

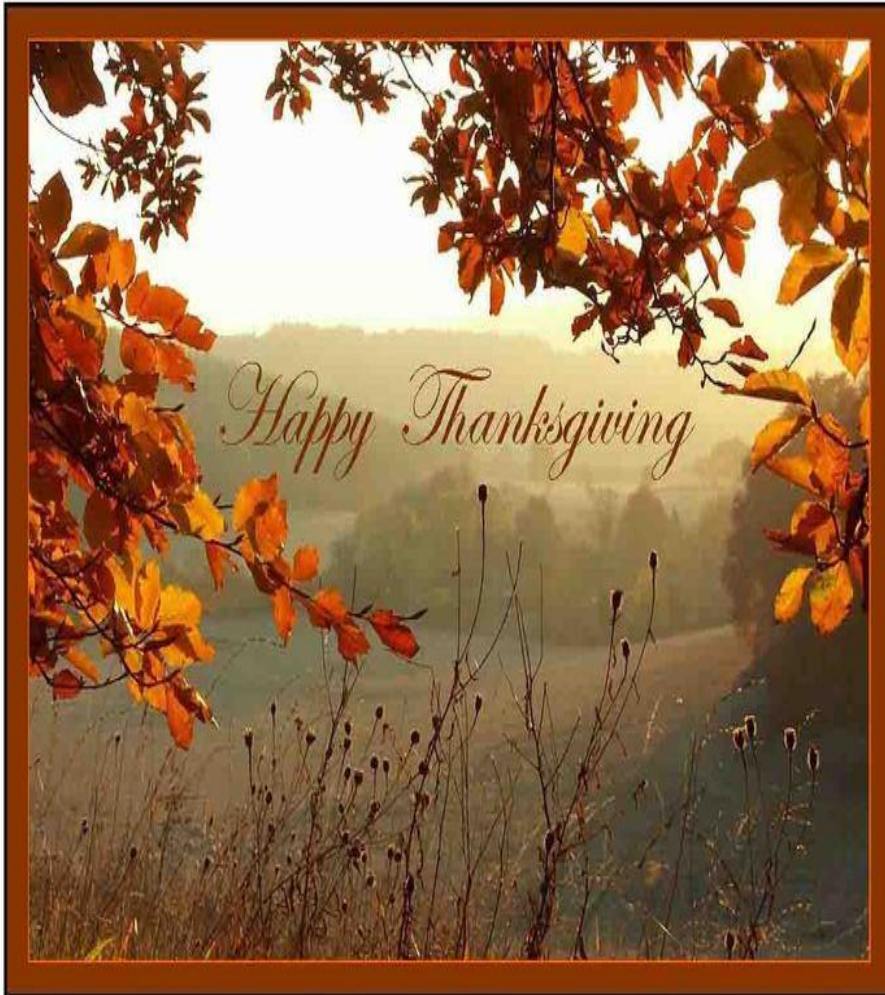


Académie **SAINT-ANDRÉ** *Academy*

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Upcoming Events



May you and your family have a wonderful month of October, taking the time to reflect on all that there is to be thankful for.

SAINT-ANDRÉ ... PRAY FOR US!

