

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 – February 13, 2017

Greetings St. Andrew Parish Professional Learning Community,

As there seems to be a bounty or reward out for Punxsutwaney Phil the Groundhog, it seems we have to still be cautious of typical Wisconsin weather at this time of the year: warm days, wait a minute, then snow. Because of what's happening outside, it does affect our own health. At this week's : "St. Andrews MASH unit" we saw many of our little ones out for the count due to ever changing climate. Please be careful during this time; rest, hydrate, and washing of hands could help our little ones eliminate the possibility of getting the "local crud". Remember, most are infectious right before we start to feel the symptoms. And if one is not 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 taken care of at school with work.

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.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-0ovIqulAEsWGV4VkhNNjRySnlFRWZSTHlPTjGdVBoT2pN>

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.

Parish/School Communication

It's been an unusual week in regards to communication; especially when one speaks of “Social Media”. To give further brief insight on the “do's & dont's” of what how we can safely share, please read carefully the attached enclosures. If you have any questions, please see Father Bill, Ed Clair, or myself. Thank you for attention to this safety measure.

Kindergarten Open House

Ms. Pearce on behalf of St. Andrew is excited to invite parents, family members, and prospective students to the Kindergarten Open House scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, to start at 6p. Activities will include an information presentation for Parents, and exploration for our new “lil” Spartans to be. Please see enclosed flyer for more info. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pearce at spearce@standrewsparishschool.com. Thank you.

St. Andrew Staff Professional Development

Just a gentle reminder, there will be no school for students on Friday, 2/17 due to Arch Professional Development. Classes will resume normally on Monday, 2/20.

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AHA Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you to Mr. Trow, Miss Diedrick, the JRFH Planning Committee, Staff, and all students who participated in the 2nd Annual Jump Rope for Heart Event that was held in the School Gym last Friday afternoon. Activities and lessons help students learn about being active and how 60 minutes a day of physical activity helps one decrease their risk for possible effects of Heart Disease later in life (Heart Disease is #1 killer of American Adults). Monies raised is sent directly to the American Heart Association. Thank you all for your time, energy, and monetary support for a great cause. Great job Spartans!

St. Andrews Ski Club:

"It's that time of year again and we will once again have ski club at Alpine Valley. Club cards are for sale for a cost of \$18. This card allows students to ski at the reduced rate of \$18 for a lift ticket and \$18 for ski rental on certain dates at certain times. They are not valid Saturday's or holidays or a select few other dates.

Official ski club dates when adults can ski for the \$18 price are: 2/17

Tickets can be pre-purchased the week of by sending money to school with your request by Thursday.

One thing new this year....no food carry-ins allowed.

If you have questions, please call or text Anne Foster at [262-374-1742](tel:262-374-1742).

Noon Recess Supervision Lottery Winners for the Week of 2/13-2/17

1. Mr. & Mrs. Dan Seuser

PM-After School Pick Up

Just a gentle reminder for parents, grandparents, and guardians, please make sure we are picking our students up from the School/Parish Parking Lot not the Rectory area and please try to have your Visor Sign displayed so we can transition students more safely and quickly. Thank you.

8th Grade Washington DC Fundraiser

Please come join us for a wonderful Sunday Breakfast/Brunch that will be held at the Waterfront Cafe in Delavan on Sunday, March 5th starting at 10a. Proceeds from this event will help sponsor the 8th Grade Washington DC trip. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Deb Amici at: damici@standrewsparishschool.com. 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.

Professional Learning Community News

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 can not read, nor have any questions and further assistance after those attempts (at least 2), then contact me to help out as much as I can. Thanks.

2. **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Fun and Exploration:**

UW Rock County will be hosting a Middle School (6-8) STEM Exploration day on Feb. 25, Hyatt Hall at the UW-Rock County Campus in Janesville. Please see attached flyer for more details. Thank you Mrs. Quartucci for bringing this forward.

3. **Aram Library Happenings for February:**

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

Parent-School Committee News

1. St. Andrew Annual Fund:

I want thank Hollie Lefel 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. Lazer Tag:

Thanks to the Moses family, Parent School Association, and the students to bring back the 2nd Annual "Lazer-Tag" night to be hosted in the St. Andrew Gymnasium, Friday, 17th. Activities and info is as follows:

*"It is family friendly event, Friday, February 17, from 6 to 9:00 pm. The first 30 minutes of play is Kindergarteners only. There is a fee: \$5/person or \$20 per family, whichever is cheaper. **Parents must accompany students and sign waivers for all participants.** The concession stand will be open. Faculty and staff are free."*

3. Next Meeting: Monday, February 27th, at 6p in the Teacher's Work Room.

4. Box Tops for Education:

Box Tops Update - We are sooooooo close to our goal of \$1000!

REMINDER - Our last date for turning in Box Tops to meet our goal for the current school year is this Friday, February 17th!

(1) Keep clipping Box Tops! Please ask family, friends and co-workers to clip and save for St. Andrews, too!

Box Tops can be turned in at school or in a bright pink box at the back of church.

(2) Enter these current Box Tops sweepstakes DAILY (takes less than one minute! Hefty Clean Start Sweepstakes - Five schools will win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for St. Andrews (A value of \$500.00)).

