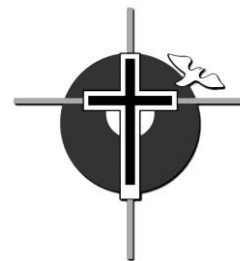




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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back & Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a joyful Christmas and restful holidays. As with every newsletter, please find attached the monthly calendar to consult for any specific dates and events.

Please visit our website: www.stfinnans.cdsbeo.on.ca to find monthly newsletters, calendars, school cash online link, and much more. We are looking at a paperless option for most of our communication needs, starting next month! A letter will be sent home shortly.

The staff and I would like to thank you for taking the time and coming to enjoy our special "**Grinch Candy Cane Hunt**" evening with us. What a beautiful and special time for everyone! Our WE TEAM is extremely proud to report that together we have fundraised over \$300 for Goats! A BIG thank you once again for your generosity! It is unfortunate that we were unable to go see the movie on the last day. A message will be sent home regarding reimbursement of the \$8.00 payment per child for that outing.

Inferring/Inférence is the reading strategy that will be taught and focused on during the months of January and February, across all grades in both the English and French Language Arts Programs. Observations occur when we can see something happening. In contrast, inferences are what we figure out based on an experience. Making an inference involves using what you know to make a guess about what you don't know or reading between the lines.

The St. Finnan's Staff joins me in wishing each and every one of you a healthy and happy new year. May 2019 bring you everything you wish for.

Judith Boucher, Principal



WELCOME! KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

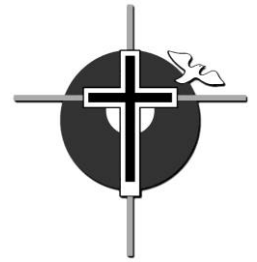
St. Finnan's Catholic School is now accepting new student registrations for September 2019! We invite parents to call the school to make an appointment to visit during Kindergarten Registration Week, which begins Monday, January 14, or drop in during our Kindergarten Registration Open House, which takes place on **Thursday, January 17th** from 4:00–6:00pm. Please visit the CDSBEO website registration page at <http://www.cdsbeo.on.ca/students-parents/registration/> for information on how to register your child. We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten!

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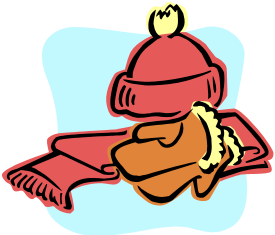
**Come and visit our facility and our wonderful team! Tell your family and friends!
613.525.4274**



Visit our school website: www.stfinnans.cdsbeo.on.ca



“Like Our School” on **FaceBook**:
<https://www.facebook.com/StFinnansAlexandria/>



The cold weather has settled in. It would be appreciated if you could send some extra items to school with your child: mittens, socks, gloves, hat. The students are outside for a period of 40 minutes at lunch time. Thank you.

PEDICULOSIS (HEADLICE): We ask all parents/guardians to be vigilant and checking regularly their child's hair as we have had a few cases of pediculosis. Letters have been sent home with information. Please call the school to inform us if your child has been infected, we will do our best to inspect and help stop the spreading.

FROM OUR PARISH, ST. FINNAN'S:

Mass Times are as follows:



Sunday: 08:00, 11:00

Monday: 07:30

Tuesday: 07:30

Wednesday: 07:30

Thursday: 07:30

Friday: 07:30

Saturday: 5:00PM

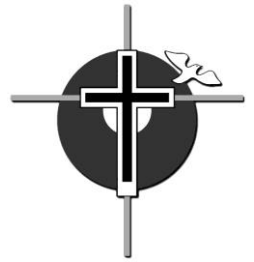
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FROM YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL:

Happy New Year!!



Welcome Back. We hope the time spent with your families this past holiday season was both restful and blessed.

I would like to thank the families who came out and took part in the Alexandria Christmas Parade and walked with the St. Finnan's crew!

Our Santa Sale was a HUGE success!!! Thank you very much to everyone who donated items, money to buy gifts, and to our group of Volunteers! SPECIAL recognition to the Catholic Women's League for their time and energy in wrapping the gifts!

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 4th, 2019 at 6:00 in the school library. Parents and guardians are always welcome and encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

Jennifer Lavigne, CSC Chair

Please be reminded that there is NO Hot lunch on Inclement Weather Days.



Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development.

