



St. Brother André CHS Co-Curricular Handbook 2024 / 2025



What Will Be YOUR Contribution?

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Dear Student...

One of the most rewarding experiences one can have at St. Brother Andre CHS is participating in our co-curricular activities. The 2024/2025 Co-Curricular handbook showcases the wide variety of opportunities that exist.

Purpose Statement:

An individual's total education extends beyond the classroom. The purpose of an effective co-curricular program must be to provide each student with opportunities for emotional, cultural, mental, physical and social growth. This growth can be accomplished through activities that support and advance the curriculum, promote common interests, develop a sense of ownership in the school, and reflect and enhance the Catholic Virtues.

The 10 Commandments of Co-Curricular Programs:

1. Participation
2. Equal access for all students
3. Reflect student's interests/talents
4. Participation by effective faculty, sponsors and coaches
5. Interaction with parents and community
6. Diverse activities
7. School/community service
8. Development of leadership skills
9. Enjoyable experiences and positive attitudes
10. Development and demonstration of students' talents and skills

Why should you get involved in our school community?



- 1. Form new friendships.**
- 2. Experience diversity and culture.**
- 3. Try something new and exciting!**
- 4. Make change and impact in your school community.**
- 5. Showcase your talents, abilities and skills!**
- 6. Explore, share and develop your passions and interests.**
- 7. Develop, apply and demonstrate your skills.**
- 8. Gain invaluable life experience, build your resume and earn volunteer hours.**
- 9. Make history and be a part of tradition.**
- 10. Have fun while creating lifelong memories!**

Eligibility for Participation in Co-Curricular Activities: What You Should Know

It is our that students get involved as much as possible to maximize their experience and to really feel a sense of belonging. Remember: **SCHOOL COMES FIRST**. Students are expected to do their best in their courses and manage their time effectively. Here are a few guidelines to help keep priorities in check:

- Students can participate in a maximum of 1 council (with the exception of FDC)
- Students must be passing all of their courses at all times.
- Students must be a positive contributor to each classroom and the Brother Andre community.
- Students must follow school rules established at SBA which includes uniform, attendance, and lates.

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Getting involved in a Council or Club is part of having a successful, satisfying and exciting educational experience! There are a variety of co-curricular activities designed to appeal to many passions and interests had by students and staff. The strong leadership of teacher mentors, combined with student commitment, provide countless opportunities for learning, skill development and fun!

Students - this is your chance to take on a leadership role, gain recognition and develop positive relationships while learning from your fellow students.

Presidents



Council

The group is made up of the Presidents of all the clubs and councils. Their goal is to ensure the student body has their voice heard.

Responsibilities include attending monthly meetings, participation in event planning / promotion and organizing awesome student-led initiatives. If you are up for this epic challenge you will truly have the chance to make a difference!

Council presidents will also take turns attending monthly Catholic School Council meetings - a great way to engage with the parents and guardians of our community!

**Meeting Days:
Second Tuesday of
each month, Library**

**Staff Advisor(s):
Mr. Chow & Ms.
Comella**

Anti-Racism Council (ARC)



Orange shirt day



A.R.C. (Anti-Racism Council) Source, is our school's council against racism. We work to promote and normalize antiracism and multiculturalism while eradicating prejudice in our student body by hosting events showcasing cultures from around the world, having speakers talk at events centred around antiracist ideals, and bringing students together regardless of race, culture, or religion.



SBA Identities

**Meeting Days:
Thursdays, Rm. 309
or 407**



Capture the flag



**Staff Advisor(s):
Ms. Newberry & Ms.
Delorme**



Student Council

Teacher Advisor: Mr. Chow

Student Council aims to make your time at SBA as memorable as possible. We hope to foster better relationships between all students and raise school spirit through our various events. Through educating, networking, and hosting fun events, we help students see their potential and bond with each other. We strive to make student's voices heard to ensure each and every person's visions are expressed in our school.