Enter once a day through February 19th, 2017.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes/2017/hefty-clean-start>

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I Love My School Sweepstakes - Five schools will win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for St. Andrews (A value of \$500.00).

Enter once a day through March 12th, 2017.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes/2017/i-love-my-school>

(3) *Keep an eye out for specially-marked packages containing Box Tops Bonus Codes. When entered online, you can win 1 Million Box Tops for St. Andrews (A value of \$100,000.00!)*

Use this website to enter codes: <https://www.1millionboxtops.com>

(4) *Download the Box Tops app on your Apple or Android smartphones. Scan your receipt to earn bonus Box Tops.*

Any questions, please contact Heather Kucharski at DandHKucharski@hotmail.com! Thanks for your support!

5. 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. We recently opened up an opportunity to order Adidas Polos as well; there is much to choose from. The Spring Collection should be coming out next month. Until then, 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: www.standrews-delavan.org .

2. **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 your son or daughter miss at least ½ of the school day (4 hours) only a medical release can excuse that player to practice or play that night. That is a NHFS/WIAA Athletic rule and the expectation here at St. Andrew moving forward.

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Q. or myself. Thanks.

3. **Team Pictures and Parents Night for Basketball:**

A Message from Coach Ruben to all Coaches and Basketball Players:

“Coaches,

We’ve scheduled George Ciotti to once again come in and take our Team and Individual pictures next week Wednesday, February 15th.

This will be a good time for the teams no longer scheduled to play to hand in their uniforms as well. Parents are welcome to wait for their child to finish with pictures or come back and pick them up.

Picture Schedule:

B Team Girls – 3:30

5th Grade Boys – 3:45

6th Grade Boys – 4:00

7th Grade Boys – 4:15

A Team Girls – 4:30

8th Grade Boys – 4:45

Any questions, please contact Coach Ruben or Coach Q. Thanks.

Message from Archbishop ListECKI

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Super Bowl Sunday was anything but “super,” except for the last quarter. When commercials and Lady Gaga capture center stage at a football game, you know something is wrong. What happened to the Packers by the Atlanta Falcons looked like destiny for the Patriots. Many fans at a normal, Sunday game would have headed for the exit at the end of the third quarter, and the camera would have panned the stands to see those empty seats. However, the money that was spent on tickets, rooms and travel made the exit less inviting.

But, as my friend Yogi Berra would say, “It ain’t over till it’s over,” or “It ain’t over till the fat lady sings” (an opera reference). Well, it wasn’t over! Tom Brady and cast played their roles with a sense of pride. They were going to make a game of it. You are always a winner when you play your part to the best of your ability in a game, and especially in life.

At the end of the game, another Yogi-ism could be applied to the Atlanta Falcons: “We made too many wrong mistakes.” In the end, a near miracle occurred. It wasn’t a Hail Mary pass that pulled victory out of the jaws of defeat, but certainly worthy of a visit to Lourdes, or more likely to Fatima in this 100th anniversary year of the shrine.

The toughest part of almost winning is facing the media after the game, who tend to ask the same question formulated in a hundred different ways. “What happened?!” There is graciousness that characterizes the professional in answering those questions, and this was true for the coach and players of the Atlanta Falcons. Another Yogi-ism applies, “It ain’t the heat, it’s the humility.”

Many religious figures (the Apostles, St. Theresa, St. Francis, St. Ignatius, St. Faustina, etc.) witnessed to Christ to the very end of their lives. They never saw the fruits of their works, but it didn’t matter; they were winners. Perhaps not by the world’s standards, but definitely by

heaven's standards. They never left the game early, and gave it their all to the very end. They were playing for the Redeemer's team, the best owner in human history.

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Another Yogi-ism might be a very appropriate spiritual guide for all of us: "You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there." Christ is the guide. He is the way, the truth, and the light. If you want to get there, don't leave early. Just follow the Lord Jesus' direction and Love One Another.

Principally Speaking

There have been many homilies brought to us by Father Angel, Father Oriol, and Father Bill that speak of the "Amen Moments", "Practicing Faith", and "Being Disciples" of Jesus.

Their messages hold true to reflecting, initiating, and implementing the basic tenets of being a Christian. It is understood and felt in our moments of triumph and celebration that when we come together positively, it creates such a dynamic relationship of brotherhood, family, faith and "connectivity". We have felt it most recently with St. Nick's Breakfast, Christmas Choir, 2nd Grade Reconciliation, Spartan Spectacular, and Catholic Schools Week. As someone who is new to this I can tell you it's inviting, warm, consoling, and powerful. This is our "Spirit" we create for each other. It's a great thing to be a part of.

When we tear each other down, through negative comments in public or on social media, we destroy that Spirit. With one click of a button, one person can and does hurt our family. As we encourage our kids to stand up to negative things, I implore you to do the same in regards of protecting our St. Andrew's Family (Parish, Students, Staff, and Parents).

The Parish has yet to properly heal from events past year. When we have those in our midst who continue to rant with half truths, generalizations, and opinions , we allow them to kick this can down the road, and hurt the Parish.

Be that advocate for St. Andrews. Stand up for our Parish, our School, and our families. Until we can become united in our "Amen" moments all the time, we are simply just kicking the "can" down the road.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Father Bill, Ed Clair, or myself. This is a time to heal and move forward; I continue to pray and work towards that goal.

Very Respectfully,
Randy