

# 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 – August 15, 2016

Dear School Families,

We hope this week’s newsletter finds you safe. August continues to bring us many blessings: staff professional development & trainings, staff hiring(s), building enhancements for the start of the school year, and Parish celebrations

Here’s what we have been working diligently on and need your help with:

1. As we at St. Andrew continue to strive align our mission and vision along with the Archdiocese in regards to Mercy, Faith-Based Education, and Strong Academic Excellence we have finalized the hiring and now have a full compliment of staff ready to take on this upcoming academic year. Please let me introduce our latest additions to St. Andrews: Mrs. Juliette Larson. Mrs. Larson is a St. Andrew Academic Alumni and will be taking on the role of IT/Media Specialist. Mrs. Larson will help continue to integrate technology into our classrooms and help with new digital Standards-Based Assessments (MAPS) that we will be rolling out this year as well. Welcome Mrs. Larson. We also want to say a big welcome to Ms. Jeanne Bleser. Ms. Bleser will be our Music Teacher. Ms. Bleser is also a St. Andrew Academic Alumni. Ms. Bleser’s education, talents, experience, and passion to teach music here with us St. Andrews set her apart from others. Welcome.
2. As we stated earlier, we will be introducing MAPS (Measure of Academic Progress Systems) this year at our school. If you have a child that is at the public school, they too have been using this as an assessment tool to measure reading & mathematical skills. This digitized, standards-based comprehensive “Formative” assessment is a powerful tool to help staff take a brief “snapshot” of our students’ skill set and adjust our teaching to better strengthen our teaching skills. This done more often throughout the year and the results are immediate. We will host a parent night to help explain the process in greater detail. Flyers will be available on registration night to introduce you to what MAPS is. I want to thank Mrs. Sandi Goebel for spearheading this evolution. This mindset, this philosophy, and technique are our future...It’s what’s best for our kids.

3. St. Andrew's Staff making local Headlines. Our own, very gifted, Art Teacher: Nikki Marsicano held her Annual Art Show. Here's a clip sent in by Mrs. Mary Robers:



Congrats Ms. Marsicano! St. Andrew's is lucky to have you here with us. 😊

4. St. Andrews again wants to give many thanks to our Athletic Director-Bob Quartucci and his army of volunteers he rounded up for the delivery of our new gymnasium floor that arrived last week. "Many hands make a light load". For those who were here then, you wouldn't recognize the tremendous progress the floor installation team has made. It is really fun to see what they do and how they do it. Thanks you to all Dads, Moms, Parish Members, current and past alumni who were integral on making this dream a reality.
5. The Parish Office reminds us that the Parish/School minor parking lot repair on the east side of the garage, across from the rectory there will be parking lot repair to a small damaged section from last summer. Please be cognizant with cones and construction in that area (next to the Tuck-Pointing equipment).
6. From the School Committee meeting held last Monday, 8/8: "If there is anyone who maybe interested in being the chairperson for the St. Pat's Fundraiser, please contact Mike Heindselman or Ed Clair". Thank you
7. A message from Mrs. Quartucci: "Free opportunity for our St. Andrew Volleyball ladies and families:

**UW - Cardinal vs. White Volleyball Scrimmage.** See the Badgers for the first time this season at the Cardinal vs. White Scrimmage on Friday, Aug. 19 in the UW Field House at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the FREE event! Children will enjoy playing in the jump castle, taking a photo with Bucky Badger, making a Badger sign, or getting tattoos before the match. The Badgers will hit the court at 6 p.m. and Coach Sheffield will answer a few questions after the match.  
<http://www.uwbadgers.com/news/2016/8/3/mark-your-calendars-for-these-volleyball-events.aspx>

8. From the **Front Office**: Registration forms for the upcoming school year (2016-2017) are now online. If you are having technical difficulties, please feel free to come by the school, perhaps we can solve this issue in our computer lab. Please feel free to call Mrs. Schneider or Mrs. Morales in our School Office to make this an easy transition for you (262-728-6211).
9. Thank you to all who attended the St. Andrew's Parish Picnic yesterday, 8/14. Thank you all who helped plan, organize, and be gracious with your time, energies, money, food, and great conversation and community. That's what community is all about. That's what a Professional Learning Community (Kids, Families, Adults, Parish, and Community) is; members coming together as one. It's very humbling and an honor to be a part of. Thank you to all.
10. I want to thank Isaac Lefel and Handymen, Ryan Lotgerman, and Dave Malisow and family for all of their efforts here at the school this week with: Leaking pipes, hot rooms, and making rooms colorful. These individuals along with many others sacrifice a lot for the school and I want to say thank you for your selfless acts of giving.
11. **St. Andrew's School is undergoing technological construction as well.** We are almost complete and ready to test out our ability to use Google as a means to communicate with staff, parents, and most importantly our students. Google classroom applications are a great benefit to our entire learning community. **Our Google Domain is: @standrewsparishschool.com**. Staff will have email very shortly, and all students will at the beginning of the school year. For those parents who have firsthand knowledge of the applications for students to use Google between home and school can agree it's priceless. No need for thumb-drives, floppy disks, or cd's to go back and forth, Fido the family dog or the Washing Machine didn't eat the thumb-drive, no need to worry about lost work from school. The school will still be connected to the "archmil.org" accounts; thus allowing us the opportunity to forward important messages from the archdiocese. I will eventually export all school family email addresses over to my school address: ([rgreen@standrewsparishschool.com](mailto:rgreen@standrewsparishschool.com)) and start to disseminate the weekly letter from it. Please stay tuned for future technology successes. If you know of someone who is having difficulty receiving any messages, please call the School Office at 262-728-6211 and we will address concern immediately.
12. St. Andrew School will be changing it's cleaning /custodial services effective the middle of August. The decision to outsource the cleaning service was in the best economic, long-term needs of the school and Parish. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the Main Office.
13. Brick Tuck-Work (Outside) & Floor Work (cleaning and waxing) had started officially Monday, 7/18 at the School. So please bare with the "construction" look of the school. Any questions, please feel free to contact School Office.
14. A note from Mr. Robers who has been diligently working on the new playground. The latest date we have for playground renovation will be the week of **August 22**. Looking forward to seeing the final product and the smiles on the student's faces when they see the playground for the first time.

I have also been given information from Robert Krueger from Dousman Transport (School Bus Co,) 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 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](mailto:robertk@dtcbus.com).

The Parent-School Association Committee meeting (formally Home-School Committee) seeks your help with:

1. Getting ready for registration
2. Need for volunteers to participate in many wonderful activities throughout the year
3. Being involved with the many fundraisers that help our students

Any questions, please contact Jen Martin. Jen and other committee members work countless hours to help our students. Thank you all for your selfless acts of kindness and time.

Have a safe week. Many great opportunities and blessings continue to come our way. Thank you for kindness, prayers, and support.

God Bless,  
Randy

### **Community Happenings:**

#### **Tuition Contracts**

The 2016-2017 Tuition Contract was due on April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have not returned the contract Please do so as soon as possible. The Tuition Deposit (\$225.00 per child) will be withdrawn from your account on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your commitment to St. Andrew School. Feel free to call the school office at 262-728-6211 if you have any questions regarding tuition.

#### **Summer Meal Programs**

Summer Meal Programs offered by Turtle Creek School and Phoenix School. There is also a program called Andy's Breakfast Club, which offers a free breakfast.