

A Place to Grow, A Place to Belong

Community | Faith | Service



Creating success for the future

Renovations are in full swing!

It is an exciting time at St Andrew's right now. The new wing's foundation has been laid and the structure is going up before our very eyes! The energy in the school is very positive as we anticipate the completion of our state-of-the-art multi-purpose room, modern art room, food lab, new classrooms and more. Please pray that the project will continue to run smoothly, be on time and will bring with it great blessing to our students, teachers and community.



Message from
Mr Boucher,
Principal



Our school's motto is To Build in Love. We live this out in our community through our faith and service. We are a Catholic community inclusive to everyone who comes through our doors. We excel in academics, athletics, fine arts and extracurricular activities. To say that we are a family is an understatement; we profess it but we also show it. You will discover in this newsletter just some examples of who we are and what makes us proud to be a part of the St. Andrew's Family! GO SABRES!



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SCHOOL RETREAT



CREATING MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME!

One of the things that sets St Andrew's High School apart is our school retreats. Students spend one to three days immersed in love: participating in heart-felt exercises; games; the sacraments and connecting with each other and teachers. Not only are the retreats a lot of fun, they are an important spiritual journey that leaves many deeply moved. October saw the Grade 8's experience their first retreat, and in December, the Grade 12's head to Camp Imadene for three days.



Provincial Champs — Again!

Congratulations to the Sr. Boys Soccer Team for winning the Provincial Championship for the second year in a row!

VOICES IN MOTION AND ST ANDREW'S SINGERS

This is the second year St Andrew's choir students are participating in the University of Victoria's pilot project to improve the quality of life for people living with dementia. **Voices in Motion** is an inter-generational choir composed of people living with dementia, their care-givers and St Andrew's choir students. Through the unifying power of music, they encounter those with dementia not as "patients" but as fellow human beings with unique stories to tell. In addition to singing, time is also given to sharing



personal life experiences, which has a great impact on students and helps to remove the stigma around the disease.

Our school choir, the **St Andrew's Singers**, reaches out to the community by singing at special

parish masses and carolling in care homes during the Christmas season. Thank you to Mr Philip O'Reilly who directs this award-winning Choir of Angels!



WORLD FOOD DAY

In October, we celebrated Thanksgiving by bringing awareness and relief to our community in need. St Andrew's students collected over 900 items of non-perishable food and delivered them to the St Vincent de Paul Social Concern Office. In addition, they lead the way for our three partner schools. St Andrew's students accompanied elementary students from St Patrick's and St Joseph's elementary schools on their annual World Food Day Awareness Walk and helped the students of Christ Church Cathedral School carry their donations to St Vincent's. We are thankful that our students are so willing to assist in efforts to bring food and comfort to those in need, and for being role models to the younger students.



FIELD TRIP TO BMSC

In October, a group of Grade 11 and 12 students spent three exciting days at the **Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC)**. By day, students spent time DNA barcoding and studying invertebrates in the lab; collecting plankton by boat; observing sea lions; learning about the rich Indigenous history of the area; and hiking to Brady's beach to study invertebrates in situ. By night, they delighted in the bioluminescence display put on by a multitude of dinoflagellates. The whole experience to BMSC was both fun and educational!

TRANSPORTATION MADE EASY!

St Andrew's is the only high school in Victoria to have the "UPASS." Like UVIC and Camosun, our students have an annual bus pass that can be used not only to get to school, but on weekends and all year round. Many students bus to school or car pool to a bus stop. Bussing is a great social time for students, fosters independence and it's good for the environment too!



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