**>>> Meetings: Thursdays
2:40-3:40 in Rm. 307**



Semi Formal



SBA Day





The Faith Development Council, is committed to those initiatives that remind us of our call to become faithful young disciples of Jesus Christ and to live the spirit of his gospel in tangible ways. We offer our voices to lead morning & afternoon community prayer; our time & talent toward organizing fundraisers for Catholic charities; our energy to coordinate collections for local outreach charities; our love to prepare for the celebration of the liturgical seasons through liturgies & devotions; our zeal to spread the Good News of the Gospel through evangelization; and our hearts during times of reflection and retreat. Our students strive to be visible witnesses to the reality that it is Jesus who gathers us here as a distinct community of friends in faith at St. Brother Andre CHS.

**Meeting Days:
Thursdays
@2:45-3:30pm
Rm. 123**

**Staff Advisors:
Ms. Balite
Mr. Moore**

Social Justice Council

As a council, we seek to inform, educate, and engage the school community, through social justice events and initiatives. Our council works to promote diversity and inclusion, along with the significance of advocating on behalf of those who continue to be marginalized and oppressed.

Meeting Days:

Thursday's after school

Events Include:

- ThanksGIVEN
- Fair Trade Week
- Christmas Talent Show



Staff Advisors:

Ms. Talarico
Mrs. Lombardi



JUSTICE





ROLLL CARDSSSSSSSSS!!!!!!!



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Teacher Advisors: Mrs. Frescura

Athletic Council members truly embody the values of the St. Brother Andre Athletic Program. They build lifelong skills such as teamwork, communication and community involvement. Responsibilities include promoting athletics and school spirit. Our Athletic Council executives mentor our new members and facilitate numerous athletic events such as the annual **Rick Maloney Basketball Tournament, multiple intramurals & buyouts, and Athletic Banquet!**

**Meeting Dates:
Wednesday Mornings**

@SBAATHLETICS



Empowered Student Partnerships Council

Our Mission

Our Mission is to promote healthy living choices, combat bullying, and raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse.

Meeting Days

Tuesdays After
School in Room
405

Teacher Advisors

- Mrs. Wong
- Mr. Moore
- Mrs. Wey

Instagram: @sba_esp

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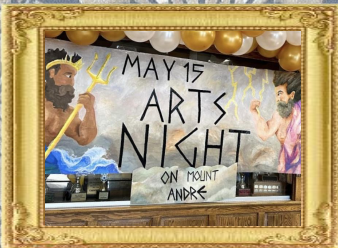


Arts Council

**-Halloween +
Haunted House
-Christmas Bay
Windows**



**-Art Attack
-Arts Night
+ more!**



Arts Council is a wonderfully creative space where individuals can use their God-given talents. Here, students are able to work with their peers to put together school events, create promotional material, and utilize their skills in the visual, dramatic and musical arts. Responsibilities will include attending mandatory meetings, participating in event planning, and creating a welcoming school environment!

**Meetings in
Room 218**

**Mandatory
Tuesdays;
Non-mandatory
Wednesdays**

**Staff Advisors:
Ms. Arrigo
Ms. Schlechter
Ms. Mendes**

Wellness Committee



We are SBA's club that promotes wellness! As a committee, we prioritize our school community's mental health and want to ensure everyone is provided with the right resources to succeed at SBA. Ultimately, our goal is to ensure everyone knows how to get the help they need and are provided with the necessary wellness tips because your MIND MATTERS!

Events

- World Mental Health Day
- Bell Let's Talk
- Wellness weeks before exams
- Study cafes.


Staff Advisors:
Mrs. Wey, Ms. Kekki,
Ms. Delorme, Mrs. Oddi

Meeting Days:
Wednesdays in
Library Classroom



@sba_wellness



The word "ASPECT" is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. It is surrounded by several colorful bird silhouettes in flight, including red, orange, yellow, purple, blue, and green. The background is a light yellow circle on a purple background.

ASPECT

ASPECT provides a safe space for 2SLGBTQIA+ students and allies to connect, learn, and support one another.

Student initiatives focus on making SBA a more inclusive community that promotes the Gospel values of acceptance and respect for each person's dignity to ensure that no one in our community "will ever be harmed by hate, and injured by exclusion, due to their gender or sexual orientation." (All God's Children, p.4)

ASPECT's Mission Statement:

We strive to increase awareness and acceptance of our diversity through education and inclusivity. Our goal is to build a safe, loving, merciful and welcoming environment while maintaining the dignity of every member of the SBA community, as we are called to do in Jesus' name.

