



ST. BROTHER ANDRÉ CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to St. Brother André Catholic High School. The next four years are sure to be exciting and we are honoured to be a partner in your success.

Enclosed, you will find your timetable. Grade nine students can submit a course change request form (in-person or by email) on August 28th. This form will be posted on August 24th to the school's website.

Tuesday, September 4th, is the first day of classes for our Grade Nine students. They are to be in **full uniform** and arrive by 8:15 a.m. Lunch will be provided (Mr. Sub assorted meat or vegetarian sandwich, a snack and water). Students will be walked through all four periods of their timetable and receive their lock and assigned locker. Students will be introduced to the many co-curricular opportunities available and meet many of our wonderful student leaders. The itinerary for the day will be posted on the website closer to this Orientation Day.

I would like to provide you with some information that may address some of your initial questions:

1. At St. Brother André, there are three Vice Principals to assist in supporting student needs. Students are assigned to a Vice Principal based on their last names. The assignments are as follows:

A-F: Ms. Dharmai

G-N: Mr. Scenna

O-Z: Mr. Flynn

Effective August 20th, Mr. Moyo will be the new Principal of St. Brother André Catholic High School.

2. **DGN-Kilters is the only approved uniform provider.** If you have not already done so, please visit their location in Markham or order online to ensure you have all of the required uniform articles needed. For more information, please visit our website and review the uniform news caption. The school uniform also requires that students wear a **solid** black shoe. The Phys.Ed. uniform (t-shirt/shorts) can also be purchased through DGN-Kilters.

3. Parents, consider joining our Catholic School Parent Council. **Our first meeting is on September 19th.** Visit the school website and download an application form to be a part of the Executive; click [here](#), or complete a form at the first meeting. Getting involved is a great way to get to know other parents in the community and to stay informed about what is happening at St. Brother André.

4. We will be conducting a number of safety drills during Safety Awareness week (September 25-28) as well as throughout the school year. If you have any health concerns that you have not already reported to us, please do so. If a student has had a concussion recently or has anaphylaxis, the parent must complete the forms that are posted under the “Parents” tab on our school website. Click on the Concussion Management” link and return the relevant form to us in the main office. Parents and students are also reminded that if students require the use of an Epi-Pen, one must be kept with the student at all times and an extra Epi-Pen must be kept in the Main Office in case of an emergency.
5. For information about bus stop times and locations, visit the Student Transportation Services of York Region [website](#). Bus pick-up times and locations will be provided in late August.
6. Our school rules and guidelines are found on [The Student Hub](#). We recommend that both parents and students familiarize themselves with the various rules and policies (see Attendance, Code of Conduct and Uniform to name a few...). The Student Hub is very conveniently located on the school website, within the Students tab and can be accessed from any internet-enabled device.
7. Our school calendar incorporates all of our relevant school board dates. It streams live from the homepage of our school website.
8. To log onto our school WiFi, students are to select the WiFi connection titled “YCBYOD” and then enter their school user i.d. and password which they will receive the first day of classes.
9. If your son/daughter has not yet signed up for the Muskoka Woods excursion, visit our school Website, download the forms and return them to the school NO LATER than September 7, 2018.

By now you will have noticed that multiple references have been made to our school website as an essential source for information. Bookmark it! From our website, you can connect to our live, online newsletter, [The Orator](#), and all of our social media accounts. We encourage parents and students to follow us on Twitter [@SBAtoday](#) and on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) as we celebrate the daily accomplishments of our wonderful community. If you have not already done so, download the SBA App free. The links are available on the school website.

Please note that this letter has been posted on our school website; all of the blue, underlined words in this notice are active hyperlinks for you to access directly online.

We are excited about the future and thankful for the incredible energy, spirit, learning, and relationships that we are blessed to have together as a community. Best wishes for all of God’s graces in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Mr. Pivato
Principal