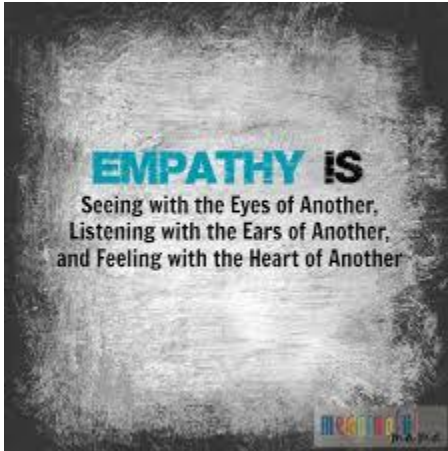
Curt Baron, Principal

Bernadette Foster, Vice Principal

- October 2**
Drive Away Hunger Campaign
READ IN Week
- October 5**
Thanksgiving Mass 9am St. Vital
- October 9**
Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
- October 11**
Skating Grade 1-4 English
- October 13**
Last Day Drive Away Hunger Campaign
- October 17**
Feast Day-hot dog lunch
Skating Grade 1-4 F.I.
Picture retakes
- October 20**
PD Day – NO SCHOOL
- October 25**
Parent Council meeting 7pm
- October 31**
Halloween
- November 1**
PD Day – NO SCHOOL
- November 5**
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 7**
Skating Grade 1-4 F.I.
- November 10**
Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 13**
Day in lieu-NO SCHOOL
- November 15**
Skating Grade 1-4 English
Safely on Board ECS
- November 16**
Safely on Board ECS

School Virtue: Empathy

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 month's virtue is empathy.



Canadian Parents for French – Alberta Branch



Canadian Parents for French furthers bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for youth to learn and use French.

Please visit the website for more information <https://ab.cpf.ca/about-us/>

Leduc and District Cross-Country Championships

68 SAINT-ANDRÉ students attended the Leduc and District Cross-Country Championships on September 26, at Peace Hills Park in Wetaskiwin. Students from Grades 3 & 4 participated. Congratulations to all students! We placed first in both the girls and boys 2009 race and second in the Boys 2008 race. Thanks to all parent volunteers and spectators who came out to support our athletes!

Terry Fox Run

Thank you to all of our students for participating in the Terry Fox Run on Monday, September 25. A total will be posted in the November newsletter. Thank you for your support!

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 Sign-In

Please be aware that when you come into the school for any reason it is important to sign in at the office before entering the school. If you are volunteering, you will sign in and grab a volunteer badge before proceeding to your volunteer location. At morning drop off and after school pick up, parents are asked to remain outside the school. There are supervisors available in the mornings to help guide children to their classes, and the teachers will bring younger students to meet their parents just outside the front doors at the end of the day.

School Fees are Now Due

School fees are now available for payment online. For SAFETY and efficiency reasons, we want to eliminate 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.schoolcashonline.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.**

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.

FCC Drive Away Hunger Campaign

This year the campaign will run from October 2-13. Your child received a brown bag to collect nonperishable food items. We also have a turkey jar in the office for cash donations. Thank you for your support!

Fall 2017 Skating Schedule KNRRRC

Grade 1-4 F.I.

Tuesday, October 17

Tuesday, November 7

Tuesday, December 12

Arena 1 (downstairs)	Arena 2 (upstairs)
9- 10 am Grade 1 F.I.	9-10 am Grade 2 F.I.
1:15 - 2:15 pm Grade 3 F.I.	1:15 -2:15 pm Grade 4 F.I.

Grade 1-4 E

Wednesday, October 11

Wednesday, November 15

Wednesday, December 13

Arena 1 (downstairs)	Arena 2 (upstairs)
9-10 am Grade 1 English	9-10 am Grade 2 English
1:15- 2:15 pm Grade 3 English	1:15 -2:15 pm Grade 4 English

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

You can also go to our website to review the school calendars, supply lists, and other important school information. Follow the link below:

<https://www.sa.staratholic.ab.ca>

Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Parking

On the south end of the SAINT-ANDRÉ school site along the bus lane, the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) staff have reserved parking. The only exception is for our families who require a Handicap parking stall of which there are two. The Town of Beaumont Bylaw Enforcement will be monitoring the area and I have been told they will be ticketing parents who park in this area. I want to thank our parents for respecting our FCSS neighbors by NOT parking or dropping off their students in the FCSS staff parking area.

On another traffic note, parents are asked not to use the bus lane or staff parking lot to drop off or pick up their child.

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.

Picture Retakes

If you are not happy with your child's picture, please let their teacher know so that they can be added to the list for retakes. Picture retakes will be held on October 17....remember do NOT wear green as the photographer uses green screen technology.

