

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-0ovIqulAEsWGV4VkhNNjRySnlFRWZSTHlPTjJGdVBoT2pN>

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”. Let me try to give some detail to this last week’s events. It is not the intention of Father Bill nor I to “censor” anyone; believe us, we have many other things on our desks to do. However, as the Administrative Team for the Parish & School, we are mandated by Archdiocesan Policy, School Law, and the St. Andrew Family Handbook in regards to Computer/Network Use to protect those with whom we ultimately serve: your children.

We are not saying “no” to those of you who are adults and communicate freely in anyway you see fit (even though many of us are not modeling adult-positive communications). When we “slam” the Parish, School, Staff, Parents, or anyone else (1st Amendment right or not) do we realize the devastating events that cascade from it? Did we not as a Parish/School Community not learn from events last Spring? If we are to positively move forward, we all need act like Christians. In order to help heal, we need all of us not to give into hearsay; simply ignore it as it is second, third hand info. We need caring, compassion, leadership, faith, and lifting up our Families here, not behaviors to tear them down.

Father Bill, Ed Clair, and myself will be helping Committees, Committee Members, Staff, Parents, and Parishoners learn about what is acceptable communication and what is not.

What is acceptable? Individuals can create social media sites, groups. These groups can come up with any name they choose as long as it follows Arch Policies. For example: Because we can't use the name "St. Andrews Parish 9th Grade Class" as a page, post pictures of students and staff, what one can do is give it another name: SAPS (St. Andrew Parish School) Freshman Home page. In this page one can post

When it comes to social media, groups can discuss, plan, dissect, share whatever they want. However, what groups can NOT do is use St. Andrew Parish School name or pictures, use names/pictures of St. Andrews Parish School Staff or students. When we discuss things to help, one has to speak in the 2nd or 3rd person without giving names of again: Students or Staff; this protects the students from potential harm, our staff, and the Parish/School which is mandated so by the Archdiocese. The administrative team simply is following and enforcing this mandate as it is our obligation; just as a Police Officer would do in accordance with a mandate.

We will help guide and teach

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 2/6-2/10:

TBD

FACTS Tax Email Info:

Parents who use FACTS for tuition payments, etc., You should have received directions from FACTS on how to properly download information for your Tax Records. If you have any questions, please contact Jacki or SIndy in Main Office for assistance.

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

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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: s@venteicher.org. 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 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. 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.
3. Due to Archdiocesan Staff Development, there will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 17th. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office. Thanks.

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. Lazer Tag:

Thanks to the Moses family, Parent School Association, and the students to bring back the 2nd Annual "Laser-Tag" night to be hosted in the St. Andrew Gymnasium, Friday, 17th. Activities will start at 6p. Please see attached Flyer for greater details. Awesome!

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

4. Box Tops for Education:

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

Our last date for turning in Box Tops to meet our goal for the current school year is 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) Remember to download the Box Tops app on your Apple or Android smartphone! Redeem three different offers by February 3rd and be entered for a chance to win \$50 for yourself and 500 Bonus Box Tops for your school! (There will be 300 winners!)

(3) Enter the Hefty Clean Start Sweepstakes DAILY to win 5,000 Bonus Box Tops for St. Andrews (A value of \$500.00). Enter once a day through February 19th, 2017. (There will be 5 winners!)

Use this website to enter daily:
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes/2017/hefty-clean-start>

(4) 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/>

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

4. Book Fair Appreciations from Mary Robers:

"Thank you to everyone who participated in making this year's Catholic Schools Week book fair a great success. We were able to purchase over \$1400 worth of books for the teachers class rooms along with \$113 of books for the grade school library and \$47 for the Middle School Battle of the books. A special thank you to the decorating fairies for transforming the hallway and stage into an awesome campsite, Debbie Malisow (& family), Kristin Zambito and Conni Murphy; the set up crew of Giovanna Moses, Jacque Moser, Mary Wicyk and Conni Murphy. The rangers working with the little campers were Debbie Malisow, Heather Kurcharski, Savanna Cook, Giovanna Moses, Jacque Moser, Roxanne, Jamie Seuser".

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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. 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 . 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 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.

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Professional Learning Community Links/Happenings

Aram Library Happenings for January and February:

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

Message from Archbishop ListECKI

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I enjoy the DayQuil and NyQuil commercials that picture a woman or a man popping their heads into a room and stating, "I don't feel well today. I think that I'm going to take a sick day." The camera then pans into a room where a little baby is standing in his crib, or a family is getting ready for their vacation. The voice-over announcer declares, "Moms and Dads don't take sick days!" Well, you can add the archbishop to that list as well.

