



Year End Updates

Community Challenge

We are so proud of the initiative our students took in participating in classroom based activities to support either the local or global community. The activities took place throughout the month of June, concluding on June 20. Examples of activities included: food bank donations, community clean-up activities, visiting senior citizens (socializing and helping them with gardening), collecting donations and visiting the Bridge's Shelter, supporting the Humane Society, collecting cans/bottles and giving junk food money to buy goats for a farming project in third world, supporting Shannen's Dream which focuses on equity for First Nations children- some students participated in a walk on June 11th and presented to classes in our feeder schools to raise awareness.

Thanks to our students and their teachers for demonstrating positive citizenship and support for our community. Spartan Spirit alive and well in our community!

Spartan Café

Thanks to all of the student, staff and parent volunteers who have done so much to support our students in our Spartan Café Breakfast Program. A special thanks to Patricia Cawley-Reid and Cathy Schoger for all of their hard work throughout the year. We are always looking for volunteers to support our Breakfast Program, so if you have the time and interest, we would be thrilled to have you help out. Just call the office and let us know you are interested.

Year End Activities

As we approach the final week of school, we just wanted to provide everyone with an overview of the week's activities. An incredible amount of time and effort has gone into the organization and coordination of all of the activities occurring at St. Andrew's. Thanks to all of the staff members who have given so freely of their own time to ensure our students have a positive learning experience right up until the final days of the school year.

Grade 8 Students

The Grade 8 students are getting ready for their year-end trip to Niagara Falls departing on Monday and returning Tuesday. All students have been provided with an itinerary as well as a list of recommended items to bring along on the trip.

On Wednesday, Grade 8 students will participate in a Grad rehearsal in the morning in preparation for the big event (Graduation) on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm (6:30 pm arrival) at Calvary Pentecostal Church followed by a dance at St. Andrew's. Parents are reminded to pick up their son/daughter no later than 11:00 pm following the dance.

Grade 6 and 7 students

From Monday to Wednesday Our Grade 6 and 7 students will be involved in a number of team and leadership building activities, a variety of elective options as well as a fun-filled trip to Bingemans. All permission forms and payment must be submitted to your child's homeroom teacher in order for your child to participate.

School Council

Thanks to our School Council for helping to offset the cost of all of our Year-End activities. Every one of our students is benefitting from the hard work and generosity of our School Council. Our School Council continues to work very hard right up until the final days of school to provide our graduating students with an exceptional grad experience. Our School Council members, under the leadership of our Co-Chairs Lynn Robb and Sharon Maillet, are responsible for all of the décor, refreshments, set up and clean up at both the graduation ceremony venue and back at St. Andrew's for the dance. Thanks so much for everything you do to support our students at St. Andrew's P.S.!!

Staffing Changes at St. Andrew's School for 2015-2016

A number of St. Andrew's staff members will be moving on next year and we wish them well in their future endeavours. All the best to Mrs. Fewster, Mr. Hagedorn, Ms. Dolbeer, Madame Roch, Mrs. Schnarr, Mrs. Schoger, Ms. McKay and Mrs. Murphy. You will be missed!

Welcome to New Principal: Ms. Stroud and a Fond Farewell from Mrs. Tomlin

After five exciting years as Principal at St. Andrew's Senior Public School, I will be transferring to a new Principal assignment at Howard Robertson Public School. As much as I am looking forward to the excitement of new challenges and meeting new people at Howard Robertson, I am equally sad to be leaving the amazing students, staff and parent community of St. Andrew's. It has been an absolute honour and pleasure working with one of the best school staff teams in Waterloo Region! St. Andrew's is a very special school community and I will truly miss the Spartan experience!

A very warm welcome to Ms. Stroud who is coming to St. Andrew's Senior Public School from Abraham Erb Public School in Waterloo. Students, be sure to make Ms. Stroud feel welcome as she visits the school over the next week and a half.

I want to extend my congratulations to all of our graduates. Continue to let your Spartan Spirit shine and make us all proud as you experience all that High School has to offer. All the best to those students returning to St. Andrew's in September and a very warm welcome to the newest Spartans who will join St. Andrew's in September. I know you will love it here as much I have!! I hope everyone has a very happy, restful and safe summer break.

With Spartan Spirit,

Mrs. Karen Tomlin