

St. Andrew Parish School

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*“St. Andrew Parish School is where faith and knowledge meet.
We are called to Teach, Reflect, and Live the Gospel”.*

Parent Newsletter - October 10, 2016

Good Morning St. Andrew Families,

As we celebrate Columbus Day today and Thanksgiving Day to our friends “Up North” in Canada, we should take this time to be thankful of many wonderful things happening in our community, our parish, and our school.

This week's: “Special Thank You's” go out to Mrs. Juliet Larson, Mrs. Laura VanderVeen, and Mrs. Sandi Goebel with their hard work and many, many hours of preparation for MAPS Testing that will start this week. This digital tool that allows Staff to take a formative “snapshot” of our student's skills will help inform us where our student's strengths are and areas of improvements are. We can't expect a student to be successful if their current skill set is low; this helps us to go back and re-teach those skills immediately. The computerized formative (it just informs us) assessment results are immediate. During Parent/Teacher conferences in a few weeks and literature that will be disseminated during that time will explain in detail what things mean such as: Advanced (Above Grade Level), Proficient (At Grade Level), Basic (At Grade Level but need help), and Minimal (Below Grade Level-Multiple Supports needed) in regards to their skills (Math and Reading Fluencies).

I want to thank Mr. Ed Clair and the School Committee for last week's meeting. I commend all who volunteer their time and participate unselfishly in helping make the School a phenomenal place for our Students and help give our Staff the tools they need to do a great job. Thank you School Committee.

Thank you to Coach Q and Athletic Committee for last week's meeting as well. The countless hours after work, weekends and volunteering “blood, sweat, and tears” to help give our Students a Co-Curricular experience is outstanding. Thank you Coaches, Parents, and all who volunteer to help the Spartans be something to be proud of.

Kudos to Bella Martinez for receiving some Dousman Dollars for her Excellent behavior on the School Bus. Great Job Bella and way to demonstrate our St. Andrew Covenant.

Remember Parents, there will be no School this Thursday and Friday, (10/13 & 10/14) due to Staff Development and Archdiocese Teacher Convention.

October is Fire Safety Month. We will have several grades visit our local fire department, have fire-persons come to the school and show-n-tell their equipment. As we speak about Fire Safety, please speak with your kids at home and create a plan that will help them and you with their comfort and knowledge about what to do if something were to really occur.

Current Business:

Student Safety

1. We Need Your Help (Bus Parents & Bus Students):

Delavan-Darien Public Schools Superintendent with Dr.

Dr. Crist asked for St. Andrew's help. Here's what we need:

Bus Parents:

1. "Please use the Safe and Designated Drop Off and Pick Up places at Turtle Creek Elementary. At times we have students being dropped off or picked up at places that are not safe, but merely convenient. Please follow the designated routes for this Safety Procedure to keep all students safe. Thank you."

Bus Students:

1. Be proud. Be St. Andrew Spartan proud. To do that, we need to practice and model to all Adults, Bus Drivers, Turtle Creek Staff, and anyone involved with directing Safety throughout the day: that St. Andrew Students are models of good citizenship, we are respectful, safe, and courteous at all times. Please listen to Adults respectively when given directions at the time of drop off, pick up, and while riding on the bus. Thank you.

I was cordially invited to visit and experience what happens at Turtle Creek during those times. I have been on site and will continue to plan several times during the week to and to help out as needed. Thanks to all who help out and make sure St. Andrew is respectfully represented.

2. **Parents of Drop Off / Pick up Students at School:** Please remember that at no time can we allow a student to be dropped off before 8am without Adult Supervision. Due to liability and safety issues we must stress there has to be an Adult Representative from the School to supervise the students. If you find that this won't work for whatever reason, then we can make arrangements with our K-Club before/after school care and there is a fee involved. Thank you for understanding

that we take your student's safety seriously and want to communicate what Safety Protocols are in place and we must adhere to them. Thank you.

3. **After School Supervision:** Please remember Parents we need to develop a plan for our students after school. If your student is going to stay for K-Club, great. If your student is going to stay for homework club, great.

However, when your student is done with these things, a pick up plan has to be in place, especially when homework is done or if your student has the 5p athletic practice. On Homework Club days, (HWC) is done at 4p; staff go home. Our problem we seem to have are some straggler students who leave HWC at 4p but don't have practice until 5p. It is the parent's responsibility, NOT the Teachers or Coaches to supervise the students when they have other commitments; this is a tremendous liability. If you are need of your student needing structured supervision here at school, please contact K-Club. Thanks for your help with this important safety issue.

4. For safety reasons, please be mindful that the School and Church is still active in the Tuck-Pointing work continues. There are construction / safety cones placed in strategic areas for everyone's safety. Please use designated areas to park during the school day. Our students use the school parking lot (east of the school), as recess and at times an "outside" classroom (Phy-Ed, Classroom). Having cars park there are a safety hazard for our students. Any questions or something we can help you with, please call the main office.