Saint Feast Day

October 17, we will be recognizing our annual Feast day. Students will be served a hot dog and bear paw for lunch. Please send a snack for the morning.

St. Andre is commemorated in most of the world by an optional memorial on January 6. His memorial is celebrated in Canada on January 7. On December 19, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI promulgated a decree recognizing a second miracle at Blessed **André's** intercession, and on October 17, 2010, formally declared **sainthood** for him.



André Bessette - Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/André_Bessette

Halloween

On October 31, please remember to dress your child in school appropriate Halloween costumes. Children should not bring weapons of any kind, and should refrain from wearing full face masks. Please keep in mind that we have some young students who may be frightened by overly violent costumes, and tone them down for the daytime festivities.



School Council 2016 - 2017

An Annual General Meeting was held, Wednesday, September 20th and a new Executive was formed.

Chair: Karla Millar

Vice-Chair: Nola Antony

Secretary: Susan Badger

Volunteer Coordinator: Susan Stuckey

Member at Large: Kelly Hart and Rebecca Walker

The dates for the following School Council meetings are: October 25, November 15, December 13, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 20. The meetings run from 7:00 until 8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

September School Council Meeting Minutes

Please follow this link to find the minutes from the first School council meeting of the 2017//2018 school year: <https://sa.starcatholic.ab.ca/parents/school-council>

Emergency Preparedness – STAR



STAR Catholic School Division Emergency Response Preparedness Information for Parents

The following is to assist our parents in understanding how they can assist during an emergency.

Emergency Priorities:

During an emergency, STAR Catholic's first priority is the safety of our students and staff, together with communications with our parents and the safe re-unification of students and parents. In the event of emergency, STAR Catholic will inform our parents as quickly as possible where the Re-Unification Staging Area is located and how quickly they can safely reunite with their children.

What can parents do?

Parents need to refrain from going to the school during a school emergency, as arrival at the school may impede the access and efforts of emergency responders or expose themselves and their children to danger. *Parents should proceed to the Re-Unification Staging Area as instructed.*

In the event of gas leaks, do not try to contact your child via cell phone as the use of electronic devices may cause an ignition of the gases and is dangerous in such events.

The following Emergency Protocols have been developed to keep our staff and students safe:

Hold & Secure:

- School is locked to keep the threat out.

Lockdown:

- School and rooms are locked to isolate the threat or incident.

Gas Leak:

- Staff and students will either hold a shelter-in-place or evacuate depending on the specifics of the gas leak.
- Electronics can pose a danger during a gas leak and are not to be used.

Fire Evacuations:

- Staff and students will be evacuated in the event of fire.

Severe Weather:

- This usually means high winds, tornadoes, ice storms or blizzards.
- Students and staff will remain at the school in these events, as the school is the safest place.

If you have any questions, please contact your school principal.

(2016-09-24)

FOSAS - Purdy's Fundraiser



Académie **SAINT-ANDRÉ** Academy

and

École **Mother D'Youville** School



Christmas 2017 Fundraiser

This fall, Académie SAINT-ANDRÉ Academy & École Mother D'Youville School will be fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier! This program gives **25%** of the profit back to the schools and it's an easy way to complete your Christmas shopping. This year we are encouraging all those interested in purchasing to use the Online method of ordering.

Ordering online is the easiest and fastest method to make your purchase. Follow the simple directions below to log in and complete your order.

1. Go to www.purdysgpp.com
2. Click "Register" if you are a new customer or "Login" if you are a returning customer
3. Join our group by typing in: **31330**
4. Invite your friends and family to join our group and Shop Online!

Important Dates:

- Your **Online** order must be submitted by **October 29th**.
- No orders will be accepted beyond the dates mentioned above to ensure the chocolate is received prior to the display of learning.
- Pick up orders at the school during the display of learning in the evening. **Dates TBD**.

Coordinator: Gina Pylatuik

Phone: 780.929.8898Email: gpylatuik@shaw.ca



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We can all be CHAMPIONS for Mental Health!

