

# 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 28, 2017

Greetings St. Andrew Parish Professional Learning Community,

Tis' the season for being uber busy! This week's newsletter will "try" to cover events from things of recent, things of the now, and very near things to happen.

We start with Congratulations to the success of our Spartan Girls and Boys who played magnificently well in the 2 week tourney. Our 7th Grade Boys won their Championship Game on Thursday; we await the final outcome of our 8th Grade Ladies and Gents who both will be in the Tourney Championship as well. We wish you luck and pray the best for our Student-Athletes. Go Spartans!!

This wonderful (life-long) experience that our students experience is not possible without the endless hours of hard work, sacrifice, sweat, and service that many many people have donated to make the Spartan Spectacular such a great event that many now in our area look forward to every year. Thank you to all of the Coaches, Parents, Committee Members, and volunteers for your wonderful gift(s) you help create for the kids here. Thank you.

As we kick off (early) Catholic School's Week tonight, Saturday, 1/28 at our 5p Mass with many of our students reading but in attendance as well to help celebrate our wonderful Parish-School Learning Community. This relationship has much wonderful history and it is at times like these help demonstrate as we share our faith and "Amen" moments as one. It is a great thing to experience.

On Sunday, 1/29 (The Official 1st Day of CSW), we kick off Catholic Schools Week (CSW) with celebrating Mass together with students, families, and parish members at the 7:30a Mass, and 9:30a Mass. What a wonderful opportunity to continue and embrace the school and parish more active together.

As we finish the 9:30a Mass, there will be a Social on the School's Cafeteria. An Open House for anyone and all is scheduled from 10a-12:30p. We encourage everyone to come. One can take a tour of the facilities, meet our wonderful staff, ask questions about the wonderful things we are currently doing with curriculum and assessment, and plans moving forward as a "21st Century Catholic School PLC".

And lest we forget: Please, Please, Please come by and see our AMAZING Book Fair that has transformed our Stage into a wonderful Woods Campsite! Thank you to Mrs. Mary Robers, the PSA Committee Members, and countless other "Forest Rangers" who have helped make this an amazing experience for our students!!

CSW Week School Agenda will be attached to this email. You can see all of the wonderful activities the students will be a part of all week.

As CSW was planned, information about School Days are upcoming:

1. There will be no School on Friday, 2/3
2. There will be no School on Friday, 2/17 due to Arch Professional Development in Racine and at St. Andrew that day.

I was hoping that with the recent warm weather last weekend, that Mr. Punxsutwaney Phil the Groundhog, will see his shadow next week, and bring us more sunny, warm weather. Looking ahead at the Weather Channel forecast, it looks like he may not see that shadow. Please make sure you are taking care of yourself as the season of the "icks" are upon us. Remember, most are infectious right before we start to feel the symptoms. Please try to teach the little ones to wash their hands as much as possible and correctly. And if one isn't feeling well, please re-think sending them into school. If there is that doubt, chances are you're making the right choice and getting the little ones healthy at home. We can make sure they are ok here at school.

As we ended the end of the Second Quarter (1st Semester) on 1/20, we have successfully initiated and implemented MAPS to measure growth gains in the areas of Reading, Math, and Language Arts for our students. This recent "pulse check" allowed the staff to modify any learning in regards to curriculum content, or pacing to meet the student's academic learning needs. The Teachers and I want to take this time and express our gratitude for your support and continue beam with so many wonderful learning outcomes our students have been making. We have had significant gains in Math and Reading, some as much as 20+ RIT Points! These growth gains are truly phenomenal Moms and Dads. Thank you for supporting this important initiative so we could help align our curriculum with delivery (Scope and Sequence). We will help those few this week with make-up testing as needed.

Our Academic Learning for Quarter 2 ended last Friday, 1/20. Report Cards for Qtr 2 will go home on Thursday, February 2 in the Students Take Home Folder. If you have any questions, please contact your Content Teacher first. Thank you.

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, 1/12. Information regarding class registration was given at that time as well. I recommend you visit the DDS website at: [www.ddschools.org](http://www.ddschools.org), and start to have the discussion regarding classes and registration with your students. Any questions, please contact the DDHS Guidance Office.

Obviously the Wisconsin Winter Season may not be 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
6. Contacting WLKG Radio - F.M. Radio 96.1
7. Contacting WISN (Channel 12) - Milwaukee

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.

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 1/30-2/2:**

TBD

### 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](mailto: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. 2. 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 the 9:30a 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, 2/27 at 6p in the Teacher's Room at the School. Are all welcome.

### 5. Lazer Tag:

We have an amazing, fun event coming to St. Andrew on Friday, 2/17. Lazer Tag for all ages will be coming to the Gymnasium on Friday, 2/17. Thank you Mr. And Mrs. Moses and Parish Life to help bring this event to us. For details, please see the attached enclosed within this letter. Can't wait!!

## 6. Box Tops for Education:

## 7. School Spirit Wear:

After speaking with Greg at MMPR, the St. Andrew Spirit Wear On-Line Store is open and will remain open until the end of the school year! Greg also tells me not only embroidered items but silk-screen items will be avail as well as MMPR is going above and beyond for St. Andrews. Please visit the following website to directly order your Spirit Wear. Remember, monies from all sales go directly back to the School with every purchase!

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

### 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!

#### 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.



2. Aram Library Happenings for January and February:

Please visit the Aram Library Website at: [aramkids@aramlibrary.org](mailto:aramkids@aramlibrary.org)

**Two Messages from Archbishop ListECKi**

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Euphemisms are a part of many speeches, metaphors, and similes to help illustrate a concept, clarify a message, so that all might understand. With the plethora of acronyms Education uses in its' everyday communication, the "isms" are not too far along.

One of my favorite "isms" is "Planting Seeds". Seeds of hope that with faith, love, and tender nurturing will grow into something wonderful. Whatever the "seed" planted, we all hope success and a bountiful harvest at the end of the "growing" season.

Father Bill spoke recently at our Children's Mass about how Jesus liked to "Plant Seeds". As the "Teacher-Disciple" relationship was growing, Jesus literally giving mustard seeds for those to show how something can transform, give value to things, but needs TLC to do so.

It is within these "isms" we as a Catholic Professional Learning Community (Parish Members, Parent, Families, Staff, and Students) come together in our "Amen" moments, lift each other up, and grow something wonderful together.

We celebrate our wonderful Schools and Faith this week. As we remember we are not only Teachers, or Shepherds, but now Farmers as well. Please continue to "plant" seeds of hope and discipleship within our littles ones, our friends, family, neighbors, strangers in need, and most importantly yourself. Let our actions be the barometer for which our words express and nurture for our seeds to grow.

As we share with the world in days to come who St. Andrews Parish School truly is, let them see our discipleship and God's love for one another.

Have a safe week everyone.

Very Respectfully,

Randy