Meetings:

Wednesdays @ 2:40pm in
the Library Classroom

Staff Advisors:

Ms. Kekki and Ms. Wey





What is BATCO? Also known as Brother Andre Technical Co. we are a club that assist with any and all tech related events at St. Brother Andre!! From the masses we have to concerts and so much more! We teach our students about all the kinds of equipment we use as well as the importance of working as a team and behind the scenes.

No requirements necessary, you will be taught all that you need.

No meeting days - students will be called upon as needed.

**Staff Advisor(s):
Mr. Jannetta**

BEST BUDDIES®



Meeting Day:

Selected Wednesdays /
occasional Tuesday

Staff Advisors:

Ms. Solon, Ms. Dametto,
Ms. Tricanico, Ms. Greco

"Best Buddies" at St. Brother Andre creates opportunities for one-one friendships and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, as well as promote inclusivity by raising awareness in our school and community.

**Meeting Days:
Tuesdays**

**Staff Advisors:
T. Newberry & M. Delorme**

ECO CLUB

Our mission is to inspire environmental awareness while having fun as we tackle eco-challenges and engage in hands-on projects. From vibrant gardening days to crafting unique items from recycled materials, we immerse ourselves in creativity and sustainability. With the support of our dedicated members, we host many exciting events that promote environmental awareness such as Earth week, endangered animal events and many more. Together, we strive to make a meaningful impact on our community and the planet. We are a proud participant of Eco Schools Canada and have achieved the platinum level for the past two years.





ANNOUNCEMENT TEAM!



We are the official voice of SBA! We deliver school news and updates via the morning/afternoon announcements.

Eligibility Requirements: Strong oral communication skills, including an ability to project your voice & demonstrate clarity and confidence in your speech

Time Commitment: 5-10 minutes before the start of the day & 5-10 minutes before the end of the day, 1-2 days per week

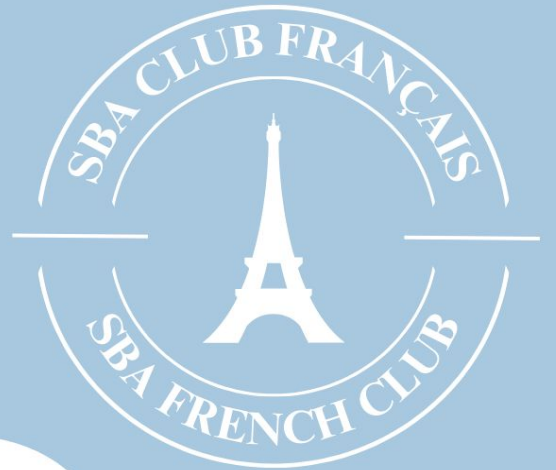
Procedure for Joining: Auditions occur at the end of September of each school year. Candidates are evaluated based on the eligibility requirements above.

Activity Time Period (when it runs): Our team runs in the morning before class & in the afternoon just before school ends

**Meeting Days:
Daily**

**Staff Advisors:
Ms. Comella**

FRENCH CLUB



**SBA French club
is a place to practice or
learn a new language where
you can meet many new people. These
meetings include activities like paint
night, cooking, potluck, etc.**

**Staff advisors
Ms. Volpe
Ms. DeZorzi**

**Bi-weekly on
Wednesdays
2:30 - 3:30**

MAKER'S CLUB



Maker's Club is a place for creative students at SBA to showcase their talents, socialize, and learn from each other about various art forms. This includes crocheting, knitting, sewing, painting, and more. We welcome students of all different skill levels interested in taking up a new hobby!

During meetings, members are welcome to work on personal projects or engage in seasonal activities such as making mittens and ornaments in the wintertime, or easter eggs and bunnies in the spring! It is a great place to make new friends and have fun.

Every
Monday



Student Advisors:
Ms. Tricanico



Club Hours
2:30-
3:30
In room 105



SBA CHESS

Making chess... even more fun!

Indulge in friendly or competitive games, take part in exhilarating tournaments, and attend various chess themed events. From playing with chocolate chess pieces to competing with Santa in the cafeteria, SBA Chess has it all!