Great idea! But how does a busy family find time to be a CHAMPION?

- ✓ It is the **simple things** we can do in our everyday lives that will make a difference for people living with a mental illness or a mental health concern.
- ✓ It is the **simple things** that can help end the stigma around mental illness.

Stigma is the product of myth & misunderstanding. It causes people to fear and reject those who live with mental illness.

Empathy Matters

Empathy: the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

Mental health problems can cause a big change in the way a person thinks, their emotions, the way they act, and their ability to work and carry on with their usual relationships.

- ✓ see the person, not the condition
- ✓ understand that mental illness can happen to anyone
- ✓ view mental illness and physical illness in the same way
- ✓ listen, without judging or blaming
- ✓ learn about resources and supports available and help them get "connected"

Language Matters

Think about the language we use; is it positive or negative towards mental health? As a family, practice positive ways to talk about mental health:

- ✓ use respectful language

Instead of:

She's bipolar
Schizophrenic
The mentally ill
Committed Suicide

Try:

Person with bipolar disorder
Person with schizophrenia
People with mental illness
Died by suicide

- ✓ avoid labels such as:

x Challenged	x Psycho
x Crazy	x Special
x Demented	x Sufferer
x Lunatic	x Wacko
x Schizo	x Normal/Not normal

Knowledge Matters

- ✓ challenge the myths around mental illness

Here are 10 common myths from cmha.ca

Mental illnesses aren't real illnesses.
Mental illnesses will never affect me.
Mental illness is an excuse for poor behaviour.
Bad parenting causes mental illnesses.
People with mental illnesses are violent & dangerous.
People don't recover from mental illnesses.
People who experience mental illnesses are weak & can't handle stress.
People who experience mental illnesses can't work.
Kids can't have a mental illness like depression.
Everyone gets depressed as they grow older. It's just part of the aging process.

For more information, visit:

Myhealth.alberta.ca
CMHA.ca

For more information about available programs and services in your area, please contact:

Addiction Services Help Line
1-866-332-2322

Mental Health Help Line
1-877-303-2642

811 Health Link
Health Advice 24/7

First Reconciliation and First Communion

First Reconciliation and First Communion both now happen in grade two. First Reconciliation registration as well as first Communion registration both take place in the fall.

Do you want your child to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion?

Here's how! Preparing children for a Catholic sacrament is a group effort that involves parents, St. Vital Catholic Parish and your child's School. Everyone has a role!

As a parent, you are the primary teacher of the faith for your child. As you know, the sacraments are celebrated and lived in the parish. Because of this, the preparation for the celebration of the sacraments takes place in the parish. Sacramental preparation registration takes place at the parish, not at the schools. The schools support what takes place in the home and parish and are a place for children to learn about Jesus Christ and develop a relationship with him.

As a parish community we are eager to journey with your family during this very special time.

[Please contact the parish at 780-929-8541 for more information.](mailto:780-929-8541)

Team:

Andrea and Danielle Stack
Pebbles deRuiter
Danielle Hendriks
Youth Core Team

Important Dates

Parent Information Night: **October 10th**

www.saintvitalparish.com

Life Framework

Catholic schools share a foundational belief that all children are loved by God, are individually unique and that the school has a mission to help each student fulfill their God-given potential in all aspects of their person: physically, academically, socially, morally and spiritually. Catholic schools are committed to using the LIFE (Lived Inclusion For Everyone) Framework as a guideline for the creation and operation of student groups that are comprehensive in their approach to inclusion and open to the exploration in a Catholic context of a variety of issues including bullying, sexual harassment, sexual orientation, gender identity, discrimination, justice, and respectful relationships and language. Alberta legislation recognizes that parents have both the right and responsibility to make informed decisions respecting the education of their children. Please accept this as general notice that students may be organizing LIFE Framework/Diversity clubs at the school in the future. If a LIFE Framework/Diversity club is formed, notification of the formation of the club will be sent to all parents.

<https://www.starcatholic.ab.ca/>

