


St. Andrew Parish School

School  Church  Community

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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 31, 2016

Good Morning St. Andrew Families,

Happy Hallow's-Eve! Does anyone know the significance of this day? Some may say Hershey's or Brocks candies know the answer, but we know it not to be true. Take this teachable moment with your children and share what the next several days signify. Coming from Mom and or Dad would help bind your family in faith and education.

Thank you Tammy Ketterhagen, PSA, and all who participated in last Friday's inaugural "Trivia-Night". This opportunity for our School and Parish adults to come together socially is a great way to bind us together as a learning community. Thank you all who help create, set up, implement, and take down this huge evolution.

Thank you Senora Freitag for hosting our Saturday Movie Night. What a great way to celebrate: "Los Días de Muerte". Thank you Senora for making this fun for our families and students.

Because of November 1 being "All Saints Day", our school mass will take place on Tuesday, 11/1 at 8:45a, not on Friday. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Speaking of Mass. Please mark your calendars for those that are interested, Father Angel will be our Special Guest Pastor for the Masses scheduled for Saturday, 11/12 and Sunday, 11/13. If you have any questions, please call Virginia at the Rectory Office at 728-5922.

The end of the Academic 1st Quarter will be this Friday, 11/4. Teachers will work diligently to evaluate/assess and record all work as required. Report Cards are scheduled to go home on Thursday, 11/17 in the weekly envelopes. During Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences scheduled 11/21 & 11/22, the focus will be skills measured (MAPS) and skills obtained (Grades) during our first quarter. Future letters will speak of how conferences and conference scheduling will take place.

As seasons change, so do the ups and downs with colds, allergies, sneezes and alike. Please take care of yourself. Remind our little ones to wash their hands when extra sneezes may come their way. Trying to keep down the amount of sniffles as best we can starts with gentle reminders from Parents, Teachers, and Siblings. Enjoy the beauty that is fall.

Thank you to our own St. Andrew "Badgers"! We had many helpers lend a hand to dig some post holes near our parking lot entrances that will be used to create a safer-visual way to communicate to our public when the parking lot is safe to drive on and when not to...Apparently our Orange Safety Cones are very happy to hear they are being retired. Thank you Mr. Dave Malisow and company for your help.

Teacher in need for Winter assistance:

We have an amazing Staff member here at St. Andrew that travels quite a distance everyday to do amazing things for our students. She is asking if someone knows of anyone who maybe/possibly subletting an apartment or opportunity to rent space for the upcoming Winter months? We want to make sure she is safe, especially during the Winter months. If you have any information, please forward it to me and I will gladly forward it on. Thank you.

From the Walworth County Department of Health and Human Services / Public Health Department:

"The Wisconsin Communicable Disease Bureau is reporting multiple incidents of both Hand, Foot, and Mouth (HFM) disease as well as Impetigo among High School Athletic Teams. Please distribute the following information to Staff, Parents, and High School Athletes

Numerous outbreaks of Impetigo (Staphylococcus infection) and HFM among high school athletics teams across Wisconsin.

If a student athlete has a rash, it is recommended they see their primary care provider to have the rash evaluated and diagnosed. HFM is usually self-limiting and rarely requires exclusion from athletics; Impetigo can be more serious infection and requires exclusion from athletics during the first 72 hours of antibiotic therapy. It is imperative that locker rooms and sports equipment be properly cleaned and disinfected to prevent transmission.

Helpful Links:

[Wisconsin DPH Impetigo Fact Sheet:](#)

[Wisconsin DPH Hand Foot and Mouth \(HFM\) Fact Sheet:](#)

[Environmental Cleaning and Disinfecting Against MRSA:](#)

If you have any concerns, please report all to the school, coaches, and primary physicians immediately. "

Current Business:

Student Safety

1. (Bus Parents & Bus Students):

I was cordially invited to visit and experience what happens at Turtle Creek Elementary School during pick up and drop off times. I have been on site for the past several weeks. I want to thank all St. Andrew Parents and Students for being cognizant, following, and being successful of being safe while we are at other buildings and school transportation. I will continue to make sure we are in compliance. Dr. Crist, Superintendent expressed his sincerest appreciations. 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

1. We appreciate all of those who volunteer, chaperone, coach, and do amazing things for our students. If one is interested, one must have completed the "SafeGuarding" training from the Archdiocese. If you are interested, please contact Shelly Koch at 262-728-5922 for more info. Thanks.
2. 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.