FAMILY LITERACY DAY



Inspiring Families to Learn Together

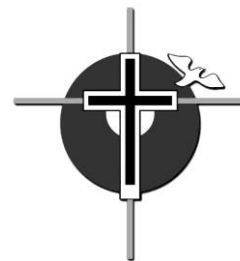
Every year on January 27, [ABC Life Literacy Canada](http://www.abclifeliteracy.ca) hosts Family Literacy Day, the largest national family literacy event in Canada. Literacy organizations, schools, libraries and media groups will coordinate numerous literacy-themed events and activities across the country in honour of this special initiative.

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Family Literacy Day® is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. News Media Canada is a proud supporter of Family Literacy Day, distributing public service announcements and editorial resources from ABC Life Literacy Canada to our members.



For more information, visit the [Family Literacy Day](http://FamilyLiteracyDay.com) website or download resources from the CommunityWire website at www.communitywire.ca/en/org/abc-life-literacy-canada.

FROM YOUR LOCAL HEALTH UNIT:

Immunization Plans for the 2018-2019 school year

Notice # 1 target mail out date	Notice # 2 target mail out date	Proposed Suspension Day
November 2, 2018	January 7, 2019	February 13, 2019

*****Please be reminded that if your child needs to be immunized, he/she will have to be by the beginning of February, or else he/she will be suspended from school.**

The EOHU has already sent a letter to families concerned, and they will do so again in January.



Give Some Thought to the *MyQuit* Program to Quit Smoking!

MyQuit is a personalized one-stop shop program for smokers in Eastern Ontario to access the resources and expertise needed for greater chances of success in their quit attempt. Coaches trained in the latest quit smoking techniques deliver this program free of charge.

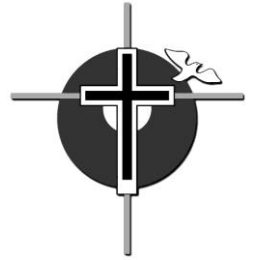
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When you start the program, you meet with a coach to determine your needs and the method of support that suits you best: individual coaching or coaching by phone.

Services are accessible at various locations across the region and can be combined with quit smoking medications.

For more information about the program, visit www.MyQuit.ca or call 1 877 376-1701.

Methods of Communicating School Vehicle

Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather



Student Transportation of Eastern Ontario (STEO) would like to advise students and parent(s)/guardian(s) that there are three (3) methods in which you can check for school vehicle cancellations:

1. Announcements regarding the cancellation of school bus and special vehicle transportation will be broadcasted starting at 6:15 a.m. on local area radio stations.
2. Access our Website at www.steo.ca and click "View Bus Delays & Cancellations". School vehicle cancellations will be posted by 6:15 a.m. Scroll down to check the transportation status for your school.
3. Call 1-866-629-0629 to access a pre-recorded message.
 - During inclement weather the message will be posted by 6:15 a.m.
 - **Please note that the message for this phone line is only updated on inclement weather days.**

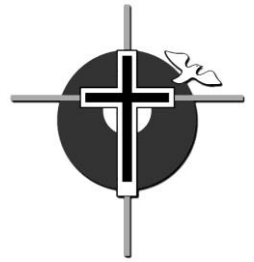
Please do not call the bus companies as the radio and website reflect the most accurate information.

If transportation is cancelled in the morning, afternoon transportation will **not** operate.





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A solid investment toward a promising Health Care Career!



CDSBEO PSW PROGRAM

*You have two hands...
One to help yourself, one to help others.*



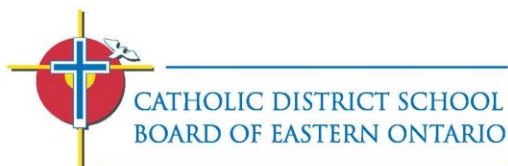
Same certification, big cost savings!	
College Program	CDSBEO Program
OCAS Application \$95	Fees include:
Tuition (Per Semester) \$2,607	- Course materials & books
Ancillary Fees (Per Semester) \$1,025	- 6 month program
Books \$650	- Option to gain maturity and high school credits toward diploma
Supplies/Uniform \$700	
*program runs one full school year	
Tuition Total: \$5,077	Tuition fee \$1,500

Participate in this course for only \$1,500 and qualify to complete within 5 months!

Upon successful completion of the PSW program, you will be certified to be a Personal Support Worker in the province of Ontario.

September and February program intake.

Visit www.coned.cdsbeo.on.ca for full program details and information on how to register.



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