



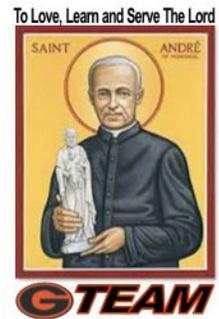
October

# NEWSLETTER

## St. André

@ Philip Neri Catholic School

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2014

THIS IS THE DAY,  
THE LORD HAS MADE.  
LET US REJOICE AND  
BE GLAD.

~ PSALM 118:24 ~

- GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR EVERY DAY HE GIVES US.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHERS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE DO, WE SHOULD SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS.
- EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR COMES FROM GOD.
- REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE LEPERS WHO JESUS HEALED AND THINK OF HOW MANY RETURNED TO SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE.

**GRATITUDE**

### Principal's Memo

Good Day St. Andre Community:

As we bid September goodbye and welcome the Autumn months, I encourage the St. Andre community to reflect on and be grateful for all that we have been given through the grace of God.

Let us not forget how lucky we truly are to be living in such a great country and have the opportunity to achieve our dreams. Many of God's children do not have the basic necessities of life, let alone the freedom to dream about a better future for themselves and their families.

So let us rejoice in the fact that we do live a blessed life and that we need to thank our Lord each day for his blessings. So tomorrow and everyday when we wake up in the morning, let us all thank God for He has granted us the privilege of seeing another day and enjoying all that He has created in our great country of CANADA.

On behalf of our TEAM here at St. Andre, I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving, one filled with many memories of happiness shared with loved ones.

Yours in gratitude,

*A. J. Bria*



### Followers of Christ

We are pleased to announce the following individuals who have displayed the virtue of "Hospitality" consistently during the month of September.

These individuals are: Jasmine A, Adrian M, Ksenia B, Junior T, Ava V, Ashley A, Tiago S, Lara A, Princess I, Alyssa R, Kayoni B, Afua A, Daniel B, Angela D, Melissa P, Carolyn T, and Everett F.



### Silver Seven

In order to recognize the great work that our students have done during the month of September displaying the virtue of "Hospitality" and the habit "Being Proactive", we will be hosting a special luncheon for 7 students each month. It will be as if your children are dining in a fine restaurant. The following students have been selected randomly from all of the students who displayed the virtue of "Hospitality": Esther M, Hayden O, Anthony Sanchez Zavala, Marielle S, Nayelly E, Matthew A, Nebyat Z.

### School Re-Organization

The composition of classes in June is based on enrollment projections for September. Due to a variety of reasons, we have had to restructure our classes. If your child's class was affected, you received a letter explaining this in detail. Thank you for your understanding.

We also welcome Mr. Demanou and Ms. Raymond to our staff as well.

<b>Principal:</b>	A.J. Bria
<b>Vice Principal:</b>	A. Ricci
<b>Superintendent: Of Education</b>	A. Della Mora 416-222-8282
<b>Trustee:</b>	S. Piccininni 416-512-3403
<b>Parish Priest: Parish:</b>	Father Paul St. Philip Neri Catholic Church 2100 Jane Street 416-241-3101
<b>School Hours:</b>	
<b>Office:</b>	8:00 to 4:00
<b>Students:</b>	8:30 to 3:30
<b>Lunch:</b>	11:15 to 12:15



(<https://twitter.com/StAndreTCDSB>)

## Catholic School Advisory Council

Our first parent council meeting took place on Monday, September, 29. Once again Ms. Gabriella Zamorano has been acclaimed as our Chair and Ms. Lily Petrini is our Co-Chair and Treasurer. We are still looking for more parents to help create a fantastic educational experience for all of our children here at St. Andre. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Bria and he will forward your name to the ladies. Remember, if we want to have a strong community here at St. Andre, parents you need to get involved. So show your GIANT PRIDE and come out and join CSAC.

## Curriculum Night

Thank you to all the parents who showed up to curriculum night. It was great to see so many people come out. Remember that it takes a village to raise a child and we need to work together as your child continues his/her education. Here are the tips that we discussed during curriculum night to help your child succeed:

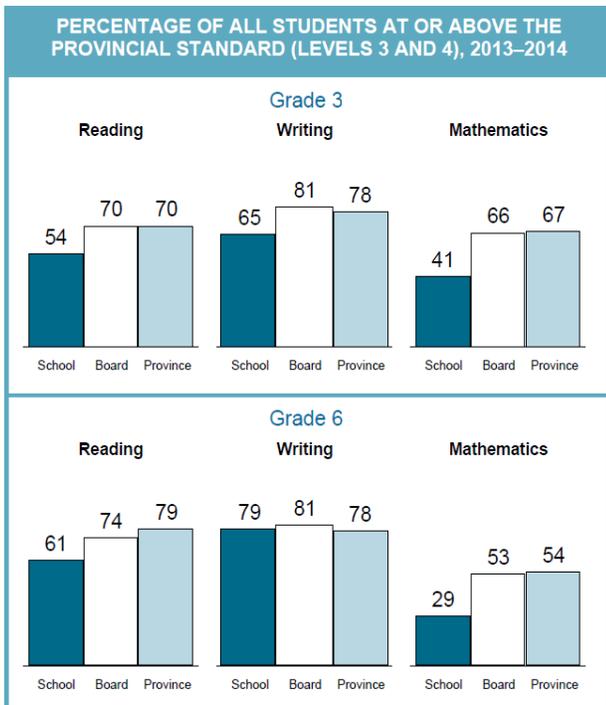


- ⇒ Value their work
- ⇒ Ask them what they learned today. What was the learning goal?
- ⇒ Ask them about their success criteria?
- ⇒ Read to them and/or with them at night
- ⇒ Use the flash cards we provided for your family at curriculum night—practice makes better.