Leadership / Volunteer Opportunities

5. We are are need and if anyone is interested: We are looking for some assistance/leadership opportunities for someone to help be the Chairperson for the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser and the Chairperson for the St. Nick's Children's Gift Shop. Anyone interested in St. Patrick's Committee, please contact Mike Heindselman, and any interest in St. Nick's, please contact Jen Martin of the P.S.A at 262-949-2205. Thank you
6. If you know someone who is **certified to teach or substitute teach** with a current Wisconsin DPI License, and who may be interested in substitute teaching here at St. Andrew, please forward their name and contact information. Thank you.
7. We are in need for Morning Recess Substitute and Lunch Duty Substitute Supervision help for our students and staff. There are some days when our volunteers are absent, sick , or simply don't show up. Our staff is asking for your help if you can contact your student's) teachers and indicate if and when you may lend an extra hand. There are many times our teachers are running all day long, not enough time for simple pleasures such as lunch, bathroom break etc...If interested in donating or even receive a small stipend for lunch duty, please contact our Main Office. Thank you.

Funding Ideas to help our Students

8. A great way to bring monies into the school is by saving your "Box Tops for Education" box tops on boxed goods you purchase and old empty printer ink cartridges. Collecting the box tops into groups/bundles of 50 and rubber-banding them together, putting them into a sandwich baggie or envelope and then forward them with your student to school. We have a collection box for the box tops on Main Floor outside the 2nd Grade Classroom. Safely bring in the empty printer ink cartridges and place into our School Faculty Meeting Room.

Friendly Student / Home Reminders

9. Friday Masses. Unless announced by your student's teacher, please try to have your student dress in their Friday Mass Polo with Khaki Pants for boys and girls, or skirts for girls. We will communicate in advance when or if shorts will be allowed. Thanks for your help.
10. Dress Code: As the weather ebbs and flows with temperature changes, etc., please cognizant of the "Regular School Day Dress Code" to the best of our abilities. We know sometimes we may have "oops" days; no worries. I think we all have experienced that with kids trying to get themselves ready for school. Together we make great things happen and are patient and help one another. If you have any questions, please refer to your Parent Handbook and or call the Main Office. Thank you :)
11. "Weekly Envelopes" that go home have recently been going home on Tuesdays of each week. We are going to start sending them home on Thursdays of each week. This allows for parents to receive more pertinent information throughout the week and not have to wait until the following week. Please try to have your student return their envelope by that next Friday or no later than Monday. Thank you.
12. If we are in doubt of what is transpiring in your student(s) classroom? I highly encourage you to visit their Classroom Teacher's Google Home-Page or Option C for items such as: Homework, Special Events, Quizzes, Tests, any all pertinent information to that Teacher and/or Subject Area. Any questions, please contact that Teacher directly. If you need further assistance after those attempts (at least 2), then contact me to help out as much as I can. Thanks.

13. From Mrs. Ruesch (Our Ever Working Hard "Keeper of Our Websites"):

Thank you Mrs. Ruesch for all you do.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

1. From Mrs. Stacy Hermann:

Holiday Wreath and Poinsettia order forms are here!! Please check your next family envelope for the form or contact the Main Office. Please Have your order form into the office the week of the 24th. As usual the items will be available the week of Thanksgiving for pick up at Treasure Hut Flowers on Hwy 11, but please call first to make sure your items are ready for pick up. If you have any questions regarding the sale, please give me a call: Stacy Hermann at Treasure Hut Flowers 262-728-2020 or email me at treasurehut@charter.net. Happy Selling everyone!!"

2. From Janelle Luther at the ArchDiocese Office of Schools regarding Talented and Gifted Opportunities:

*"Welcome to year seven of the Discovery Project! Strong support from our grant funders makes it possible for us to offer this wonderful program for gifted middle school students. We will once again partner with our Catholic high schools to provide accelerated language arts and math courses **online** for academically talented 7th and 8th grade students. From our humble beginnings until now, we have proudly served over 1,200 students in our Archdiocese using a blended instructional model.*

Our talented Discovery Project teachers continue to create and provide new options that we hope your students will find intriguing and challenging. Principals, teachers, and parents can access information about all of our Discovery Project courses directly through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website at <http://schools.archmil.org/discovery-project.htm>. Registration forms must be obtained by a teacher or administrator and are accessible only by logging in.