Funding Ideas to help our Students

1. **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

1. **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.
2. **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. Thanks
3. 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.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

1. St. Andrew Annual Fund:

Cargill Cell: [262-749-0585](tel:262-749-0585) | Fax: [952-249-4192](tel:952-249-4192)

Please view the Youtube Link below:

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

2. CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

*** 7th & 8th Grade Students Interested in Performing Arts! See flier attached for details on CCHS's Musical Performance of Once Upon A Mattress Auditions.*

3. Cub Scout Meeting:

There will be an informational meeting for St. Andrew's boys grades (1-5) who maybe interested in joining Cub Scouts. A Parent meeting will be set up on Thursday, 11/3 at 6p. If your son is interested, he will bring home the info flyer that Tuesday night, 11/1.

Parent-School-Association (PSA) Happenings

1. St. Nick's Breakfast Info:

2. St. Nick's Craft Bazaar:

When: Sunday, December 4, 2016, 8:00am - 12:30pm

Where?: St. Andrew Parish School

What do I need to do?: Fill out the following form

Name _____

Business / Type of Craft _____

Electricity Needed? _____

Spaces with electrical access are limited and will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

Phone _____

Email _____

FEE: \$20 non-refundable

- Reserve your space by November 25, 2016
- Each space is 10x10. You must provide your own table (we will provide chairs).
- We ask that all vendors donate a product / product package to be included in raffle drawings during the event.
- Mail check (payable to St. Andrew School) and this form directly to:
Heather Kucharski
2033 Deer Run
Delavan, WI 53115

Any questions please contact Heather at 414-517-1010.

Set up for the fair will be on Sunday, December 4th, 2016; 6:30am

***St. Andrew Parish School is not responsible for any loss or injury.

Support Our Troops:

Scott Hermann and Thrivent Financial host a "troop supply packing" event annually. This event supports our troops overseas and our local veterans organizations. Students in the past write letters to the troops sharing their gratitude and appreciation for their sacrifices defending our nation. If any students, parents, or community members are interested this worthy cause, please contact Mr. Scott Hermann at 262-806-7390 or email at: scot.hermann@thrivent.com. The event to give these letters to the troops is Saturday, November 5th, Mr. Hermann asks if one is interested, please forward your letters to him no later than Tuesday, November 1st. Thank you for your support and consideration. A link to the program:



From The Coaches Locker Room

1. From Coach Ruben: DDYB Basketball Camp Opportunities



2. 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.

3. Basketball Parent Meeting:

Thanks..Coach Q.

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 this 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:

3. Lois Stritt, owner of Bradley's Dept. Store loves St. Andrew and on November 30th she donates, 10% of the store's earnings to our school to sponsor events/assemblies for our children. It is to honor and celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew, our patron saint.

You may word it differently if you like, encourage people to get early Christmas shopping done. They provide men and women clothing. It supports small town business too. Thank you,

Message from His Most Reverend, Archbishop Listecki

A Special Note From Dr. Cepelka - Superintendent of Arch Schools

Catholic Schools in the Year of Mercy: Visit the Sick

This Corporal Work of Mercy has taken on new meaning for many of us, as our friend and colleague Jane Budney, Director of Human Resources for Parishes and Schools, is gravely ill. We have visited Jane in the hospital and in hospice, sent cards and CaringBridge messages, and prayed for her comfort and peace. Each day since the diagnosis of her illness in mid-August, we've recognized and tried to express our gratitude for what she has meant to us, and we've felt the anguish of wishing we could do more.

Everyone knows, in some capacity or other, the paradoxical feelings of powerlessness and hope that come from walking beside the ill and the dying. We recognize our human limitations in the face of suffering, yet we trust, often with great difficulty, in the mysterious and love of God.

This month the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's focus for the Jubilee Year of Mercy is the Corporal Work of Mercy, "Visit the Sick." Please watch this moving video in which Father Ken Omernick, Archdiocesan "Missionary of Mercy," describes his seminary experience as a "two-day hospital patient," part of a Clinical Pastoral Education program to sensitize participants to the needs of the sick and suffering:

Principally Speaking

As we close the chapter on 2 months of school, I wonder where time has gone? I wonder if I have made a positive difference for others? I find myself reflecting as I write my newsletter each week. I always come back to "counting my blessings" and "learn from my mistakes".

As we leave Hallow's Eve and enter the month of giving thanks (we should do every month), remember to count all your blessings however little we may think they are. God helps remind me to be the best for not only myself but for others.

Thank you all for everyday blessings. Remember as we come together in Christ for the betterment of our kids, please be reminded that we are the role models for which they look to. "What would Jesus Do?" is a great open ended question when trying to make that connection with our children. It's always a great barometer / mirror we can use to check ourselves. Thank you all who give so much of your time, energy, and love for St. Andrew Professional Learning Community (Family, Parish, and School).

Have a great week..

Very Respectfully,

Randy

