

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 - January 16, 2017

“Well wait a minute, and the weather will change”...

Greetings St. Andrew Parish Professional Learning Community,

I am hoping you are safe wherever your destination is today.

As we enter the end of the second quarter, using MAPS to measure growth gains in the areas of Reading, Math, and Language Arts (for some). This “pulse check” allows the staff to modify any learning in regards to curriculum content, or pacing to meet the student’s academic learning needs. We started MAPS last Monday, 1/9 and will continue through this week with make-up testing next week as needed.

Our Academic Learning for Quarter 2 ends this Friday, 1/20. It’s hard to believe that we are halfway through our Academic School Year.

As there many school happenings this week, it is possible I may miss some vital information as I am preparing this letter. So please don’t disregard future messages as they will contain important information for us to use.

With the celebration recently of the Epiphany, we are reminded of our 3 Kings/3 Wisemen for us to love, lend our talents, and give our treasures to others. I want to thank our very recent 3 “Wisemen” : Fr. Oriol, Fr. Greg, and Fr. Jim who gave their time, talents and treasures to our 2nd Graders last Wednesday for their First Reconciliation. To see the look of pride on the kids’ faces will be a memory that I will always hold dear. I was enjoying this time with all of the parents: warm hearts and tears of joy. Thank you parents for sharing your faith and children with us.

But as I forward my respects to last Wednesday's "3 Wisemen", I have to lay claim and celebrate others as well. They say behind every King, there is a Queen, behind a wise man there is a wiser woman, well please help me celebrate our 3 "Wise Women" who helped our 2nd Graders with their First Reconciliation: Mrs. Michele Raykovich, Miss Kayla Chambers, and Senora Lemus. Thank you ladies for making this night something the kids will never forget.

It's that time of the year to talk about, plan, and market Catholic Schools week which will start "Officially" St. Andrews with our students presenting Mass on Saturday, 1/28 at 5p. Many of our cherubs will be wearing their Basketball Gear as they're participating in the World Renowned Spartan Spectacular.

But Catholic Schools week Nation-Wide starts Sunday, 1/29 and will continue through Feb. 4th. We are in need of a parent helper to assist on speaking about / help brag about St. Andrews and discuss with other parents from other Parishes and invite them to come to St. Andrews. We are looking at a couple of parents to share a brief testimonial at St. Ben's in Fontana. Looking at the Saturday Mass on Saturday and the Sunday/Family Services on Sunday, January 21. If you are interested, please contact me or Ed Clair to help us spread the great word about our wonderful school, students, and families: "You belong here". Thanks.

Attention All current 8th grade Parents! As students interested in attending Delavan School District next year, a Parent-Student meeting was held last week Thursday. Information regarding class registration was given at that time as well. I recommend you visit the DDSD website at: www.ddschools.org, and start to have the discussion regarding classes and registration with your students. Any questions, please contact the DDHS Guidance Office.

The DDSD (Delavan-Darien School District) will be hosting a free viewing of the heavily acclaimed Movie: Paper Tigers on Thursday, January 19th, at 430p, at the DDHS Auditorium. All are welcome to attend. You can view the flyer at:

<https://www.ddschools.org/save-the-date-paper-tigers-documentary-on-jan-19-2017/>

Obviously the Wisconsin Winter Season not going away anytime soon, please pay attention to emails from the Main Office regarding possible delays or closures. We work congruently with the Delavan-Darien School District and the Dousmann Bus Company to inform all families as soon as possible. After further consideration to reach as many people as possible, I will be:

1. Forwarding Mass emails by gmail.
2. Calling all who use Option C with Option C.
3. Contacting WTMJ (Channel 4) - Milwaukee
4. Contacting WMTV (Channel 15) - Madison
5. Contacting WCLO Radio - A.M. Radio 1230

When it comes to mean temperatures and windchills during the school day, it is very common for schools to use a model for which to be considered safe and hazardous to our students regardless of the temperature. I will use the magic number of "20 degrees". Outside recess and activities during the winter will operate around this number. 20 degrees and calm winds, we will be ok. Anything lower than that, to error on the margin of student and staff safety, I will have kids stay inside. I will be attaching a link to the US. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Any questions, please direct them to the Main Office.

STHIPT

As we may notice in the mornings due to weather conditions, we invite parents to drive up on playground and drop off their children at East School door. The North-East (8th Street entrance) Yellow chains will be coiled and please enter there...drive safely straight and passenger side drop off by East School door, then safely drive straight and exit South Parking lot (Grove Street) exit as we do in PM pick ups. This will help the little ones so they can be warmer longer and safer too. Any questions, please contact the Main Office. Thanks.

