

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 - September 5th, 2016

Dear School Families,

Good Morning and Happy Labor Day to you. The Phenomenal Staff / “Family” here at St. Andrew have been very busy preparing these last two weeks.

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Our Mastering Schedule,

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Again, I want to take this time to extend my most sincerest appreciations for the wonderful Staff who call St. Andrew their home. We are all truly blessed by their dedication, sacrifice, and love that they model and share with us. I am a better person for being in their presence. Thank you St. Andrew's Staff for EVERYTHING you do. If you get a moment, please reach out to them and thank them for their dedication. It means everything.

Thank you to all that made it our Registration Day last Wednesday, August 31st. It was very nice meeting all of the Parents and all of the Students bring their supplies in and smile wide for their pictures. If you need to still register, please contact the Main Office at 262-728-6211.

As we begin the first week of September and School, we are working excitedly, optimistically, and efficiently as possible to make sure we have a great to start to our first day and week of school.

For safety reasons, please be mindful that the School is still active in the

Tuck-Pointing work continues and Gymnasium Floor work continues. Again, thank you Shelley Koch, Ryan Logterman, Coach Q, Chad Maas, and Chip Robers and countless others who have helped clean hallways, empty trash, moved furniture, build storage, whatever it takes, and do “ to help our teachers and our kids for their first day and week. Thank you.

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

1. We hope you got to see the wonderful article in this week's newspaper regarding the re-transformation of the St. Andrew Parish - School Gymnasium. A great interview with Coach Q and what a tribute to the countless Parish and School Families who helped make this possible. It is truly a symbol of the love for St. Andrew Professional Learning Community to come together and build something together for our kids, families, and our parish.
2. A gentle reminder from our Athletic Director-Bob Quartucci: "We are planning to host a 'Gymnasium Ribbon Cutting Ceremony' that includes a Blessing from Father Oriol, a Dedication, and a Special Fun Volleyball Game. Looking ahead, Sunday, September 11 at 4p is the date and time; more details to follow at a later date". Thanks Coach Q for everything.
3. We are in need and if anyone is interested: We are looking for some assistance/leadership opportunities for someone to help be the Chairperson for the St. Pat's Fundraiser, the Chairperson for the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and the Chairperson for the St. Nick's Children's Gift Shop. We thank Isaac Lefel for his selfless and countless hours of being on "call" if you will at anytime. My understanding is Isaac wants to continue to be a part of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, just looking for someone who wants to help administrate the committee. Anyone interested in St. Pats 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
4. A message from Coach Damrow (Girl's Volleyball): " If any St. Andrew's Female Student Athlete is interested and still wants to participate for this season and our teams this year, please call Coach at: 262-215-0511". Good luck Trojan Volleyball!
5. Anytime one needs to pick up, drop off, or any business with the school, you MUST check in to the Main Office. It is for our student's safety and staff safety that we follow this procedure.
6. Please remember to review the Student Drop Off / Student Pick Procedure before school starts. These updated sheets were available at Registration Day. If you did not receive your Car-SunVisor Sheets, please see Main Office. Please Grab a Thick Sharpie and Print your Last Name on your Sheet and affix it to your passenger sun visor.
7. Effective on first day of school, all St. Andrew students will have their own St. Andrew G-Mail account. Their classroom teacher will send out information on how to access these. Any questions, please contact your student's classroom teacher or our IT/Media Specialist, Mrs. Juliet Larson at jl Larson@standrewsparishschool.com.
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. Collecting them into groups/bundles of 50 and rubber-banding them together, putting them into a sandwich baggie or envelope forward them with your student to school as we will have a collection box in our School Faculty Meeting Room.

9. 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.
10. We are in need for Lunch Supervision help for our Primary and Intermediate Students from 11:35a-12:30p. If interested in donating some time, please contact our Main Office. Thank you.
11. Please be diligent with your student sharing of clothing and personal items as those items can be targets for infestation. If this does occur and can happen, relax, take a deep breath and follow all hygienic cleaning items such as launder all bedding and clothes, shampoos with a comb, and reporting of said situation if it does occur. Thank you for your special attention to this safety concern.
12. Our School Spirit Wear Vendor is MMPR out of Janesville. Info packets were available at Registration day, but if you missed them, please visit our own St. Andrew URL at:

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

Update Calendar of Events:

I want to be transparent and inform all as much as I can. With that said, we had some amazing Teaching Staff members at the end of last year who helped the Interim Principal close out the School Year. It was not their job. These Loving, Dedicated Staff Members did "Whatever it Takes" to do what's best for St. Andrew Students and Families. With the "minor" amounts of information they received, they worked diligently on this Year's School Master Schedule.

As the School "traditionally" tries to mirror the Academic Schedule of the local school district, at times it is not congruent with what the Archdiocese Academic School Calendar. As we are working hard to establish a working Master Schedule that combines: Our Local School District, Our Parish, and Our Archdiocese, one can understand that can be confusing and cumbersome at times. Our Master Schedule this Year I would like to call "Fluid": flowing, possibly changing at times to keep our organization moving forward.

With one immediate date we noticed (and you will have this update at registration night) is in October. We will have no School for Students on: Thursday, 10/13 & Friday, 10/14. These 2 days are Archdiocese days of Teacher work Days and Archdiocese Teacher Convention. Another day during Second Semester is Friday, February 17th. This is a Archdiocese Teacher Work Day but no classes for students day.

I want to communicate these days to you now so you can plan appropriately. That will affect our scheduled: St. Andrew Walk-A-Thon Day. We are going to re-tool the Walk-A-Thon but for now, it is going to be rescheduled until further notice. We have "Laser-Tag" on the night of 2/17 but should not be affected at all. I will be in contact with Dousmann Bus Service as well. Thank you for understanding and positive support.

Happenings For this Upcoming Week

1. We are holding our School Committee Meeting on Monday, 9/12 in the School Teacher Lounge at 7p. Any items you may want to share, please forward to Ed Clair or myself.
2. Gymnasium Dedication, Blessing, and Special Volleyball Game at 4p on 9/11. See Father Oriol in action.

School / Parent 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.

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; which means you may receive multiple emails from me during the next couple of weeks. Take care all and God Bless.

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