Returning from the Dominican Republic at midnight last Tuesday, it was obvious to me that I had picked something up from the recirculated air on the flight back to Milwaukee. It would have been smart for me to have taken a few days off to "knock-out the bug." However, there was no break from the schedule, which had now included the introduction of the new Auxiliary Bishops-elect, Jeff Haines and Jim Schuerman.

There is little doubt in my mind that retired Auxiliary Bishop Richard Sklba could have come to the rescue. He has done so admirably in the past. But, this was definitely something I, as archbishop, had to do. We have waited so long for auxiliary bishops that no excuse could have been sufficient not to publicly receive, with thanksgiving, the two gifts given to us so generously by Pope Francis. On the day of the announcement, we traveled locally, visiting some of the religious houses and making contact with the leadership and the new bishops.

The next day, I needed to attend a wake in Chicago for a woman, Mary (Mahoney) Hurley, who I married to Brian, and later baptized and confirmed her son, Michael, who took

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"Jerome" as his confirmation name. I have known her family for over 41 years. I first encountered them when I was the new priest assigned to their parish. I have a vivid memory of her father and the children attending my dad's funeral. I guess it's true what they say: you never forget those who attend family funerals.

The next day was the patronal feast of the Seminary, which was an especially wonderful celebration given the fact that two alumni had recently been chosen as auxiliary bishops. I emphasized to the priests that this was a tribute to the presbyterate of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The pope could chose whomever he would like from religious orders, other dioceses in the state or the nation, but he selected two of our own.

By the time I finished Mass, my sister, Penny, had arrived to my residence to nurse me back to health. Having taken care of our mother and father, Penny developed some very practical nursing skills, and I couldn't have been in better hands. However, being a junior high school teacher for over 35 years, her nursing persona is a cross between Florence Nightingale and Nurse Ratched from "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." My voice was going, and I needed to celebrate the Campanile Mass at the Cathedral. My sister prepared hot boiling water, and I breathed in the steam to open my sinuses.

The steam worked, and I was able to get through the Mass, but the dinner was still ahead. This is what I would refer to as the presentation to the Board of Directors. There was great news this year. We surpassed, for the first time in the history of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, the \$8 million dollar mark, and the Campanile Society was responsible for 55 percent of that total. I had to be there to thank them, and Jim and Maureen Stern, for all of their dedicated work.

I can imagine that someone might say, "I went to the Campanile Society Dinner, kissed the archbishop and got sick!" So much for my lead in any romantic productions. The dinner was a great success, despite my infirmity.

The next morning, I was scheduled to celebrate Mass at St. Vincent Pallotti. It was a celebration of their patronal feast, but also the celebration of the beatification – one of their

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very own, Blessed Elisabetta Sanna – one miracle away from canonization. I thought she might cure me for a second, but I think she has more important considerations. The Pallottine fathers and brothers have been so helpful to us throughout the years in their apostolic service and spiritual influence.

Sunday was the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. I began at Catholic Memorial High School with Mass afterwards. I fist-bumped my way through personal greetings to all of the grammar and high school students. I explained to them how important their Catholic Identity is to their community, family and to themselves.

I returned to my residence, and continued my house arrest under the watchful eye of my sister, Penny. Remember, we can never take a sick day from declaring that we LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Transformed by the Spirit,

*Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi
Archbishop of Milwaukee*

Principally Speaking

Through our “Amen” moments, we find strength, unity, caring, and faith together; together as a Parish Family. It is through the events of times past: Spartan Spectacular,

Student Masses, and Catholic School Week do I find myself reflecting. Reflection allows me to experience, understand, learn, and appreciate the wonderful blessings all around us.

We ask that perhaps within your own family/friends setting when the Spirit flows through you, teach your little ones Reflection through Prayer. Becoming attentive to the way God works for us and through us is obligation and mandate as Christians.

Review with your little ones: Become aware, Say Thank You, Ask the Holy Spirit, Review, and Resolve. Create a habit to worship together for these are the ties that bind our families, friends, and loved ones in Faith.

I urge you to practice Reflective Prayer by visiting Pope Francis' Website:

www.apostleshipforprayer.org

Have a safe week everyone.

On God's Love,

Randy