*Enrollment is now open for the 2016-2017 Discovery Project courses. Participating elementary schools must complete the registration forms and submit the required documentation to the Office for Schools on or before **October 10**. A variety of courses will be taught by teachers at our partner high schools including Catholic Memorial, Divine Savior Holy Angels, Dominican, and our newest location, St. Catherine, Racine.*

*The Discovery Project courses provide you with an excellent educational option for your academically talented middle school students. These courses are offered absolutely **free** to your students! It is almost too good to be true, so please encourage your students to apply. We are grateful to our partner elementary and high schools for their collaboration and support of accelerated learning opportunities for bright students.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janelle Luther at 414-758-2256 "

4. St. Andrew Annual Fund:

Cargill Cell: 262-749-0585 | Fax: 952-249-4192

Please view the Youtube Link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpiWQJ12mdQ&authuser=1>

5. From PSA "Trivia Night" - Friday, 10/28/16:

Trivia Night Things to Know:

- A. Trivia will consist of tables of 6. You can get your own group together or come by yourself and you will be put with a group.
- B. There will be 10 rounds of questions with 10 questions in each round. Typical length of trivia is 3 hours.
- C. At door registration will be \$15.00 per person.
- D. If you would like to save money by registering early please cut off the bottom of the flyer and return to school with a check/cash or go online at

- E. There will also be 50/50 and a few small games for prizes.
- F. NO SMARTPHONES, TABLETS or any other electronic device will be allowed during trivia rounds. We will take some breaks during the evening.
- G. We will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes to the teams with the closest score to 100, tie breaker if needed.

From The Coaches Locker Room

1. From Coach Ruben: DDYB Basketball Camp Opportunities



2. From Coach Damrow & McKean:

Please continue to come out and support our Volleyball Spartans. This upcoming week the Spartans play away at the WSD Tournament. However, please mark your calendars for the "8th Grade / Parents" Night game which will be played Thursday, 10/20 at 5:30p, pregame ceremonies to start before 5:30p gametime. Come support and honor our 8th Grade Lady Spartans and their Parents in their last home Volleyball Game.

3. Basketball Sports Physicals:

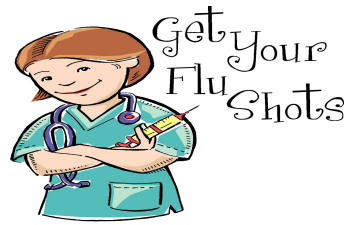
Remember parents, all student athletes must have a completed Sports Physical on record before ANY ATHLETIC ACTIVITY CAN TAKE PLACE; that includes practice and playing games. Once a copy of a completed sports physical is given to the coach, then one can participate. This safety measure to help everyone the student athlete can participate with no restrictions and to make sure their health and safety are primary. Thanks.

4. Basketball Coaches Meeting:

The tentative date for the Basketball Coaches Meeting will be Wednesday, 10/26 at 7p in the Gym. If you have any questions, please contact Coaches Ruben, Chad, or Q. Thanks.

Professional Learning Community Links/Happenings

1. Robert Krueger from Dousman Transport (School Bus Co,) states that the Dousman Bus Co. is looking for quality School Bus Driver's for the upcoming year. If a qualified Bus Driver from the St. Andrew's Family is chosen, Dousman will give St. Andrew a \$500.00 voucher to be used on a school trip. If interested, please contact Robert Krueger at 262-728-9461 or robertk@dtcbus.com.
2. From the Aram Public Library Schedule of Events:



St. Andrews Professional Learning Community

Hi Parents, Parishioners, Teachers, and Community Members (PLC). Making sure we try to stay ahead of the dreaded flu season, we here at St. Andrew School want to help out. St. Andrew School has developed a wonderful partnership with Mercy Health System (Walworth). We are scheduling to host a "Flu-Shot" Clinic at St. Andrew School. Here's what you need to know:

1. Flu Shot Clinic will take place on Tuesday, October 25th.
2. Flu Shot Clinic will take place in the Staff Conference Room.
3. Flu Shot Clinic will run from 7a-8a and 3p-4:30p.
4. Cost of Flu shot is \$30.00.
5. If one has Mercy Care, Mercy will simply forward to their Billing Dept. directly (need Mercy Card / Insurance card with you).
6. If one has other insurance, One would pay \$30.00 for Flu Shot, and then get reimbursed from their insurance carrier.
7. If one doesn't want to charge insurance, simply pay \$30.00.
8. If one needs to pay, simply pay with cash and/or write a check to:

Timeline

1. All St. Andrew PLC (Professional Learning Community) are welcome to attend.
2. We have to have a FINAL HEAD COUNT for those WHO WILL ATTEND NO LATER THAN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 BY 3P.

Quotes from Dr. Cepelka, Superintendent of Arch Schools-Milwaukee

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<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2016/2016-respect-life-statement.cfm>

Principal's Message

1. If you want something posted on the weekly letter or school website, please contact me via email: rgreen@standrewsparishschool.com "No Later Than" the Thursday of each week. It would be greatly appreciated and perhaps make the letter more coherent at times; thanks for your patience.
2. With so much going on, it is possible I may have missed information that needs to be sent. As I find it, I will disseminate it as quickly as possible.
3. As seasons change, so do the ups and downs with colds, allergies, sneezes and alike. Please take care of yourself, enjoy the beauty that is fall, and as always take care and God Bless.

Very Respectfully,

Randy