## EQAO Results

Below you will find our latest EQAO results. We will be using this data as well as other reports to build our school plan to continue to build on our strengths and address areas of improvement. For further information, please visit [www.EQAO.com](http://www.EQAO.com).

We are continuing to make gains but we do need to work together to make even greater strides. Remember that about 50% of your child's achievement at school is directly influenced by what you do at home. So please ensure that you support your child by following the tips in the newsletter. Let's work together to ensure that your child achieves their full potential as a life long Catholic Learner.



## Allergies at School

We have many children at our school that require epi-pens. As a matter of fact there are over 50 students in our school who have a specific allergy. We want to make sure that we keep them safe! If the staff suspects that your child's snack or lunch may have traces of nuts and other potentially harmful food items, they will repackage the food and send it home with your child with a note. Remember, safety is everyone's business. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Bria.

## Medication

For safety reasons, no child should bring any form of medication to school. If prescription medication is determined necessary, there is a form that must be filled out by your doctor to indicate that this must be taken during the school hours. The container must be clearly labelled with names (child, parent, and doctor), phone numbers and directions for administration of the medication must be clearly outlined. Please contact the school to address individual student needs in this regard. Children who are required to use epi-pens and inhalers must have them both in their pouch as well as a spare in the office.

## Picking up your child

Our school has 10 buses that bring your children to and from St. Andre on a daily basis. Needless to say, it takes a great deal of time to get the students organized and out safely onto the buses. If you would like to pick up your child earlier than an appointment, please send a note with your child to school and ask him or her to present it to the teacher in the morning who will then forward it to the office. Please be here at the school to pick up your child **by 3:00 PM** in order to avoid confusion. If we do not receive a note or a call before 3 PM we will go through our operating procedures and place your child on the bus as usual.

## Pizza Days

Pizza Friday will continue this year. We will have it every second Friday. Please refer to the calendar. The cost for pre-ordered slice is \$2.00 which will be collected by Mr. Panettini's class on Thursday at 9:00 from the office. **We will not make any exceptions.** So please if you want to pre-order, make sure your child has the money in the AM. **Remember, we will not be selling pizza on Friday. So do not send your child to school without a lunch if you have not ordered a slice.** Please see Mr. Bria if you have any questions.

## School Safety

Many thanks to the visitors who have checked in at the office upon their visit to the school. It is extremely important that we are able to identify any visitors to the school. Parents who would like to speak to their child's teacher are asked to make an appointment to do so. It is not possible to speak to a teacher once class is in session. This will eliminate trespassers, reduce the traffic in the corridors and prevent unnecessary interruptions in the classrooms.

Hall passes are available in the main office for those who have permission to be in the building. As well, please do not enter into the school yard during the recess or the lunch hours to speak to your son/daughter. Teachers and our lunchtime supervisors have been instructed to question any adult who enters into the school yard. If you wish to speak to your son/daughter, please follow the TCDSB policy which requires everyone to come to the office before they begin their visit at the school.

## Bussing

Parents are reminded that it is our expectation that children who qualify for the bus make regular use of the service. This way we avoid any confusion with mixed messages ensuring that all students get home on time and safely. As well, please ensure that your children follow the bus criteria to ensure a respectful and safe trip. Here is a list of the possible infractions on the bus:

- Inappropriate language
- Fighting
- Throwing Objects
- Eating on Bus
- Excessive Noise
- Hanging out Windows
- Not Remaining in Seat
- Discourteous
- Other

Remember that the bus is an extension of the school and the same elements of “respect and responsibility” apply. As well, it is impossible for the buses to be always exactly on time with the traffic in Toronto. So pick up and drop off times can vary between 15 minutes before and after scheduled times. If there are any issues with bussing, please let Mr. Ricci or Mr. Bria know and we will work with you to address the situation. Let’s work together as a TEAM to ensure that everyone has a safe and comfortable ride to and from school every day.

## First Holy Communion at St. Philip Neri Church

St. Philip Neri Church thanks all parents who came to the information meetings in September. If you missed the meetings, please contact the Communion Coordinator, Jacque, via our parish website: [www.stphilipneri.ca](http://www.stphilipneri.ca), click on “First Communion.”

## Confirmation at St. Philip Neri Church

Sacrament of Confirmation for our grade 8 students will be on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 2PM.

## Cell Phones & Electronic Devices

Cell phones and other electronic devices such as IPODS and MP3 players, are best left at home. This will ensure that they don’t get lost or stolen. Cell phones and electronic devices if brought to school are subject to the policies and guidelines in our school code of conduct outlined in our student agenda. Please review the electronics device code with your child.

## Pokemon Cards

We are having a problem with POKEMON Cards here at school where students cannot determine who owns which card and causes needless conflict which interferes with their learning. These cards are better left at home.

## HIGH SCHOOL—OPEN HOUSES

October 23	Madonna Catholic Secondary 20 Dubray Avenue, North York
October 28	James Cardinal McGuigan Catholic Secondary 1440 Finch Avenue West, North York 7:00 p.m.
October 29	St. Basil-the-Great Catholic Secondary 20 Starview Lane, North York
November 5	Chaminade College School 490 Queen’s Drive, North York



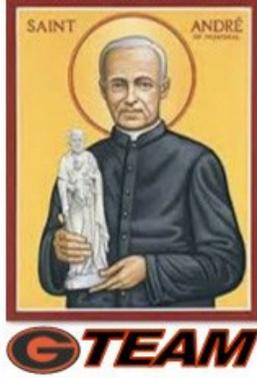
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To Love, Learn and Serve The Lord



**Be Part Of The TEAM**



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