



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 9, 2017

Good Afternoon and Happy 2nd week of our new year St. Andrew Professional Learning Community.

Now that we knocked the rust off for the 1st week back from break, still following all of our new year's resolutions, and survived last week's frigid temps, welcome the "dog days of winter".

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 started MAPS this morning, Monday, 1/9.

Mrs. Raykovich and Miss Chambers would kindly like to remind parents for Reconciliation for 2nd Graders:

*Prayer Retreat for 2nd graders on Wednesday, 1/11 at 5:00
Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, 1/11 at 6:00*

*Prayer up for Catholic Schools Week Masses on Saturday, 1/28 at 5:00 pm, Sunday,
1/29 at 9:30 am*

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Raykovich and/or Miss Chambers. Thanks.

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 either St. Patrick's in Elkhorn and/or St. Ben's in Fontana. Looking at 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! Enclosed within this weekly letter will be an invitation from the Delavan-Darien School District regarding "Freshman Welcome Night" that is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th at 6p at the DDHS Auditorium. Information regarding class registration will be given at that time as well. To pre-read before the meeting, please visit their website at: www.ddschools.org, registration, and then new student online registration. 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/>

Attached to this letter is a schedule for the January Liturgical Servers for the Church Masses. Any questions, please contact Virginia in the Parish Office at 728-5922. Thanks.

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.

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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.

St. Andrews Ski Club:

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Noon Recess Supervision Lottery Winners for the Week of 1/09-1/13:

Mr. & Mrs. James

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.

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. Andrew's Annual Fund.

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. 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.

2. 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 Dr. Cepelka - Superintendent of Arch Schools

Principally Speaking

"Many Hands Help Make Light Work". This isn't more abundantly evident when I watch all of the wonderful events, activities, athletics, and trainings that happen at the school everyday, all day.

If you haven't had an opportunity to lend that hand yet, or wonder "because of my schedule: what can I do?", I ask you to look at one of the many wonderful events attached to this letter and sign up. It is in our own covenant to each other is to serve. We set a great example for our kids to appreciate and learn to give effortlessly to serve/help others as well; life long skills that are one God's many gifts to humanity.

Father Bill and Deacon Phil spoke recently about the Epiphany. That we look at the three things that the wise men brought to Bethlehem and how symbolic they are to us this very day: Bring your treasure, Bring your talents, and Bring your love. It is in this very act we are asked to give, serve, and love others in any capacity that we can.

My dear Friend/Brother visiting from California this past weekend went to the Family Mass this last Sunday with me. He was overwhelmed by the joy, brotherhood, and outpouring of support that he received as a visitor; he felt that in the parking lot walking up to Mass, during Mass, and after Mass. For those of us who are "regulars", what do you feel? What do you give? Is it positively impactful?

To support the Parish, the School, and our Families, we need to continue to follow the example of our "Wise-Men" and even Deacon Phil professed "Wise-Women" that we be the champion of St. Andrews; in any capacity we can. We look forward to seeing all School Families at Mass. Please help support our Parish who directly supports our school.

In God's Love,

Randy