

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 - January 3, 2017

Happy New Year St. Andrew Professional Learning Community,

Hoping that everyone had the opportunity to be with family and friends over the Holiday Season. I was able to enjoy family back in “Blue-Jay” country and catch up on splitting more wood.

As we enter the end of the second quarter, we will be 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 will start MAPS on Monday, 1/9.

As I was driving in this morning in the thick blanket of fog, I always chuckle, and just say to myself: “You’re in Wisconsin, just wait 5 minutes, the weather will change”. From an unusually warm Christmas Day, to fog this morning, to blistery temps later this week, please be careful out there.

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.

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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.

Spanish Great News!

I want to take this time to welcome Senora Yanelly Martinez to St. Andrews School as our new Spanish Teacher. Senora comes to us as a recent student from UW-Whitewater. Senora is bilingual, very eager to share her love of teaching, culture, and knowledge of Spanish to our Students. Senora is slowly being integrated into the classroom and by the start of 3rd Quarter will be fully immersed as the Spanish Teacher. Welcome Mrs. Martinez!!

St. Andrews Ski Club:

*Club at Alpine Valley. Club cards are for sale
reduced rate of \$18 for a lift ticket and \$18
valid Saturday's or holidays or a select few*

school with your request by Thursday.

Noon Recess Supervision Lottery Winners for the Week of 1/03-1/06:

Mr. & Mrs. Zaukas

St. Andrews Band Transportation:

As the beginning of the year is starting, so too is the all St. Andrew, Our Redeemer, and Delavan Christian Schools combined "ALL BAND" practices. These practices will start on Tuesday, January 3rd at 2p at Our Redeemer. We will need help transporting our students to Our Redeemer around 1:35p that day. 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.

Roller-Skating in Physical Education Class:

Attached to this Letter will be information regarding Roller Skating in Physical Education Class that will take place later in January. Thanks Mr. Trow for this fun activity.

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 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. Andrews Annual Fund. The "pizza party" challenge is a fun way to get kids motivated and perhaps an opportunity to realize it's not the amount that matters but just the ability to play and help that matters.

No classes reached 100% participation unfortunately. But that doesn't mean it's never too late to participate. 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. **Butter-Braid Order Pick Up:**

In case any of you are getting questions regarding Butter Braid pick-up, it will Be: January 3, 3:00PM - 5:00PM, In the Concessions Area by the Gym, come in through the Green Doors on 7th Street / Hwy 50. Thanks, Hollie!

3. **Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting for PSA will be tonight 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 December and January:

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

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Moses for New Years Eve Fun!

Thank you to Cevin and Giavanna Moses and all who came and celebrated with St. Andrews families and friends New Years Eve together. It is within not only work and worship, but also family celebrations and traditions that help bring people/communities together.

Thank you for all of your hard work to plan, prepare, and run this annual event.

Principally Speaking

As we enter what I kindly call the "dog days of winter", I am reminded that as time may seem like it is standing still, January will fly by quite quickly.

The school will be engaged with MAPS testing, Literacy Training, Grading, Preparing for Catholic Schools Week, and the infamous Spartan Spectacular Fundraiser.

We are busy. We do many things. We do them as a learning community together. As it seems we will have many jobs to do, let us remember to invite all to help; no matter what form that looks like. Let's pick each other up when we seem extra tired, extra cold, or extra stressed. For it is in these moments that define our character, our love and compassion for each other as a St. Andrews Family.

Let's remember to take one day at a time, smile, and lean on each other for help. When we live this, we show our kids how to be better St. Andrews Family members too.

Have a great week everyone.

In God's Love,

Randy