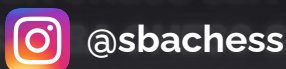


Meetings:

Thursday's at 2:30 pm in room 202

Staff Advisors:

Ms. Raponi & Mr. Torelli



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YOUR SCHOOL NEWSPAPER.

A team of **passionate**, **dedicated** writers, editors, and graphic designers working to deliver the student body school, world, and entertainment **news**:

**ALL
IN
ONE
PLACE.**

Meetings:

Mondays - Room 222

Teacher Advisor:

Ms. Dunlop



Let's DEBATE

Meeting Time : Mondays at 2:30
Meeting Location : Rm 231
Teacher Advisor : Ms. Humenna
Google Classroom Code : 7mi7s7j
Instagram : @sba_debate



Debate Society is a space for members to develop their skills in public speaking, critical thinking, and adaptability. It's a great place to meet new people with different perspectives!

During meetings, you can expect in-house debates, discussions, different activities, games and preparation for large-scale events such as regional/provincial debates.

Debate Society



SBA's Trivia Club

Where SBA's most knowledgeable minds come together

Reach for the Top is a trivia club that tests knowledge from science, history, pop culture, and almost any other topic you can think of. Come test your reflexes in room 313!



Meeting Days: Wednesday
Teacher Advisors: Ms. Rooney, Mr. Cameron

CLASSICS CLUB



The Classics Club unites people with a shared love for Classical Studies - the study of people in the antiquities, their culture, philosophies, etc. Our mission is to provide a space to discuss and admire the ancients. We also aim to inspire students to learn Classical Studies through many perspectives including language, science, history, and technology.

Our club activities can be summarized into 4 categories:

- i. Language: learning Latin vocabulary and sentences through the Cambridge Latin Course
- ii. Mythology: discussing about the Greco-Roman myths
- iii. Arts: arts and crafts workshops with a Classical spin
- iv. Competitions: participation in the National Junior Classical League competitions

Also join us on our yearly ROM Trip!

2023-2024 NJCL aggregate results:

- Competitions participated: 3
- Golds achieved: 4
- Silvers achieved: 6
- Bronzes achieved: 4

Club info:

Teacher supervisor: Ms. Pinto

Meeting time: Every Monday @ 2:30 p.m.

Location: Rm. 404

Classroom code: 3sa6n3w

SBA's HOSA Chapter



At HOSA, we prepare the future health professionals at SBA! We educate our members on different fields within medicine so that when the time comes, they can choose wisely. Our biweekly presentations teach about fields such as cardiology, nuclear medicine, nursing, and many others! While doing this, we prepare for the conferences that take place throughout the year, culminating the Spring Leadership Conference, a premier way to test your knowledge in the medical field.



Spring Leadership Conference

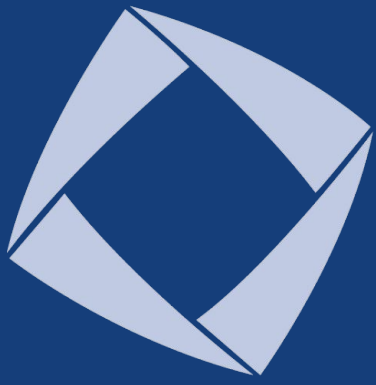
Meeting Days: Biweekly, Tuesday
Teacher Advisor: Mr. Evans

AFRICAN CARRIBEAN CULTURE CLUB (A3C)

A3C is a safe space for the black students to not only share experiences and knowledge, but also expand and flourish as a community. Our goal is to educate the school community about Black Culture by holding educational monthly events; offering stylish merchandise, and being extremely active and present on social media.

MEETING DAYS:
Tuesdays

STAFF ADVISORS
Mr Chow, Ms Saran,
and Mme Cameron



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DECA



DECA is a business club that is open to students from grades 9-12. This club prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in careers relating to accounting, administration, finance, hospitality and tourism, and marketing. Students compete regionally, provincially, and internationally in various case study competitions, written competitions, and oral events.



Meeting Days: Wednesdays in room 210

Teacher Advisor: Ms. Raponi



Scan the QR code to join our Google Classroom

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MODEL UN



Model United Nations, or MUN, is a worldwide activity where students take on roles as “delegates” to simulate real United Nations conferences. MUN aims to educate students on international issues, civics, and diplomacy, along with developing students’ public speaking, research, and writing skills. We prepare for prestigious assemblies and conferences, including TMUN and CANMUN.



