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## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

The season of autumn has arrived! Take time to walk outdoors and experience the changes in the weather and the colourful scenery before colder days arrive. This month, TDSB recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month, Islamic Heritage Month, Somali Heritage Month, Indigenous Education Month, Women's History Month and Thanksgiving Day. Best wishes to everyone for this month of significance!



Thank you to Mr. Volpe for his leadership and organization of this year's annual Read-A-Thon school fundraiser. Many thanks to the families for your support to supplement classroom and school resources and programs!



Thank you also to Mr. Volpe for monthly Popcorn sales to support school fundraising. Students enjoy this special treat each month and proceeds supplement school programs.

The Cross Country Team has had a successful season! Many thanks to coaches: Mr. Withrow, Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Volpe for their leadership and organization. Student athletes competed in two regional meets and the City of Toronto final competition. All athletes represented St. Andrews with excellent citizenship & sportsmanship. Kilometre Club concluded this month. Thank you to all staff for supervising students during the daily morning run. In Terry Fox updates, St. Andrews raised \$311.25!! Special thanks to Mr. Withrow, Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Volpe for organizing the K Club activity and the Terry Fox run.

The boys and girls soccer team season has concluded. Thank you to Ms. Awara for coaching these teams. Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Gregg are coaching the Intermediate girls and boys flag football team. Ms. Brown is also working with the volleyball team presently. Mr. Gregg and Ms. Brown coached the girls' Bordenball team. Ms. Punia leads the York University Teacher Candidate program on site and in collaboration with Mr. I. Brodie, Adjunct Professor. Thank you to Ms. Bots for her school website leadership. Ms. Awara and Ms. Hendershot are leading the Intermediate Student Council. Thank you to the students for the recent venture of the Jelly Bean Guessing Contest!

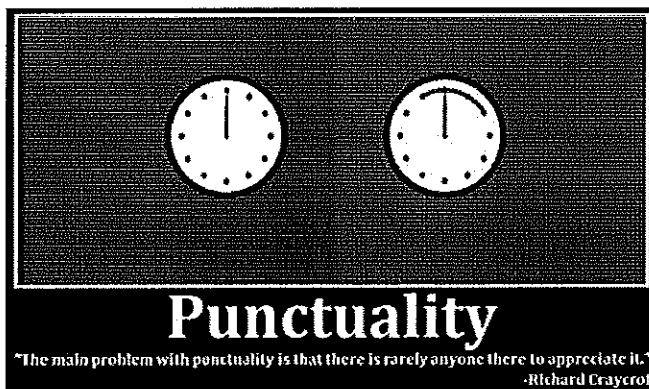
Funds raised from this activity will support the Student Council. Ms. Brown is leading the Quebec Trip for the Intermediate students and a parent information evening was held this month. Gr. 8 students transitioning to Gr. 9 are being supported by our Elementary Itinerant Counsellor Ms. Solomon. A parent information evening took place this month as well as a school visit from students and staff from David and Mary Thomson CI. Many thanks to our staff leaders and community partners!

Thank you to families and staff for a successful Meet the Teacher Night event! It was great to have so many children and parents in attendance to meet our St. Andrews staff! Our School Council held a meeting this month with special treats! Thank you for your time and attendance. All parents are always welcome at all school council events. This year's School Council co-chairs are: Mrs. Eleni Karapidis-Herrera, and Mrs. Cathy Iliadis. Our Treasurer is Mrs. Niki Michael. Our Secretary is Mrs. Katy Haralampidis. Our October School Council meeting took place on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Many parents were in attendance and we look forward to our next activity organized by the School Council for Fri. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us for Boo Fest!! Students and parents are welcome at St. Andrews from 6-8 p.m. A bake sale will also take place. Many thanks for parent donations of baked goods for the Fri. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> event!! Special thanks to our School Council for this month's Pizza Lunch fundraiser leadership to support additional resources and programs for our school! Many thanks to parents and families for your support with this monthly fundraiser!

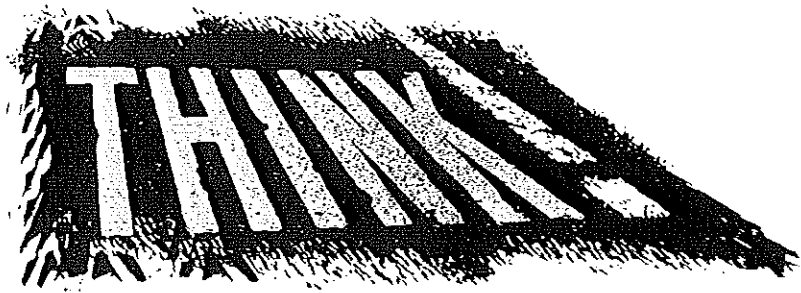
**In other parent information, please note:**

French Immersion registration for SK in September 2019 is available on line on the TDSB website as of Oct. 29/18. The deadline to register is Thurs. Nov. 26/18. This is for the Early French Immersion program for Senior Kindergarten. French Immersion for Extended French programs that begin in Gr. 7 (Sept. 2019) will be accepting registrations on Mon. Jan. 7/19, with an application deadline of Mon. Feb. 4/19.