St. Andrews Ski Club:

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Noon Recess Supervision Lottery Winners for the Week of 1/16-1/20:

TBD

St. Andrews Band Transportation:

As we survived the beginning of the year, Ms. Hawkins reports that the Full Band practice was amazing and is excited about the concert in May. Please remember that St. Andrew, Our Redeemer, and Delavan Christian Schools combined "ALL BAND" practices are every Tuesday until further notice. These practices will start at 2p at Our Redeemer. We will need help transporting our students to Our Redeemer around 1:35p that day and every Tuesday thereafter until further notice. Due to liability, St. Andrews Staff can not transport students in their personal vehicles unless certified by the Wisconsin D.O.T. If you have any questions, please email our Band Teacher: Mrs. Hawkins at:

_____ Or call our Main Office to communicate needs. Thanks.

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.
3. As many parents volunteer year to year and slowly graduate from the school as their students do, we are looking for Parent Volunteers to help with St. Andrew's "Knowledge Quest". This opportunity is to showcase our students knowledge and ability to think, discuss, research, and be on a team are important lifelong skills created in a fun atmosphere. St. Andrews does this Knowledge Quest along with our local District Catholic Schools such as

4. St. Charles and St. Mary's in Burlington, and St. Thomas Aquinas in Waterford.
If you are interested, please contact Sheila Venteicher at 262-245-9178 or email: _____ Thanks and let's help St. Andrews show off their intellectual side as well. Thanks.

Upcoming Events / Friendly Reminders

1. 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.
2. The ArchBishop's Catholic Schools Dinner is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom Milwaukee at 6:30p. If you are interested, please RSVP to the Arch Office at 414-769-3451 or email: mendenhallj@archmil.org.

Parent-School Committee News

1. St. Andrew Annual Fund:

I want thank Hollie Leffel with her efforts for trying to get 100% participation with all classes for the St. Andrew's Annual Fund.

Let's show our students, our families, and our Parish that we are too invested financially in our school. It's not about the amount, it's always about did we try, did we give it our best shot? Please continue to support the Annual Fund. Any questions, please contact Hollie or the Main Office directly. Thanks.

2. Spring Book Fair:

Enclosed within this Letter is information regarding the Scholastic Book Fair that will be taking place during Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, 1/29 to Thursday 2/2. Help is needed for setting up which will start Wednesday, 1/25, during the Fair itself, and take down after on Feb. 3. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Robers for more info. Thanks.

3. Catholic Schools Kick Off Reception:

All families are invited to and asked to bring something to share- food or drink- to the social after mass on Sunday, January 29th for Catholic Schools Week! We look forward to celebrating with you! If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Logterman, who has kindly offered to help organize donations that morning!

4. Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting for PSA will be Monday, 1/23 at 6p in the Teacher's Room at the School. Are all welcome.

From The Coaches Locker Room

1. Basketball Sports Schedules:

For those who want to find out the latest and greatest times for practices and games, please contact your student's Coach or visit the St. Andrew Website at: [_____](#). Thanks Coach Q, Athletics Committee Members, Basketball Coaches, parents, and students for you hard work!! Go Spartans!

2. K-4 Basketball:

As we are starting to prepare for St. Andrew K-4 Basketball, paperwork, monies, and sign-ups have already been underway. If you are unsure of the latest, please contact Coach Rendon or Coach Q. for any questions. Good Luck "lil" Spartans!!

3. Spartan Spectacular Info:

3. **Athletics / Academic Code:**

Just a gentle reminder, that as we are reminded that Athletics are a "co-curricular" and a privilege not a rite. As we continue, any student-athlete who has a failing grade in any classroom has to get that grade up before they can practice or play in any game. It is the student's responsibility to bring an updated grade sheet report from their teacher to their coach to be eligible to practice and play again. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Q. or myself. Thanks.

Professional Learning Community Links/Happenings

1. Free Tickets to a Marquette Basketball Game.

3. Aram Library Happenings for January:

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

A Message from ArchBishop Listecki



A message from Dr. Cepelka - Superintendent of Arch Schools

Principally Speaking

Father Oriol in his homily in last Friday's Student Mass spoke of "Amen". That within our praying, and we profess our "Amen", we are our faith; not just making a singular effort to speak with God.

When we share our faith, our lives, our passions, our triumphs, and our tribulations, we grow as a community.

As our first half of the school year is almost over, I reflect and learn: for every new day at St. Andrews is a new discovery for me.

We will be busy the next several weeks with the Spartan Spectacular, our Book Fair, and Catholic School's Week not only to add MAPS and Grade Reporting time.

It is for in these moments that will make me scratch my head, take a deep breathe and exhale, and smile. For I'm comforted that God doesn't give us more than we can handle. That together, in our "Amen" moments, we come together and experience community success: love, talents, and treasures.

Be careful outside. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the St. Andrews "Amen" everyday moments.

In God's Love,

Randy