Meetings: Mondays in room 407
Teacher Advisor: Ms. Delorme

SOFTWARE CLUB

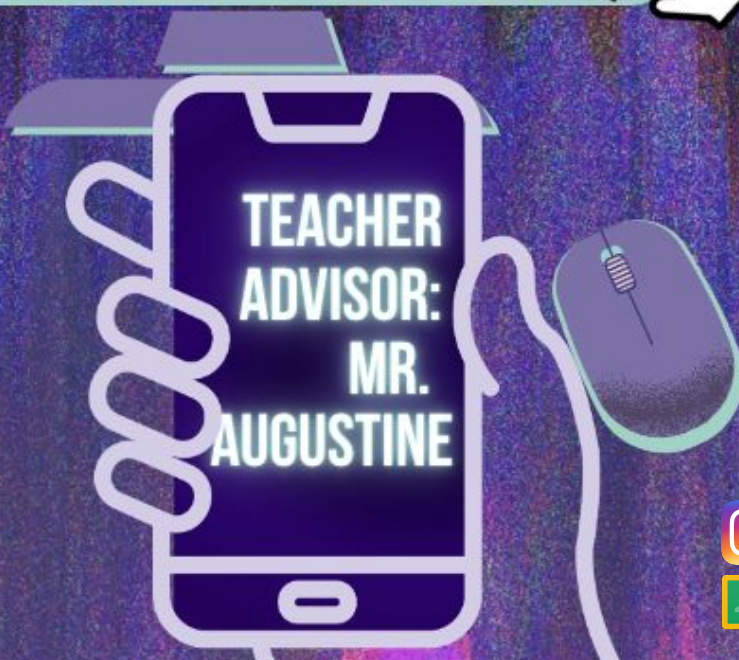
In Software Club, we explore applications of math in coding and various programming languages. We cater to individuals curious about learning programming languages, whether they're a novice or an expert, or considering a future career in computer science or engineering. Our aim is to empower students to apply concepts they learn in this club to real-world scenarios.




RM.207 - BIWEEKLY TUESDAY



CODING



 @sbasoftwareclub

 class code:k3mzubs

WELDING CLUB



MEETINGS: EVERY FRIDAY IN ROOM 120
TEACHER ADVISOR: MR. REHEL
Class Code: vjotw66

WELDING CLUB WELCOMES ALL STUDENTS WHO WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WELDING, MOSTLY SPECIALIZING IN ARC AND MIG WELDING. OUR GOAL IS TO TEACH STUDENTS THE DIFFERENT METHODS, TECHNIQUES, AND TERMINOLOGY THAT WELDING HAS, WHILE ALSO PROVIDING THEM WITH THE PROPER SAFETY TRAINING NEEDED TO PROCEED. WE OFFER LOTS OF HANDS ON EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN HOW TO CREATE THEIR OWN WELDS, PROVIDING THEM WITH THE BASIC SKILLS NEEDED TO BEGIN!





Trying out for a position on one or more of our Cardinals Athletics teams is another way you can make a positive contribution to our school community!

Why participate in athletics at St. Brother Andre?

- ✓ To provide the opportunity for an athlete to compete in a level of competition that promotes athletic excellence at an above average level.
- ✓ To promote and enhance the identity of St. Brother Andre C.H.S. in the community, city and province.
- ✓ To encourage pride and a healthy school spirit in the student population.
- ✓ To afford a unique and valuable experience for student and teacher/coach by which they relate to one another in a non-academic environment.

These experiences not only offer an excellent opportunity for character building, but they often have a positive effect on a student's academic performance.



Fall:

Boys soccer

Boys volleyball

Cross country

Tennis

Boys golf

Girls Field hockey

Winter:

Girls hockey

Boys hockey

Rock climbing

Girls volleyball

Boys basketball

Badminton

Spring:

Girls soccer

Slow pitch

Ultimate frisbee

Baseball



Do you have an idea for something new? Is there a particular shared interest that would encourage students to get involved?

Click [here](#) for a copy of Student Group Proposal Template.