

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 14, 2016

Good Morning St. Andrew Families,

With tremendously wonderful weather recently and many things starting off our 1st 2 weeks of November, I would like to say thank you for blessings bestowed upon us thus far. We have to render many thanks for recent events and pray for successes for that will happen in the upcoming several weeks. Thank everyone for help making Parish and School events special and help unite us as a Parish/School Learning Community.

Recent things to be thankful for was the wonderful Friday “Veteran’s Day Mass” given by our 2nd Grade students and their “upperclassman helpers”. Thank you Ms. Chambers and others who helped our little ones with Mass. This coming Friday, 11/18, we look forward hearing from the 1st Graders and our November Sunday (11/20) Student Mass at 9:30a.

Thank you to our Veteran’s, students, parents, staff : Mrs. Goebel, Mrs. Amici, Mr. Trow, Mrs. Juliet Larson, Ms. Bleser who help prepare a Mass, Music, Video Collage, and cards of Hope for our Veterans. Thank you all for your hard work to all. From this Veteran, I am grateful for your tribute and blessing.

We too want to thank Father Angel for being a part of our Student Mass on Friday, and all of our Parish Masses this weekend. It was heartwarming to see you again and hear your voice during Mass. We pray you many possible returns to visit us, wonderful health and love through the holidays.

As our Parish Bulletin has mentioned, we welcome Father Bill Key as our Parish/School Temporary Administrator until Father Oriol returns from sabbatical. Father Bill has already been active with Masses and may have seen and heard his wonderful homilies either in speak and sign, or in Espanol as well. Please send a warm welcome to Father at our masses coming up later this week.

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.

2. Spanish Classes:

This last-passing week of school, Mrs. Freitag, our Spanish Teacher, decided to end her Teaching Duties due to personal reasons. Mrs. Freitag was a passionate teacher who did many things during and outside the normal scope of her duties to bring many wonderful learning opportunities for her students and all families at St. Andrew. We express our gratitude for her efforts during her time St. Andrew's.

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 coming Thursday, 11/17, student report cards will be distributed in the weekly home envelopes. One thing that one may notice is that the evaluation piece: "speaking/listening" will not be evaluated until the Semester Grade. If you have specific questions, please contact your teacher directly.
4. Effective on Tuesday, 11/15, Parents will be able to access Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling through Sign-Up Genius format. Please visit your students' teachers homeroom Google Page and follow the links to sign up. If you need assistance, please contact your Teacher directly to schedule accordingly. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, 11/21 after school and all day Tuesday, 11/22.

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 Lefel 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.

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. 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).

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

Earlier this week we sent out updated St. Andrew's Winter/Holiday Spirit Wear catalog sheets with prices, and our URL. Our School Store will be open until 11/26. Using the URL is easy and everything ships directly to your house. I will attach the info on the end of this email. Remember every item ordered monies are directly given back to the school. Happy Holidays!

From The Coaches Locker Room

1. 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.

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. 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.

3. 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,

From the Desk of ArchBishop Listecki

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a boy, one of my favorite TV programs was Rod Serling's "The Twilight Zone" (1960). It tweaked the imagination and expanded the horizons of our experience. It began with that famous music [please feel free to play it in your minds], which alerted you that you were about to enter "The Twilight Zone." There are strange things that have been happening in our society – the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series and, of course, the current presidential political campaign – which leads me to believe that we may be living in an alternate universe. There are those who have asked me if we are living at the end of times. I would often quickly dismiss the notion. However, perhaps I wasn't reading the signs.

As I was walking the grounds of St. Francis de Sales Seminary recently, I noticed bits of bacon falling from the sky. I would not have brushed it off as easily if only I had looked up to see "pigs flying." And then there was this fellow, looking a lot like Lucifer, who was selling ice skates – an indication that hell had frozen over. Imagine hockey teams in the underworld: how hard are those body checks? It's important to read the signs.

Many are worried about the future of our society, and with good reason. But, we must read the signs and not be distracted by the voices that pull us away from the God who strengthens us. There is a way. It was given to us by Jesus, but sometimes we forget and need to be reminded that only one Word is life-giving, only one Way leads us to a home where divisions are conquered, and only one Truth can be proclaimed forever.

Remember the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, "If God is for us who can be against us...What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us." (Romans 8: 31-37)

Therefore, no matter what alternate universe we may live in, God's love is offered to us in His Son. It is His love that we focus on, because He and He alone is our Savior. Therefore, I have to stop asking whether I am where I want to be, and ask whether I am where God wants me to be.

I am for God, and I hope that you are too, for remember, He is also the God of our present feeling in "The Twilight Zone." When we return to our normal universe and back from "The Twilight Zone" to our normal lives, I would suggest you make sure you book your tickets for Wrigley Field for the year 2124 – the next time the Cubs will win the World Series. Until then, in the name of Jesus, let us LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

[Transformed by the Spirit,](#)

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi

Archbishop of Milwaukee

Principally Speaking

As we listened attentively to Father Angel's messages in his Masses with us regarding love and the "end of days", he gently reminded me of loving thy brother and sister, and that karma can come and will enter our lives.

It's how we react to any life situation. How will we be judged? Were we someone who helped others with love and compassion? Or did we react to something negatively and thought of only ourselves and not how it would affect others?

As a Parish Professional Learning Community, we need to seek out loving and supporting each other for the betterment of all not just a few. If we are truly to heal and move forward, we must let all things go and not only give love and compassion, but show our kids what that look and feels like as well. This I pray for us to do collectively. Thank you Father Angel for your love, passion, wisdom, and advantageous juxtaposition for this week in your homelies.

Have a great week everyone,

Randy

