports that may be required. It is important for all parties to engage in the threat risk assessment process. If, for some reason, there is a reluctance to participate in the process by the threat-maker or parents and guardians, the assessment procedures will continue in order to ensure a safe and caring learning environment. Personal information shared throughout the threat risk assessment process respects and weighs individual rights to privacy with the need to uphold the safety of all.

We are proud to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and are most fortunate to have our community partners at our side. If you wish for further information please contact Assistant Superintendent Kevin Booth at 780.986.2500

Yours in Catholic Education,

Dr. Troy A. Davies
Superintendent

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2017/2018 School Calendar



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACADÉMIE SAINT ANDRÉ ACADEMY 2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS		BOARD APPROVED: APRIL 19, 2017	
Labour Day	September 4	MONTH	DAYS
Thanksgiving Day	October 9	2017/2018	Teacher Student
School Holiday	November 13	August	4 0
Christmas Vacation	December 23 – January 7	September	20 17
Family Day	February 19	October	21 20
Spring Break	March 24 – April 2	November	21 20
Good Friday	March 30	December	16 14
Easter Monday	April 2	January	18 17
Victoria Day	May 21	February	19 17
TEACHER ONLY DAYS		March	17 16
Division Reflection Day	August 29	April	20 19
Organizational Days	August 28, 30, 31; Sep 1; Jun 28	May	22 21
Learning Day	September 29	June	20 18
Teachers' Institute	December 8	Total	198 179
Teachers' Convention	February 8, 9		
In Lieu of P/T Interviews	Dec 1; May 18		
Additional Professional Development Days			
Sep 15; Oct 20; Nov 1; Jan 31; Mar 23; Apr 20; Jun 1			
PLEASE NOTE			
First Teacher Day	August 28		
First Student Day	September 5		
Last Student Day	June 27		
Last Teacher Day	June 28		



ECS 2017/2018 School Calendar



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACADÉMIE SAINT ANDRÉ ACADEMY ECS 2017 – 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER					
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DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH				
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LEGEND

- Teachers Only
- Parent Meetings
- Holiday/Vacation
- Day in Lieu
- Monday/Wednesday
- Tuesday/Thursday

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

Labour Day	September 4
Thanksgiving Day	October 9
School Holiday	November 13
Christmas Vacation	December 23 – January 7
Family Day	February 19
Spring Break	March 24 – April 2
Good Friday	March 30
Easter Monday	April 2
Victoria Day	May 21

TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Division Reflection Day	August 29
Organizational Days	Aug 28, 30, 31; Sep 1; Jun 27, 28
Learning Day	September 29
Teachers' Institute	December 8
Teachers' Convention	February 8, 9
In Lieu of P/T Interviews	Dec 1; May 18
Welcome to ECS	April 27

Additional Professional Development Days
Sep 15; Oct 20; Nov 1; Jan 31; Mar 23; Apr 20; Jun 1

PLEASE NOTE

First Teacher Day	August 28
First Student Full Day	September 13
Last Student Day	June 26
Last Teacher Day	June 28

Daily Schedule

School Starts	8:30 AM
Morning Recess	10:35 – 10:50 AM
Lunch/Lunch Recess	12:10 – 1:00 PM
School Dismissal	3:00 PM

BOARD APPROVED: JUNE 21, 2017

PARENT MEETINGS
Nov 3: Select scheduled teacher-parent-child conferences during the school day to discuss Learning Support Programs
Nov 30 and March 22: Scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews during the day into the evening.

MISSION
Forming in the way of Christ, who is the source of learning in Catholic schools.

VISION
The development of the whole person, body, mind and soul.



Date: Sept 6, 2017

St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate Regional Division #38
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Dear: Troy Davies

Re: 2017-2018 Alberta Health Services – Oral Health Program for School Children

On behalf of Alberta Health Services (AHS) we express our appreciation for the support your school division provided the Oral Health program in the past few years. This letter outlines the Oral Health program for schools in 2017-2018.

The Alberta Health Services *Oral Health Action Plan (OHAP)* focuses on providing service to children from kindergarten to Grade 2. The goal of the plan is to prevent dental disease in children in selected schools through the provision of fluoride varnish and dental sealants. After receiving written parent/legal guardian consent, the following services will be provided in the selected school:

- Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2: visual screening, two fluoride varnishes applied a minimum of three months apart
- Grade 1 and 2: placement of dental sealants where resources permit.
- Grade 3: check and repair of dental sealants placed by Oral Health staff in the previous year

Fluoride varnish is a solution which is painted on teeth and prevents tooth decay. A dental sealant is a thin plastic coating applied to molars and has been shown to reduce tooth decay by at least 60% in children's permanent teeth.

These services will be provided by qualified Alberta Health Services Oral Health staff. The Oral Health staff will collaborate with your school to send and receive parent/guardian consents and arrange dates for service. The goal is to minimize impact on teacher's time.

There are some changes in the schools selected for service in 2017-2018 designed to ensure that the program is reaching the OHAP target population of children. Schools are selected for service based on factors associated with dental disease. Recognizing the strong association between dental disease and socioeconomic indicators, AHS developed a material deprivation index derived from a number of key socioeconomic indicators from Statistics Canada. This information was then mapped to geographic areas of the province to assist in the selection of schools for services. Schools were added to the Oral Health Program if located in communities that ranked high in the index and services will not be provided anymore to schools that ranked very low. Oral Health staff will be communicating this change with the administrators of the newly selected schools and schools that will no longer be receiving services.

Thank you again for supporting access to preventive services for children at risk for dental disease. If you have any specific questions or concerns regarding the Alberta Health Services Oral Health program for school children in your area, please contact Dana O'Brien at 403 356-6327.

Sincerely,



Dana O'Brien
Area Manager, Public Health, Central Zone
Oral Health Program
Alberta Health Services

cc: Dr. Steven K. Patterson, BSc, DDS, MPH, Associate Dental Public Health Officer,
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