There is a free legal website available to all parents if interested. Please access Steps to Justice on line at <https://stepstojustice.ca/>



Attendance and punctuality are concerns at St. Andrews P.S. Please note that letters will be sent to parents for accumulated lates and absences from school. It is critical that students are at school on time daily and attending classes, with the exception of illness. Thank you for your attention to organization, time management, and weather conditions to plan in advance for additional time to arrive at school punctually daily.



## Road Safety

There are a few safety items for parents to be aware of regarding road and traffic safety. Please do not park your vehicles in pedestrian crosswalks, school bus zones or residential driveways on Brimorton Dr. or on Packard Blvd. Please encourage your children to respect the property of neighbours en route to and from school. The school driveway is also a pedestrian walkway. Please do NOT enter the school parking lot at any time, unless your vehicle has a signed accessibility permit. Tell your taxi, Uber, Lyft drivers NOT to enter the parking lot!!! Many thanks for your role in keeping our students, families and community members safe.

There are excellent supplementary pages in the front of your child's agenda. Please take the time to read, review, and share these pages with your child. There are topics such as self-esteem, goal setting, problem-solving, etc. Students are encouraged to review these pages with their families. You will find them to be very beneficial to communicate with your child.

Parents: Please remember to escort your children to school, especially our younger students in grades JK/SK-gr. 2. An adult caregiver should always escort Kindergarten students directly to the Kindergarten entry doors where they are received by a staff member. If you are arriving late with your child, please ring the front doorbell and escort your child to the office for an admit slip. All students should be picked up from school promptly at dismissal times. All classes conclude at 3:15 p.m. Parents and caregivers are asked to arrive on time and wait close to the students' exit doors, without crowding the doorways. Please pick up your child right away at 3:15! Please inform the classroom teacher if someone new is picking up your child. Clear communication is critical for the safety of our children.

For families who participate in Hallowe'en activities, please DO NOT send any PEANUT candies, chocolates, cookies, (or products which may contain nuts) to school. Thank you! Chocolate, chips and candy are not nutritious items for students to eat at school. Healthy foods help children to pay attention, focus, learn, and make good behavioural choices. **Thank you for checking your child's snacks/lunches to ensure that Hallowe'en treats remain at home!**

The Toronto Public Health Dept. has provided us with a flyer for your information and attention. It is posted on our school website. Please consider the health of your family and yourself. **Get your flu shot**, free of charge at your family doctor, drugstore, or Toronto Public Health clinic.

The Festival of Lights season is upon us. On behalf of the St. Andrews P.S. staff, we wish all families safe and happy celebrations. From now until the end of 2018, we wish you Happy Diwali, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, & Happy Kwanzaa. May your diyas, lights, candles, & menorahs all shine brightly with celebration & cheer!

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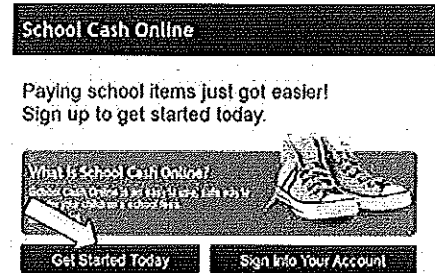
# SchoolCashOnline

The Toronto District School Board is launching School Cash Online, an easy to use, safe and convenient way for parents and guardians to pay for their children's school fees, including agendas, yearbooks and class trips. To register for School Cash Online, please follow these step-by-step instructions.

NOTE: If you require assistance, select the *SUPPORT* option in the top right hand corner of the screen.

## Step 1: Register

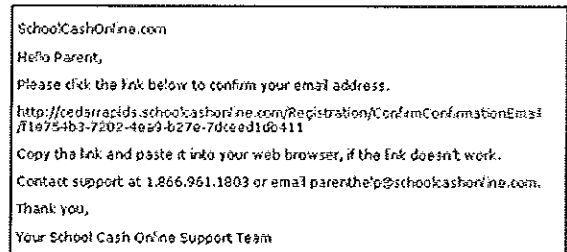
- a) If you have not registered, please go to the School Cash Online home page <https://tdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> and select the *"Get Started Today"* option.
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps  
\*For Security Reasons your password, requires *8 characters*, *one uppercase* letter, *one lowercase* letter and a *number*.



## Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account.

The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use the email address and password just created with your account.



## Step 3: Find Student

*This step will connect your children to your account.*

- a) Enter the School Board Name
- b) Select the School Name
- c) Enter Your Child's First and Last Names
- d) Enter Your Child's Date of Birth
- e) Select *Confirm*
- f) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select *Continue*
- g) Your child has been added to your account

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select *"Add Another Student"* option and repeat the steps above. Five children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select *"View Items for Students"* option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

Stay connected! Be sure to select the option to receive email notifications when new items become available, selecting "Yes".

I want to receive email notifications for new fees assigned to my student and updates on school-related activities.