

The name St. Andrew is fast becoming associated with Catholic life in the Barrhaven/Longfields area of South Nepean. Not only does the school, which opened in late 2003 bear that name, but also the new church planned for the Catholic community. The school predated the parish, starting in September 2003, with the new facility housing the students as of December 15, 2003.

Monsignor Paul Baxter Catholic School in the booming new housing area of Longfields in South Nepean had become severely overcrowded. This situation was alleviated with the construction of the new St. Andrew School. St. Andrew began its life in September 2003, housed in 17 portable classrooms at Monsignor Paul Baxter School. Many of the St. Andrew students had been attending Monsignor Paul Baxter, forming the core of the new school's student body. Students who had previously attended St. Monica School also became charter students at the new school.

The school opened with 544 students, quickly swelling to over 600 in its first year of operation. Indeed, the demand for Catholic education in the area has continued unabated, with St. Andrew housing 870 students by September 2005. This brought a decision by the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board to build another school in the area, to be opened in the 2006-2007 school year — St. Emily Catholic School — with the St. Andrew attendance area being divided to relieve it of its overcrowded situation, while providing a strong student enrolment base for the new school.

St. Andrew Catholic School was built with 18 classrooms, four kindergarten rooms, a double gymnasium, a library, a computer lab, an office/reception area, a resource room and two child care rooms. The first formal event at St. Andrew was the

# ST. ANDREW

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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blessing of the facility, which took place on October 23, 2003. The ceremony held a special significance in that this was the first new school blessed and opened by the Ottawa-Carleton Catholic School Board during the tenure of James McCracken as Director of Education.

The official school opening ceremony was held on May 20, 2004, five months after the students and staff had moved into the new building. David Pratt, Member of Parliament for the Nepean-Carleton riding at that time, was among the dignitaries in attendance.

## Present Principal

Brian Kelly (2006-present)

## Past Principals

Brenda Mulvihill (2003-06)

## First Teaching and Support Staff

Helen Bergeron  
Susan Dunlap  
Stacey Mercier  
Shauna O'Farrell  
Carolyn Razzouk  
Christine Awad  
Cheryl Brooks  
Amy Latremouille  
Simone Villeneuve  
Martine Beaulne  
Carolyn Brambles  
Abby Sullivan  
Natalie Davidson  
Bernard Vigneault  
Cleo Hesselink  
James McLaurin  
Christine Mulvihill  
Susan Hanson  
Kate Drummond  
Chris Nicoletti  
K. McEvoy  
K. Shannon  
Eileen MacPhee  
Line Joyal-Culbertson  
Chris Buccini  
Joan Rowe  
Mary Jo DiFilippo  
Christina Sutton  
Shannon Asquini, Teacher Assistant  
Sylvia Mackenzie, Teacher Assistant  
Sharyn Vitalis-Burke, Secretary  
Toni Hoffe, Secretary  
Linda Mancini, Vice-Principal

### School Colours

The St. Andrew school colours, which were selected by the community, are black, red and grey.

### Logo

The school logo was designed to represent the white saltire, or the cross of St. Andrew. The waves at the top of the logo represent the school, home and parishes.

### Mascot

School mascot is “Andy” the dragon. The dragon was selected from submissions entered into a contest by the students. The dragon was chosen for its strength.

