

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 - November 28, 2016

Good Morning St. Andrew Families,

As we leave the Liturgical Year, our season of “Thanks” and “Year of Mercy” we pay tribute as Advent is here. We remember and are reminded the real meaning of Christmas; please give thanks, be merciful to one another, put aside petty differences and trials, and most importantly help those who need/seek it.

I am excited to announce that Spanish Teaching Interviews are actively underway. We are searching for quality, excited, vigorous, positive, and qualified/certified applicants. We have had and continue to interview candidates as we speak. We thank our wonderful subs who work hard to give their best to try to hablamos espanol.

Thank you all parents, guardians, and extended family who were able to attend our Parent/Teacher Conferences last week. This opportunity to share your student’s skills, talents, academic progress, and behavior help all of us MAP out a course of success for your student. Thank you very much for all of your support.

Current Business:

1. Social Media:

Pros: With the help of Kathy Ruesch, we have discovered that using the settings on our “smart” phones, one can literally create their own “St. Andrew Application” for their phone. On the Parish/School Website and “recent happenings” we will upload a quick tutorial to help add this to your

phone. This simple procedure which takes all of 30 seconds gives one our Website (which is very detailed and a great resource) at your fingertips. Thank you Mrs. Ruesch.

Cons: I and the students and staff of the school implore all who use social media to do so respectfully and without liable intentions. If there is an issue regarding the Parish or School, please call Shelley Koch at the Parish Office or myself at the school immediately. We have several members of our Parish Professional Learning Community who use this medium as a way to "throw barbs" without talking to someone face to face. When we continue to do so, we will break down any/all positive momentum we are trying to work extremely hard at in one second it took to press "enter". Our students/children learn from how we treat/react to adult situations in this manner. Is this the message for which we want for our own children? Please go to the source directly, stay away from hearsay, and if that doesn't work, use the chain of command in either the Parish or School. Thank you.

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.

Upcoming Events / Friendly 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. 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.

3. This Monday night and Tuesday mornings are dedicated for Parent/Teacher Conferences. If however we need a "different" time, please call or email you teacher directly to help set a time which better suits the needs of the student and you. Wednesday through Friday, we recognize these days as Thanksgiving Break Days. Happy Turkey Day!

Parent-School Committee News

1. Questions regarding PSA Fee:

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from these services. We invite you to join the PSA to help us decide where these resources are best put to use. Our next meeting is Monday, November 28, 2016 @ 6pm in the teacher's lounge. Hope to see you there!"

2. St. Andrew Annual Fund:

Hollie Leffel and the Annual Fund have created a "Pizza Party Challenge" for All classrooms who participate in the Annual Fund Challenge. It's not the amount but the number of participants who help their class reach a goal of "100%". Give a lot, a little it doesn't matter but please play! Let's show our Parish community that we are committed to our school financial goals too. Please see the attached link at the end of your email. Thank you Hollie and thank you all.

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3. St. Nick's Breakfast Info:

4. 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; 6:30 am

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

5. The annual St. Nick's Breakfast will take place THIS Sunday, December 4th, 2016 from 8 am- 12 pm! It is an all you can eat pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs breakfast. There will also be a silent auction, raffle tickets, take a chance raffle, craft/vendor fair, bake sale and children's gift shop!

There are still a lot of open shifts! Remember- middle school students can use their shift(s) towards their service hours!!! The link is:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4badab23abfc1-stnicks

We need the help of ALL families to have a successful event!!

We are still looking for donations for the auctions and children's gift shop! If you have items, please bring them to the school office or contact Jen Martin at [262-949-2205](tel:262-949-2205) to arrange for pick up.

Don't forget to turn in your raffle tickets either to the school office or at the breakfast! Drawing will take place at noon!

6. Chili's Fundraiser:

The PSA & School Committee has created an opportunity for members of our Parish, School and Community help raise funds for the School. Chili's Restaurant here in town, has graciously offered to give back to the School by donating 15% sales during the Month of November by using our School-Chili's Coupon(s).

7. St. Andrew's Winter / Holiday Spirit Wear:

Earlier this month we sent out updated St. Andrew's Winter/Holiday Spirit Wear catalog sheets with prices, and our URL. Our School Store was open until 11/26. Using the URL, it was easy to order and have everything shipped directly to your house. For those who missed this deadline, I will try to see if the store can be extended. When this happens, it will possibly delay the overall shipment(s) of clothing orders as they are all processed at the same time. Remember every item ordered, monies are directly given back to the school. Happy Holidays!

<http://www.mmprinc.net/product-category/andrew16/>

From The Coaches Locker Room

1. Basketball Sports Schedules:

Thank you everyone for being patient and accommodating while Basketball Schedules were being created and disseminated. Many organizational pieces had to fall into place before publishing anything. Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Coach Q. Thanks Coach Q, Athletics Committee Members, Basketball Coaches, parents, and students for your hard work!! Go Spartans!

Professional Learning Community Links/Happenings

1. As announced in Masses and our recent Parish Bulletin, Mr. Al Seeman will be preparing activities for Advent events on Sundays. Please see our website and the attachment in this week's Family Letter.
2. 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,

3. Aram Library Happenings for December:

Please visit the Aram Library Website at: aramkids@aramlibrary.org

From the Desk of Archbishop ListECKi

From the Desk of Dr. Kathleen Cepelka
Superintendent - Milwaukee Archdiocese School

Principally Speaking

Saint-Mother Teresa. It is at this time of the year it seems the culture of the world actually takes a minute and reflects on this. Is it simply because of the holidays? Or is it purposeful?

For those of us around the world, our country, our state, our community, and our Parish Learning Community that try to live by these words daily. In recent life events for myself and dear Parish Friends close to me celebrate joy, endure sorrow, and yet still manage to make sure others around them are ok..they give unconditional love and support regardless of their own suffering at the time.

As we continue to come together as a Parish Learning Community, please lend an extra hand, give that extra loving touch to someone; for you may not know how much that means to them and how it can lift them up when times are tough.

As we enter a very busy month of school for December, please show these kind gifts to others as our children can learn, serve, and love others too.

In God's Love,

Randy