

# St. Brother André School

ST. BROTHER ANDRÉ  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



**Sept. 1, 2025**



## Important Dates

Sept 2

First day of School

Sept 3

Billy Day-Wear your  
blue!

## Looking Forward

Sept 11

School Open House  
4:30pm - 6:00pm

## Quick Links

[St. Brother Andre](#)

[OCSB](#)

[CSPA](#)

[OSTA](#)

## Parish Link

[Annunciation of the Lord](#)

### School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our school.  
Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together,  
So that the wonderful world you have made  
Becomes more beautiful everyday.

Amen.

[www.lordsprayerwords.com](http://www.lordsprayerwords.com)



Dear St. Brother Andre Families,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning families. We are so excited to bring the building back to life in the way that only children can do!

Our caretaker staff have been working hard all summer long to prepare the school for our return. The educators and office staff have been working on classrooms, curriculum and the logistics in order to prepare for the return of the students.

We look forward to seeing all of the students this week!

See below some important information and procedures for the school.

Mme Vigneault  
Principal

## Around the School

School Hours: 8:15-3:00pm

Please do not send your children to school before 8:15 as there are no staff available to supervise them. We would also appreciate it if you would pick your children up promptly at 3:00pm. If you have an emergency and are going to be late, please call our school office at (613) 741-0100 to let us know.

Parish

## Board Links

Trustee

Joanne MacEwan

Superintendent

Nicola Benton

### Attendance

Regular attendance and punctual arrivals are extremely important to the success of students. Student learning is profoundly affected by how often a child attends school. We encourage you to bring your children to school everyday unless they are sick.

### Late Arrivals

If you are bringing your child in late (after 8:30 am) please come to the front office with the student and sign them in our late arrivals book. Students are not to sign themselves in. Our focus this school year is to reduce the number of "lates" and ensure safe arrivals.

### Parking Lot and Driveway

A reminder that the staff parking lot and driveway will be closed Monday to Friday from 8:00-9:00 am and 2:30-3:30 pm. We also ask that you do not use the parking directly in front of the school, it is reserved for special transportation vans, staff and school board personnel. The driveway in front of the school is also reserved strictly for school bus and van transportation during school hours.

### Allergies/Medical Condition

Please be aware that there are students in our school with severe life threatening food allergies. Anaphylaxis is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can be fatal. As a result our entire school is nut free. Classroom teachers will reach out if there are any restrictions for individual classes. We thank you in advance for helping to make our school a safe place for everyone.

### Safe and Proper Footwear

In an attempt to avoid injuries, we are asking that your child wear well fitted running shoes to school each day. We know that with the warmer weather it is tempting to want to wear sandals, flip flops, crocs, and slides, however we have seen this type of footwear create some injuries the last few weeks. Students are not allowed to use the play structure or participate in gym class without the appropriate footwear and we highly recommend appropriate footwear for recess as well.

A special note about the **soccer footwear with "cleats"**. Students are not permitted to wear those shoes to play soccer during recess.


### Meet the Teacher Night - Save the Date!

Thursday September 11th parents are invited to the SBA Open House from 4:30pm to 6pm. Stay tuned for more info coming soon...

### Transportation

School buses are provided by OSTA (Ottawa School Transportation Authority). For information on access to school buses, cancellations, and school bus policies, please check the [OSTA](#) website.

### School Year Reporting Dates

 School Year Reporting Dates 2025-2026

### Volunteer

All parents/guardians would like to participate as a volunteer for different school activities and field trips, must have been approved through the OCSB Volunteer Process Application including and include a current vulnerable sector check.

Please see this link <https://www.ocsb.ca/contact/volunteers/> for more information.

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### **School Council**

Please consider joining the wonderful group of parents who make up our Parent Council. At our meetings we share information about what is happening in the school. Parents also work together to plan special events for our school community and our students. This is an opportunity to make a difference for your child and our school community! The first Parent Council meeting will be on Tuesday September 16th, at 6pm in the Learning Commons. At that first meeting the Parent council will hold the elections of the new council members for this school year. Everyone is welcome!

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### **Other**

#### **Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA) - Special Events**

For a list of events please check out CSPA's Eventbrite Page

[Upcoming CSPA Events](#)

#### Mental Health

**By Your Side** – [parent/caregiver resources to support mental health learning and well-being for every family](#). **By Your Side** recognizes the expertise of parents and caregivers and offers resources to support learning and strengthen mental health and well-being in every family.

**By Your Side** includes two new products: [a dedicated parent/caregiver learning hub for families](#),

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### **Days of Significance**

Sept. 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sept. 7 [Ukrainian Heritage Day](#)

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